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#### **Spring Has Sprung**

Welcome back to all of you after what felt like an extra long Easter break! I hope you had the opportunity to enjoy the warm weather over the past week and also spend some time with family and friends after previously not being able to. I am pleased to report that all of the children appeared well rested and eager to learn today - this bodes very well for this important term!

#### **Church Events**

Thanks to those of you who were able to join us in the church for our first Easter service since 2019. It was fantastic to hear the children singing in church again and for parents to be in attendance. It certainly felt like we were closer to 'normal' than we have been for a very long time – long may that continue! We would very much like you to take a trip to the church while they hold their flower festival (April 23<sup>rd</sup> – May 2<sup>nd</sup>) so that you can see the wonderful display that all of our children have contributed to. This year's theme was 'Past Times' and, as you can see below, the children produced a high quality mix of art, craft and writing to create a superb display.







## **Time To Celebrate**

In other exciting news, I can reveal that Miss Stringer is pregnant! I have been reliably informed that her bump is now showing and this is not due to extra Easter treats. Miss Stringer will be with us for the rest of this academic year before she takes her maternity leave and, with the exception of the usual appointments, Miss Stringer will continue with her current teaching duties.

#### PE Clubs and Lessons

Please see below for the days that each class has PE:

Willow Class – Friday

Maple Class – Thursday (plus swimming on Monday as usual)

Oak Class - Monday

The PE will be a mixture of indoor and outdoor sessions, so please always ensure that the children have appropriate kit for different types of weathers and sports. Ideally this should include:

- Plain or school branded t-shirt
- Plain black shorts
- Plimsolls (for indoor PE)
- Trainers (for outdoor PE)
- Tracksuit bottoms (if the weather is cold)
- Plain, dark jumper or hooded top (if the weather is cold)

The children should **not** wear football boots with blades or studs but can wear Astroturf style trainers for outdoor PF

Hair must be tied back and jewellery removed on PE days. Alternatively, children can bring their own tape for covering earrings, however this is a less desirable option.

The following clubs will be taking place during this term:

#### Monday

Wildlife Warriors (Miss Thomson) – invitation only Striking skills/Bat and ball (Inspire+)- Reception/Y1/Y2/Y3

## **Tuesday**

11+ club (Mr Cartwright) - Y4/Y5

# Wednesday

Hockey (Miss Bates) - Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6

## **Thursday**

Girls football (Inspire+) - Y2/Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 girls only

### **Friday**

Throwing and catching skills leading to netball (Inspire+) – Reception/Y1/Y2/Y3 Football (Mr Chipperfield) – Y4/Y5/Y6

All clubs run until 4:15. Please ensure that you are on site at 4:10 to collect your children promptly.

Children attending clubs are expected to follow the school rules and abide by the School Motto – Work Hard, Be Kind, Achieve – and if they cannot do so, their place may be removed. Children will also be expected to get changed into their PE kit (unless it is it their PE day as they will already be changed). If the children do not have their PE kit,

then they will not be able to participate. In such circumstances, a phone call home will be made and we will expect you to come and collect your child. If this happens more than once, their place at the club will be removed.

For hockey and football clubs, the children must wear shin pads in order to take part in any kind of matches or drills that involve tackling. It is also advisable for children attending hockey club to wear a mouth guard although this is not compulsory.

## **Dates for the Diary**

April 21st SATs meeting 3:30-4:00

May 2<sup>nd</sup> Bank Holiday

May 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Y6 SATs tests

May 16<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> Y2 SATs tests

May 27<sup>th</sup> PTFA Break The Rules Day (more information to follow)

May 27<sup>th</sup> Last day of term 5

Kind regards

Mr R Chipperfield Head of School