



Rugby Free

Primary School

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Thursday 29th

March 2018

A message from the Headteacher

As we prepare to celebrate the most important event in the Christian calendar when, as our Year One children so eloquently told us this week during their special assembly, Jesus rose from the dead at Easter, it is a good time for us to reflect and think about the many blessings which are upon us.

This term has been extremely successful. Our children have enjoyed their topics, learning new skills each day and thoroughly enjoying the challenges, experiences and successes this has brought. The children have had visitors in to school, hosted their Mums as they joined us for afternoon tea, taken part in World Book Day, Ready Steady Listen Week, A Sponsored Sports Relief Walk, Reception have visited the Farm and much, much more! On many occasions during the term, individual children have excelled themselves, surprised me and their teachers, impressed us with their care and compassion and shown us the wonderful young people that they are becoming.

Just last week, we were awarded our Eco Schools Silver Award. Our aim was to achieve the Bronze Award by Easter, however our Pupil Leaders, the Eco Team led by Miss Tyler, completely exceeded our expectations and were awarded the higher level silver award. This has been a combined effort and we hope is the one in a line of awards we will achieve for our school. Watch out for the holiday 'growing' homework they have set you over Easter... we look forward to lots of photographs of your planting!

This term, we had visits from several other schools who our DfE adviser, Rachel Mortlock, advised to visit due to the breadth and depth of curriculum which goes above and beyond the National Curriculum and EYFS framework and prepare our children to be good citizens fully prepared for the every changing future ahead of them.

I feel this is the fitting time to once again thank my staff. They work tirelessly to ensure your children have the very best learning opportunities and we are very lucky to have such dedicated and caring teachers and support staff. I thank our Governors and Trustees for their continued support. I also wish to thank you, our parents for the partnership that we have which enables us to provide a high quality education for our children. Above all, however my biggest thanks go to our fabulous children for the many smiles, joys and special moments which they have created and shared this term.

Our little ones, are becoming not so little! They are growing up fast and are living our vision and values in their everyday life. We are very proud of each and every one of them.

I look forward to seeing you all after Easter for our final term of this academic year which I have no doubts will be just as successful as the last two for our school community and its families.

Happy Easter Everybody!

Miss Milewski



Staff Update

Miss Pohl popped in to visit the children this week. She is still very poorly but thankfully is now out of hospital and recovering at home. She wanted me to pass on her thanks to everybody who has sent her get well wishes and cards. Thank you to Mrs Turner who is doing a great job in offering additional support in Reception to our little ones.

We are delighted to also let you know that we have managed to secure a very experience teacher Mrs Sareen to teach our Year One Outstanding Owls after Easter. She will also be our English Lead and we are very much looking forward to benefitting from her expertise.

She will be available on the playground from 8.30am on Tuesday 17th April if any parents would like to meet her.

Virtual Level 2 School Games Infant Agility Competition

Well done to all our Year One and Two children who took part in an infant agility competition, we scored 48 points as a school which meant we came third which is a brilliant achievement as this is the very first competition we have participated in with our consortium of local Rugby schools. Thank you to Ms Ng for organizing this and well done children!



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Easter Egg Competition

Thank you to Friends of RFPS for organizing our Easter Egg Decorating Competition. Mr Legge, our Chair of Governors judged the competition and he decided the winner were:

1st - Amelia (Rec) 2nd – Sammy (Y2) 3rd – Imogen (Rec)

Miss Milewski also chose a bonus winner as she absolutely loved the witch egg with the broomstick so well done Lilli (Y1).

He did however, have a very difficult job in choosing the winners and wanted to commend everybody who entered for taking so much time and effort and creating some absolutely beautiful eggs. We have enjoyed looking at them all this week.



Easter Assembly

A massive well done to our superb Year 1 children for a fantastic Easter Assembly yesterday. It was lovely to see so many parents and extended family members watching the performance and the children all thoroughly enjoyed showing you all what they had learnt about the meaning of Easter.

We have seen such a huge difference in their confidence and independence since they started with us back in September 2016 and we are so proud of all that they are achieving.



Mindset Assembly

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Mindset parents information session on Tuesday. It was a great opportunity for Dale Hancock to share his expertise with us and help you in ensuring that the importance of the mental health of our children is at the forefront of our minds.



Summer Uniform

Please could all children remain in winter uniform only for the first week back as we will have our whole school photograph on 19th April and we would prefer this in winter uniforms. After this, girls may wear summer dresses and boys shorts instead of long trousers if they wish. Thank you in anticipation for your understanding.

Year Two Inspire Workshop

Thank you to all the parents who came and worked alongside the children in our English Inspire Workshop today. It was a lovely opportunity for you to share your children's learning and see exactly what they can do. Thank you for your continued support.



Ready Steady Listen Winners

Thank you to everybody who took part in the Ready Steady Listen reading challenge and a huge thank you to Mrs Murphy for organizing this for our school.

Prizes for reading the most were awarded to: Wilf, Emmie, Evie, Jai

Prizes for the most money raised were awarded to: Evie, Katie, Ava, Adam



Reception Drop Off

After Easter we will be encouraging our reception children to be dropped off on the turning circle and they will go in and hang their coats up independently. This is part of our work to get them ready for Year One. Please do encourage them to do this. The teachers will come out on to the playground at 8.40am so you can pass on any messages at this point before the children go in.

Newsletters

Our Digital Leaders, Friendship Ambassadors and Eco Team have all written their termly newsletters. They are attached to this newsletter and will be saved electronically on our school website. Please do read them with your children.

Attendance

Our overall attendance so far this year as a school is 97 %. This is excellent, however we still strive to make it even better. Please ensure your child had minimal time off in the summer term and let's see if we can be at 98% by the end of the year!

Diary Dates.

16th April – Teacher Training day
17th April – Children back at school
19th April – Whole School Photograph and some remaining individuals.
20th April – British Values Production and Workshop.

4th May – 9.15pm Reception Inspire workshop: Literacy
30th April – 4th - May National Gardening Week
7th May – Bank Holiday 14th May 10am – New Parent Open Tour
25th May – 9.15pm Year One Inspire workshop: Maths
28th May – 1st June – Half Term