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### Newsletter (4) Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021



#### Collective Worship

As Easter approaches, we have been learning about Holy Week in Collective Worship. This week we have recapped on the events of Holy Week, looking in detail at Easter Sunday. On Monday the children shared the story and throughout the week they have been reflecting on the theme of 'new life' and how this makes them feel. Molly C from Ruby class said 'Walking my Nan's puppy in the fields reminds me of new life.' Charlie S shared 'New life is seeing plants and flowers growing and babies being born'. Phoebe from Topaz class added 'My new baby brother is a new life and new family member for us. Nathan thoughtfully said 'New beginnings bring new hope with them.' Emerald class's Amina said 'My cat has had 3 kittens which means plenty of fun at home, although they climb up my legs with their sharp little claws'. Cameron has noticed lots more birds on the feeder in his dad's garden - they scatter the mealworms everywhere. Pat has spotted wild garlic in the woods where there was nothing growing before. Diamond Class talked about different ways we remember and celebrate Easter and came up with 'key words' - joy, family, eggs, chicks, hot cross buns, bunnies, new life, baby animals and chocolate!

#### Workers of the Week

A huge well done to our 'Workers of the Week'...

<b>Diamond</b>	<b>Evelyn</b> for a fantastic week. Evelyn has done some excellent writing and artwork about the Easter story this week! <b>Amelia</b> for working hard on her personal targets this week and doing some work to be really proud of!
<b>Emerald</b>	<b>Lillian</b> for great participation in everything and reading texts to the class in a clear, brave voice. <b>Oscar</b> for listening and following instructions independently when we were making complicated cards.
<b>Ruby</b>	<b>Harley</b> for working really hard for the past week and becoming more confident every day. <b>Isla</b> for consistently trying her best in everything she does and producing high quality work.
<b>Topaz</b>	<b>Patrick</b> for demonstrating an incredibly responsible and focused learning attitude in all areas of learning this half term. <b>Henry</b> for setting a good example to others with his consistently good effort and for challenging himself.

#### STAFFING

We are very pleased to inform you that Mr Webb's phased return has gone well and so he will rejoin the school full time on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April. This will mean a change to staffing in some classes, please see table below:

<b>Emerald Class</b>	Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesday mornings	<b>Mrs Cahill</b>	Support staff will remain the same
	Wednesday afternoons, Thursdays and Fridays	<b>Ms Bishop</b>	
<b>Topaz Class</b>	Monday to Thursday	<b>Mrs Brazier</b>	Mr Ferrari will return to Ruby class but other support staff remain the same
	Thursdays and Fridays	<b>Mrs Selway</b>	

Mrs Benjafield and Mrs Smith are stepping down from Breakfast Club and After Fun respectively. We thank them for all their hard work and many years of service to our wraparound care provision.

## Reporting Covid Cases over Easter

Please read the letter attached for the procedures for reporting positive cases over the Easter holiday.

## School Uniform

When the children returned after Lockdown 3 we took a lenient approach to school uniform as we understood that shopping for new clothes was difficult. After the Easter holidays we would ask that all children return in full uniform and the correct school PE kit. We would also ask that long hair is tied back especially on PE days. We thank you for your co-operation with this.

## Templecombe Tokens

Tommy, Rupert, Jacob, Matthew, Victoria and Ava in Diamond Class and Olivia and Oscar in Emerald Class have all achieved their Bronze Templecombe Token certificate this week. Well done!

## Breakfast/After Fun Clubs and After School Clubs

Booking forms for the summer term for Breakfast Club and After Fun are on our school website. Please note that After Fun will continue to finish at 4.30pm and we will review this just before half term at the beginning of June.

## 2021/22 Term Dates

Next year's term dates are now available in the Dates section on the About Us menu of our school website.

## PTA

Our PTA have arranged another **Clothes Collection** so if you are having a clear out over the Easter holidays, please bear us in mind! Donations should please be brought in on the morning of Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April and left along the wall by the lower playground.

Advanced notice - many of you will remember the **Smarties Fundraiser** where a tube of smarties is sent home with each child, they eat the smarties and then collect as many 20 pence pieces in the tube and return it to school for the great count up! Smarties will be coming home on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May and the great count up will happen in the week before we break for half term.

## Asymptomatic Testing available to households with school age children

Asymptomatic testing will help to break the chains of transmission of coronavirus in education and childcare settings by identifying asymptomatic positive cases. This is important as up to 1 in 3 people who have the virus have it without symptoms (they are asymptomatic) so could be spreading the disease unknowingly.

If you are a member of a household, childcare or support bubble of a primary or secondary-age pupil or college student, you can get a twice-weekly test:

- through your employer if they offer testing to employees
- at a local test site
- by collecting a home test kit from a test site
- by ordering a home test kit online

For more information read the guidance on [‘Households and bubbles of pupils, students and staff of schools and colleges: get rapid lateral flow tests’](#). The asymptomatic testing program does not replace the current testing policy for those with symptoms.

## And Finally...

...we reach the end of a very strange Spring Term. With many of the children being at home for the majority of it, we are once again reminded of how much the children enjoy being in school, learning and playing with their friends. This week the children have been involved in lots of egg-citing Easter activities which included an Easter Egg Hunt and in-class competition – well done to Logan in Diamond, Ruby in Emerald, Annabelle in Ruby and Layla in Topaz for winning their class's prize! A huge thank you to the PTA for supplying lots of lovely Easter Eggs for all the children.

With the welcomed return of Mr Webb, I will be stepping back to my Deputy role. I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all staff, children and parents for all the help and support I have received over the last 4 months – it has made the job so much easier!

Wishing you all a Happy Easter and a safe Easter holidays. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'MB' with a stylized flourish underneath.

Mrs Brazier

Enc: Reporting Covid cases letter