



Newsletter: Friday 26th March



Dear Parents

Its been another action packed week with Forest School, Yoga and cooking with Chef, and tonight we have our Easter Film Club. Many thanks to everyone who has paid we have raised over £200!

We are sad to announce that Mrs Hiles will be leaving us at Easter, after being with us for just over 5 years. She has been an invaluable member of the Early Years Team and will be missed by staff and children alike. However, we wish her well and hope she'll pop in to visit us from time to time!

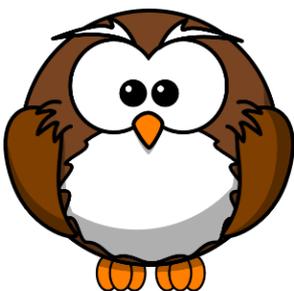
Red Nose Update: TOTAL RAISED LAST FRIDAY WAS £204, an amazing total considering we are just a small school! A HUGE thank you to everyone who donated.

We have been asked to share the following message from Simon James, Service Director for Education at Buckinghamshire Council

As you probably already know, everyone working in primary schools and Early Years settings is testing twice a week for COVID-19 to help keep the school community safe. While nursery and primary school pupils do not have to be tested, other members of their households can access regular testing and we urge you to do so - every case we can pick up and isolate helps to stop the virus spreading and ultimately keeps us all safer.

Anyone with a child at a primary school can get tested regularly by attending one of the four rapid test sites in Buckinghamshire, or you can go and collect test kits to do yourself at home. If it's hard for you to go to a site, you can have test kits posted out to you – all the details are on the government's website at www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff

Thank you so much for playing your part in the fight against COVID-19. For more local information about COVID-19 and to find the locations of the Buckinghamshire rapid test sites, you can go to the Buckinghamshire Council website at www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/coronavirus



Owl Class

Owl class are excitedly getting ready for the end of term and Easter Service preparations are well under way.

In Literacy, children have enjoyed using the laptops to research the fascinating country of India. The children have found out key facts and have begun drawing comparisons to Buckinghamshire. We have been very impressed with their questions and reflections. Next week, we will be putting this research to good use, by creating presentations to be shared with the rest of the class.

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In Maths, the children have continued their work with fractions. Children have used manipulatives to find the fraction of numbers. Year 1, can now find half of numbers and Year 2 have moved onto, practically finding quarters and thirds. This is a tricky concept and we have been pleased with the children's progress.

The children have also enjoyed a wide range of other subjects. A particular favourite this week was music, with the children learning the difference between a beat and rhythm. The children then had to echo different rhythmic patterns and have now started work on creating a rhythm for the rest of the class to dance to.

Finally, the children have participated in a wide range of well-being activities this week. Mrs Hester took small nurture groups, focussing on how to recognise different feelings in themselves and in each other. Year 2 went out to Forest School and mixed up some wonderful potions and Year 1 enjoyed relaxing and the importance of self-care with Mrs Ellis, our Yoga teacher.



Robin Class

This week Robins and Little Robins have been learning about "Signs of Spring". We hunted in the garden for signs of Spring and talked about what we found. We have also been discovering exciting facts about bees, and had a honey tasting session.



In Forest School the children worked together to hunt for minibeasts, digging with tools, we then had our own Easter Egg Hunt with "nature eggs" we had made.



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Easter Activities

We have lots of exciting activities planned next week!

The whole school will be taking part in an Easter Egg Hunt and making Easter Gardens. PSALMS have very kindly offered to donate everything we need for these, apart from a container – **so we ask that each child brings a plastic container on Thursday (take away box or ice cream box is ideal).**



A huge thank you to PSALMS, the contributions are very much appreciated.

Everyone will also be making an Easter Bonnet / Crown for our Easter Service, if you have any spare stickers or suitable crafty bits, we would appreciate any donations, (please bring them in on Monday so that they can be quarantined before use).

Owl Class will also be making Easter Baskets as part of their Literacy topic, all ingredients will be provided but if you do NOT wish your child to participate, please email the office.



Our Easter Service will take place on Wednesday 31st March at 9.30am. All parents and carers are very welcome to join us. The Zoom link will be sent out via Tapestry and Google Classroom in due course.

PSALMS NOTICES

Easter Mufti Day

For the last day of term come to school in mufti, wearing whatever you like. Feel free to add an Easter bonnet, hat or even ears! There will be lots of fun activities including making mini Easter gardens and also an Easter egg hunt.

Donations are completely voluntary although we kindly suggest a minimum £10 donation to PSALMS to help us raise funds for future sessions with chef, Forest School and yoga as well as other resources and activities. <https://paypal.me/pools/c/8y3kwQndfX>

End of Term

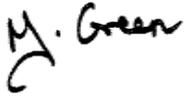
Please note the school pick times for Thursday 1st April are 1.15 for Reception and Nursery and 1.30 for Years 1 and 2. For those children attending Art Club it will run on Thursday from 1.30-2.30pm.

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Diary Dates

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
Monday 29 th March	EYFS Yoga Class
Tuesday 30 th March	Parent Consultation Meetings via Zoom (Owl Class)
Wednesday 31 st March	Parent Consultation Meetings via Zoom (Owl and Robin Class & Little Robins)
Wednesday 31 st March	Easter Service (via Zoom)
Thursday 1 st April	School Closes for Easter Break, 1.15 for Robins and Little Robins, 1.30pm for Owl Class
Monday 19 th April	School Re-opens

We hope you have a lovely weekend,
Warm regards



Mrs Green
Head Teacher

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