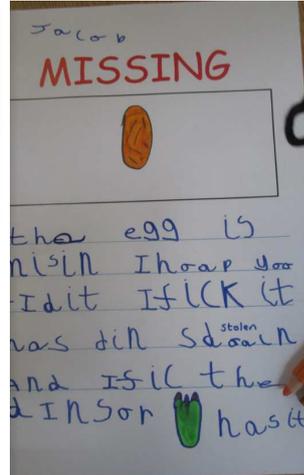




Summer Term Newsletter No.3

It's a Mystery!

There has been great excitement in Foundation Stage this week as they have been waiting for a mystery egg to hatch. However, when they came in on Tuesday the egg had gone and there were some very large sandy footprints all around the classes. The children have been busy making posters and trying to find clues as to who has stolen their egg! The latest suspect is a dinosaur!



On Thursday 17th May we shall be having a Royal Feast to celebrate the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle. Our hall will be decorated and we will have lucky plates for the children to win commemorative prizes of the day. We have emailed the menu out with this Newsletter.

If your child would like to join in the fun but does not usually have a school dinner the office will accept the £2.30 in cash to save you having to log on to School Gateway—this applies to KS2 children only as all infants are entitled to a free meal. Please bring the money in to the office in advance of the date so we know how many to cater for. Thank you.

We are very proud of this week's Star Pupils!



Ash— Alice has been a 'thinkosaurus' using sounds to read and talking brilliantly about the pictures.

Mason has an excellent knowledge of dinosaurs and has been teaching everyone lots of new words.

Elm— Oliver has been using his letters and sounds to write a poster to tell everyone about our mystery egg!

Thomas has been asking questions and looking in information books to find out more about dinosaurs.

Beech — Leighton has shown a big improvement in his attitude to his learning. Keep it up!

Pine — Tyler listened really well to the instructions and was able to write a great riddle.

Apple — Maisie gave great support to her friends and demonstrated how to play the ukulele this week.

Oak — Eva has made great progress in reading and her effort and participation in class is excellent.

Birch — Codey wrote a fantastic legend this week that included all of the toolkit! Super work!

Rowan — Juliet is the epitome of hard work, kindness and positivity. She sets the example in all she does.

Cherry — Ruby consistently works to the best of her ability and always strives to improve. An inspiration!

Maple — Keira comes to school every day with a positive attitude. She puts 100% effort into everything.

Holly — Catherine participates excellently, trying hard to justify her responses using prior learning.

Willow — Emma consistently tries hard and joins in well in class, especially in maths lessons.

Hawthorn — Chloe has a fantastic attitude which has led to her making great progress.

Hazel — Katie shines for her kind, thoughtful nature and makes an excellent effort always.

Diary Date Reminders:

Monday 7th May—Bank Holiday

Monday 14th May—Willow swimming lessons.

Monday 14th May to Thursday 17th May Y6 SATs week. **Please remember to return your reply slip for SATS breakfast. This is a great way for the children to come in to school and relax with their friends before the tests—no time to feel nervous!**

Thursday 17th May—A Royal Feast! A special school dinner to celebrate the royal wedding.

Upcoming PTA events:

Thursday 24th May - PTA film night for Y3, 4, 5 and 6. Letter coming home next week with more details.

Friday 25th May – PTA Bring a Bottle Non Uniform Day

**Attendance Award**

Congratulations to Birch Class and Holly Class for winning the School Attendance Award with 99.3% attendance.

Holly Class have won a Non Uniform Day on Tuesday 8th May for winning the award three times.

The whole school achieved 96.6% attendance. Well done everyone! Keep it Up.

The PTA and Our School.

We are very lucky to have an active PTA and, as a school, we really appreciate the time and effort the members put into organising events and raising money for the school. The PTA fund things for the children that we might otherwise not be able to afford, especially in times of tightened school budgets. The money they raise from their Film nights or cake sales all goes back to the children! Their recent cake sale raised £151.40 which is fantastic, so thank you for your support.

Did you know, the PTA is formed mainly of about 12 parents? They meet, they plan, they organise and run the events. All of this is done voluntarily. They would love more parents to join them so please do watch out for events and meeting dates in the future.

When the school and the PTA hold events we have to set deadlines. The deadlines allow the school and the PTA members time to communicate so that risk assessments can be carried out, fire registers organised, food bought according to numbers attending etc. Whilst we would never wish to disappoint a child we cannot continuously extend the deadlines as this involves a huge amount of work for our admin team, who are already incredibly busy. We send out letters, we put reminders on the weekly newsletter, and we add events to our calendar which appear on the school website and the eschools app; this is how we communicate with the families of the 418 children currently attending the school.

Parents who have missed the deadline often tell us they didn't know about the event as they don't have time to read their emails, the newsletters or haven't downloaded the app. We understand how busy life is these days but we would encourage you all to check the school website, download the app and read the newsletters we send you or your child will continue to miss out.

Parking and Double Yellow Lines

Torbay Council have painted double yellow lines around the junction of Barewell Road and Shelley Avenue. We are delighted as this will help ensure the safety of the children at the very busy school run times in the morning and afternoon.

The Great Plastic Pick Up

We are still trying to organise a litter pick on the morning of Saturday 12th May but this is proving incredibly difficult! There is much that has to be considered with regard to Health and Safety for such an event but we have been in touch with Torbay Council and Tor2 and still hope to organise this event from 9:30 to 10:30am on that Saturday. If you are interested in joining in with this event please save the date and we will notify you as soon as we can if we get the go ahead! Please note, children need to have heavy duty gloves to protect themselves— we are not able to supply these, unfortunately.

Learning today to achieve our tomorrows.