



**Newsletter Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021**



House Point Totals  
Week Commencing: 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021

	<b>311</b>		<b>260</b>
	<b>244</b>		<b>257</b>

**Message from Mrs Grainger**

A very warm welcome back to school to you all this week. I hope that you enjoyed the Easter break and that you were able to take the opportunity to meet with friends and family in open spaces and gardens. It does feel that things are edging towards a little more normality and as the weather continues to improve, the sunshine really helps to lighten the mood!

At this point in time, there are very few amendments to the guidance for schools and as such, we will be continuing to implement the COVID-19 measures that we have in school. Thank you to all those parents and carers who continue to wear a mask when coming on to the school grounds. This is to protect yourselves and to protect others.

It has been great to see all the children back in school after the break. They have settled well and are ready to work hard for the summer term.

During the Easter break we have undertaken some renovation work in school. Early Years and Key Stage 1 have had their corridors outside the classrooms and their toilets blocks refurbished. These areas look bright and refreshed now. We have also replaced the school gates, which was long overdue, and Rowan and Maple classrooms have been decorated. The school is looking really smart and I'm looking forward to showing you all as soon as we can, but for now we have included some pictures of these works below!

**Covid Secure Reminders**

- Only ONE adult per family must drop off and collect. This is so that we reduce the number of people on the school site.
- When entering the school gates please ensure that you social distance between your family bubble and the next family bubble.
- It is important that your children are supervised and remain with you at all times.
- When dropping or collecting your children we ask that parents leave promptly to reduce congestion.
- In addition, we all need to remember to wash our hands regularly.

Everything you continue to do on a daily basis is very much appreciated.



**INSET Days**

As previously stated, we consider our training days to be of highest importance. We plan these days ahead for the whole year and use them for school improvement and training. Therefore, I wish to highlight the remaining INSET days and confirm school will be closed to pupils:

**May Day Holiday**

Don't forget that school will be closed on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021 due to the May Bank Holiday. Thank you.

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

# curriculum

**What has your child been learning about in class this week?**

## Years 1 & 2

This week in Key Stage 1, we were excited to start our new theme "The Enchanted Woodland". We created some mischievous tree boggarts using clay and natural materials like sticks, leaves and flowers and went on a woodland walk around the school grounds to find different natural materials. We have also planted some seeds as part of our science investigation and are going to compare how they grow under different conditions. We have made some predictions about which seeds we think will grow the best.

In writing, we have started learning about "defeating the monster" stories and have read and retold Hansel and Gretel.

In maths, Elm class have been finding the difference between numbers, Apple class have been learning about place value in 2-digit numbers and Cherry class have been investigating right angles and vertices in 2D shapes.

## Years 3 & 4

It has been great to see the children return to school with smiles on their faces and full of good spirits.

We have enjoyed the weather this week as we kick started our new theme entitled Road Trip! where we learned all about the different states, their abbreviations and their local native tribes. The children loved racing all over the field to find answers to questions about all these things.

It has also been nice to start our new narrative writing about an old Alabama tribe's mythical tale where we have retold the story using a flow chart. This has allowed the children to fully grasp the story from start to finish.

Please remember the creative homework (sent out in the purple homework books) is to be returned by next Tuesday. This will form a display in school as usual after a period of quarantine.

## Years 5 & 6

Welcome back everyone, we hope you all had a good Easter. We have started the new term with some artwork. Our theme is 'Darwin's Delights'. Like Darwin, we went out into our environment trying to discover things. We (unlike Darwin) took photos of things that interested us. We returned to the classroom and used a variety of drawing techniques to draw our discoveries from various angles and viewpoints. We are now looking forward to learning more about Charles Darwin and the discoveries he made.

We have all started to read our new book 'Darwin's Dragons'. We have also written a book review of our previous book 'Holes'; making comparisons with other books we have read during the year.

Some of us have completed a unit of work about databases using our computer room. The rest of us will complete this over the next two weeks. We are looking forward to an enjoyable term, there are lots of exciting things planned.

## Chartwells Golden Ticket Campaign

Chartwells are planning a six week campaign from 7<sup>th</sup> June – 16<sup>th</sup> July. The Golden Ticket will be given out to a selection of random pupils **every Tuesday** – they will be placed under the pupil's plates/trays. If your child receives a Golden Ticket, they will receive a prize!



## Dogs on the School Grounds

A reminder please that dogs must not be brought beyond the school gates and onto school premises. Dogs are banned from all school grounds because of the danger of toxicariasis in dog waste. This is in line with County Council guidelines. Please respect this request at all times. Thank you.

## Communication

We will never underestimate how difficult the past few months have been for everyone and we have always endeavoured to remain at the heart of our community for all of our families. Please remember that we are here to support you, so please do contact us via MyEd, telephone and/or email if you have any questions or queries.





Some of the work that took place during the Easter holidays included the refurbishment of the Reception and KS1 corridors as well as our new blue gates - pictures below – what a difference they make!

