

Newsletter 26- 01.04.2022

Farewell

This is my last newsletter to you all and the last one of the Spring Term. Much like the weather this week, I have found it to be a varied and exciting experience, filled with both challenges and a deep sense of fulfilment.

This was always going to be an interim post for me- knowing that I was cooking these babies and that there would be other challenges on the horizon, I have tried my best to steady the ship as it were, ready for our new Captain- Hannah Smithson, starting in the summer term.

I am adamant that you will greatly benefit from her and her leadership; she is warm, welcoming and strategic in her approach and will be an excellent leader for our school.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the staff for their unwavering support during this time of transition- their dedication to this school and the children has inspired me on those more 'snowy days'.

To our lovely children and parents, you make our school what it is. We are here because we want the best for you and you bring a greater sense of purpose to our lives. Thank you for how hard you work, for your kindness and for your belief and trust in us as a school- we do what we do, for you.

Also off on new adventures is Ellie Heaton, Kirsty Mills, Helen Jefferies and Gwen Guildford. We will greatly miss you all and wish you well on what is to come!

Ellie- we look forward to hearing of the safe arrival of Baby Heaton-Taylor and to welcoming you back in 2023.

Easter Crafts- Tuesday 5th April- 14:30

Thank you to those who have filled in the Easter Craft form indicating your attendance- it has now closed so that we can build the registers and ensure that all siblings can get crafty together with their parent/s.



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Parents, please come to the school office for 14:25 and we will direct you to where you will find your child/ren for the event.

A HUGE thank you to the Friends who have supplied the crafts for us all- your generosity and investment in the school is greatly appreciated.

Easter Fayre- Tuesday 5th April- 15:30-16:30

Straight after the crafts event, we will be opening the school for the Easter Fayre. We will have tombolas, raffles and hot chocolates on offer- please do join us.

In the interests of keeping everyone safe, we ask that the parents who are attending the craft event leave the school at 15:25 and all students return to their class teachers to be dismissed. This way, we can ensure that every child gets to the right place.

If you intend to send your child to the Easter fayre with another parent, this MUST be in writing and handed to the office on the morning of Tuesday 5th April 2022. Teachers will not release other people's children to another parent without this written permission. We simply won't have time on the day to be phoning home to check so please ensure that your child has written permission to go home with another family to avoid disappointment.

Thanks in advance for helping us keep all children safe.

Easter Church Service- Thursday 7th April- 10:00

Our Easter service is taking shape and we are excited to share it with you.

10:00 am- Holy Evangelist Church in Shipton-by-Beningbrough.

Staffing Updates

Please find attached a one shop stop of the staffing structure for next term.

Highlight of the Week



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I asked some children what the highlight of their week was this week. Here's what they had to say...

"I enjoyed P.E. when we played tennis because we played the rallies. Mrs Heaton said that I have an amazing natural ability to play racquet sports." Teddy- Elm Class

"Doing gymnastics because I like to." Georgia- Acorns Class

Thought for the week from Bill

As we approach the end of term we've begun to focus our attention on Holy Week. In Collective Worship we looked at the various days that make up the week and why we mark it beginning with Palm Sunday, and then looking at Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. Each day carries its own significance (on subjects such as humility and grief) and offers us a chance to connect more deeply with God. Next week we'll reflect more specifically on Easter Sunday and I am very much looking forward to our Easter Service. Perhaps this week you might like to explore what is on offer at your local church over Easter, I know there is plenty on and that you will be warmly welcomed.

Achievement Awards

Please could all Excellence Awards and the DragonFly Art Award be returned to school this week in anticipation of our End of Term Achievement Assembly taking place on Thursday 7th April 2022.

Parents' Evening

Yesterday, letters advising you of your child's parents' evening were published. You can find these on the website.

The letter outlined how to book onto your preferred way of meeting and on what days. We have found that our parent community is split on whether they liked the convenience of online appointments vs the personal touch of meeting face to face; as a result, we are offering one night of each option.



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Please be prompt in booking to ensure you are able to meet in the way that best serves the needs of you and your family.

Super SuperStars this week

Well done to all children who continue to strive to do their best. When visiting Ash class this week, I couldn;t move without hearing a story of someone shining bright like the stars they are! Keep up the great work everyone.

School Diary Dates

Elm Class swimming next term

Easter Craft Afternoon- Tuesday 4th April 14:30
Easter Fayre- Tuesday 4th April 15:30-16:30
Easter Church Service- Thursday 7th April 10:00am
Spring Term ends- Thursday 7th April- 15:30
Staff Training Day-Friday 8th April

Parents' Evenings

Online:

Conkers and Acorns- Wednesday 27th April 2022

Ash- Tuesday 10th May 2022 Elm- Wednesday 11th May 2022 Beech- Tuesday 26th April 2022 Oak- Tuesday 26th April 2022

In Person:

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Once again, thank you for your kindness this spring term- I have so enjoyed serving this community and these fabulous children of yours.

Take care and I'll be seeing you soon,

Gemma Sutton