



Inspire Believe Achieve

Our aim is to inspire and encourage our children to believe in their ability to succeed through learning. This vision will enable them to achieve and succeed in reaching their full potential and beyond, now and for their future.

March/April 2021

Head of School Update

It was wonderful to have all of the classes back in school on 8th March and we were delighted at the excellent attitude of them all. The children have settled back in to our usual routines and expectations incredibly quickly, and had a busy first week back enjoying the fun of British Science Week. Pupils were busy being science detectives and used their science knowledge and skills to solve all kinds of problems, and in some classes- crimes! We look forward to welcoming back our Y2 and Y6 classes after Easter.

We are incredibly proud that we have had the opportunity to have posters and drawings created by our pupils displayed in the Princess Royal Sports Arena in Boston, which is one of the county's mass vaccination centres, and were seen by the Deputy Chief Medical Officer, Jonathan Van Tam on his recent visit.

We recognise that many of the children outgrew certain parts of their school uniform during the lockdown period, and that some of you are still awaiting delivery of replacement items or the re-opening of all shops. Can we ask that if that is the case, you ensure that uniform replacements, including footwear, are as close in colour to school uniform, as possible.

Thank you for your support with our recent non-uniform day for Comic Relief. With your support we raised £188.30!

As you are aware, we would usually hold a parents' evening prior to the Easter break, however, with children only recently returned to school, teachers are still securing their judgements of pupils' current attainment and identifying your child's next steps in learning. Therefore, we have decided to provide parents with a progress overview, as we did previously this year, and will conduct parents' evenings after the Easter break. Due to current restrictions, these will be held virtually. Further details will be sent out in the coming weeks.

Each class has now set up their own Twitter account and are busy tweeting photos of what children are getting up to in each class. We have now linked them to each class webpage, so please take the time to follow the various accounts to see what your children are busy doing during the day.

And finally, thank you for your ongoing support by following the various systems and procedures we continue to have in place to ensure the safety of both pupils and staff. We continue to monitor the daily guidance updates from DfE and will communicate any changes to you accordingly.

Term Dates:

Monday 22nd February to Wednesday 31st March.

Monday 19th April to Friday 28th May.

Monday 7th June to Wednesday 21st July

Other Dates:

19th March

Comic Relief Non-uniform day

31st Mar

End of term

1st April

Staff training day

School Value

This term's value is courage. Over the coming weeks, pupils will learn about this value via whole school and class worships. A values newsletter has already been sent out to parents with links to Bible stories and activities which can be undertaken at home.

Swimming

We are hopeful that, as long as the government's roadmap to re-opening continues as expected, we will be able to start swimming lessons after the Easter break. We will communicate further details once we have a clearer idea of dates etc.

National Day of Reflection

The school did an amazing job by taking part in Tuesday's National Day of Reflection. All children participated by holding a minute of silent reflection as well as tying yellow ribbons to the school's fence. What was particularly touching was seeing so many of our parents and carers also taking part when collecting children, and we were delighted that staff and pupils from Acorn Pre-school also joined in.

Safeguarding

We believe that safeguarding is an important part of our work with children and young adults so will keep this reminder in all of our newsletters. Safeguarding is the responsibility of all of us. If you have concerns about the safety of any child, you should let somebody know. Both Mrs Flack and Mrs Adie are the designated safeguarding officers within the school.

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