

Newsletter



30th April 2021

Message from Headteacher

It has been a very positive couple of weeks back in school since the Easter holidays, partly because of the sunshine but also because your amazing children have been so eager to learn and spend time playing together and talking at break and lunchtimes.

In school we have been starting to develop the outdoor area further with playground markings and signs to promote physical activity. We have further plans in progress so watch this space!

It is really important to us to offer the best possible opportunities to children as the lockdown restrictions ease and it has been wonderful to see the children taking part in clubs and music lessons again recently.

Alongside this, we are starting to be able to have face to face assemblies for two classes at a time as well as welcoming a limited number of visitors to school to enhance the children's learning. For example, we have upcoming workshops in school for all classes with Demelza from Devon Waste Education Team, who has previously worked with the children to further understand how to be aware of the environment.

We are also very conscious that parents and carers have had such limited opportunities to be part of celebrating children's learning in school over the last year. We are discussing possible ways to give you the chance to visit the school before the end of the Summer term, national guidance permitting.

I hope all of our families enjoy the bank holiday weekend.

Best wishes,
Alice Purcell

FIS Easter Fun

Well done to our Easter competition winners and thank you to all who took part!



The Big Pedal

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone for your support with the Big Pedal! It was great to see so many families getting involved. We will be receiving the final results next week, so we will share the results with you then.



Lost Property

Each year group has their own lost property collection at the moment. Please can all items (clothing, lunch boxes etc) be clearly named to help us to quickly return any lost items. Thank you for your support with this!

Dates for Diaries

3rd May- May Day bank holiday

31st May- 4th June- Half Term

Non- pupil day- 7th June

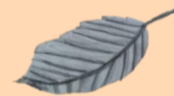
Term ends- 22nd July

Come rain or shine!

The weather is quite changeable at the moment and it would be great if children could still come to school with coats even if the weather seems sunny. We also ask parents to consider applying sunscreen before children come to school as they are spending lots of time outside.



Playground Developments



Face Coverings

Thank you for continuing to wear face coverings at the start and end of the day. Although case numbers of Covid 19 have dropped, there are still cases being reported locally. There has not been a change in the guidance for schools and we still need to be doing everything we can together to protect our school community.

Full Time: Get Cooking campaign?

England footballer Marcus Rashford has teamed up with TV chef Tom Kerridge to launch 'Full Time: Get Cooking with Marcus and Tom.' Marcus Rashford hopes that the campaign will encourage families to enjoy an hour each week making meals together. He wants to inspire families to make easy but healthy meals on a budget. They have created 52 recipes and they will be launching a new cook-along video on their Instagram page every Sunday morning.

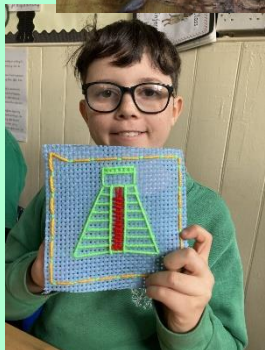
This was the first recipe that was launched on Sunday:

<https://recipes.sainsburys.co.uk/recipes/chicken-satay-stir-fry>

Sports Week

We are keen to organise 'a sports' week to coincide with National Sports Week again this year. This will give the children the opportunity to participate in a range of competitive and non-competitive sports. This will involve a variety of external sports clubs and organisations from the local community.

Artists in Elm and Maple



Rock Testing in Willow



Magnets

We have recently been made aware of a new toy 'craze' consisting of very small, powerful round magnets which join together to make shapes. We are not aware of any of our children having these but apparently the magnets are brightly coloured and resemble a sweet. Magnets can cause significant injuries to children when swallowed and so we wanted to raise awareness amongst our community and remind parents that such toys are not permitted in school. Thank you.