

Easebourne C.E. Primary Newsletter

In a safe, loving environment built on the strong Christian values of faith, hope and love, we want our children to **ACHIEVE**, to **BUILD** and to **CONNECT**



Friday 20th May 2022

A WORD FROM THE HEAD

Firstly, huge thanks to Karen and Pat Bellamy for running a wonderful plant sale this week to raise funds for the school, totalling £105.00. Their hard work was very much appreciated.

This week, I was fortunate to get out with our oldest and youngest children. We saw a modern take on 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' with Foxes and Otters, with an exciting messaging theme via social media. It was good to see many ex-pupils taking part. We are very grateful to MRC for inviting us. Earlier in the week, Dragonflies visited South Pond and were led in four fascinating workshops by the pond volunteers. Thanks to all five volunteers who gave up their morning to bring the pond and its ecology to life for the children.

Finally, an update on COVID. Healthy 5 to 11 year olds are now being offered vaccinations outside of schools in vaccination centres, pharmacies, GPs and walk-in centres. We have been asked to signpost parents to where they can [book COVID-19 vaccination appointments online](#) for an appointment at a vaccination centre or pharmacy, or [find a walk-in COVID-19 vaccination site](#), to get vaccinated without needing an appointment. Parents should also have received a letter from the NHS with more information about how to get their child vaccinated. Please note that whether a child has or hasn't had a vaccination will **not** make any difference to how they are treated in school.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week, Derek reflected on the last part of the Resurrection story, focusing on how very human Jesus' disciples were. Derek revisited Peter's denial of Jesus and then told us the story of Thomas and his reaction to the news that Jesus had been resurrected. 'Doubting Thomas', as he is known, needed visual proof before he would believe.



FORTHCOMING

DATES:

22.05	Circus Visit to School
23.05	Circus Workshops
26.05	YR to Library 8.40am - 9.30 SendCo drop-in
27.05	Jubilee Lunch Sports Day
30.05- 03.06	Half Term
06.06	Inset Day
07.06	Back to school
08.06	Badgers 4D & 4H John Muir Award Day 1 of 2
w/b 13.06	Community Week
17.06	Walk, Jog, Run

KEY DATES:

21.07	Last Day of Term
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ECO CLUB

Today, our Eco-Warriors went down to St Mary's to look at the plants in the wild part of the churchyard.

The children went armed with ipads to take photographs and use the PlantNet plant identification app to try to work out what they had found!

They found Teazel 1, Grass and a gravestone with lichen. They hope to provide a report to the Church Eco-committee in due course.



CHILDREN WALKING TO SCHOOL

We would like to remind families that we ask for permission from parents/carers if they would like children in Y5/6 to walk to and from school. It's a case of balancing safety against encouraging independence ahead of secondary school.

On rare occasions, when there are specific temporary circumstances that have been discussed with the school, we are happy for a child in Year 4 to walk to/from school or for a younger child to be supervised by a sibling in UKS2.

NURSERY AND EYFS

The children in Nursery have been learning about different occupations, and we were really lucky to have a visit from the Midhurst fire engine and firefighters. The firefighters talked to the children about the important number to call in an emergency – 999 and the children all got to have a go with the water hose. Ladybirds have been dressing up as firefighters, builders, hairdressers and nurses. Bumble Bees have learned a bit more about the dentist and hospitals. Caterpillars have been explor-

ing playdough and using new tools to make patterns and shapes.



This week was an exciting week in Dragonflies! We went to South Pond on Wednesday to hunt for minibeasts and on Tuesday the Animal Man visited us. He brought an armadillo, a snake, a tarantula, a bearded dragon, an owl, a tenrec and a tortoise!

“ He brought Tarantula – it's a minibeast! “ – Daniel

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Today your child should have brought home their class photograph.

The closing date for placing an order is:

TUESDAY 7TH JUNE

Instructions on how to order a copy online are included within the pack.

Completed orders will arrive at school 2/3 weeks after the closing date

COATS & UMBRELLAS

The weather has been particularly wet recently. Whilst this is much needed by the garden, it brings problems when children do not have a weatherproof coat with them. Please could parents/carers remember to send their children in with appropriate clothing for the weather forecast that day?

Having said that, umbrellas, whilst they may seem sensible, are more hazardous than useful in a primary school. Please do not send your children in with them.

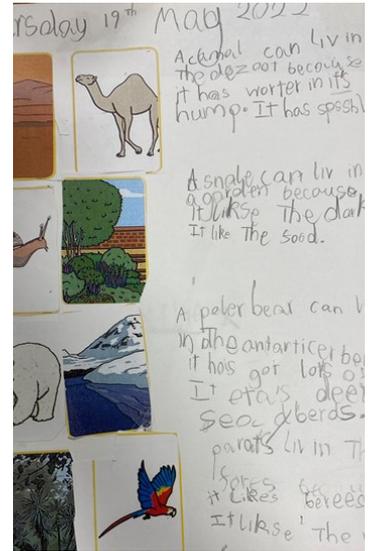
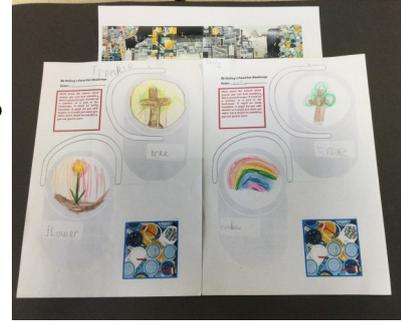
So, the message is YES TO COATS, NO TO UMBRELLAS! Thank you, everybody!

KS1

Hedgehogs - This week, we have been focusing on addition sentences using the + and = correctly, even when we start with the total first! This was a struggle for some at the beginning of the week. Still, we have spent time practicing, and now we can not only write four additional sentences to go with a picture, but we can also draw our pictures and make our additional sentences. Ask us how we do it! We have also been focusing on doubles. Did you know if you double any whole number, it will be even? That was one of the things we discovered. Aren't numbers fun!

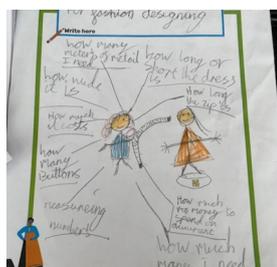
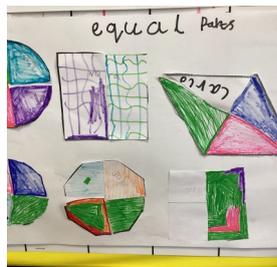
We have been looking at creation during RE. First, we went outside and looked at nature, then drew our favorite parts of nature into a paint pot picture (same as the Big Frieze depicts creation). We then listened to the story of creation and drew our images to illustrate the story.

Squirrels - This week they have been absolutely outstanding doing their SATs quizzes. They have shown great commitment to their learning and fabulous resilience and confidence. All of the staff in Squirrels are so proud of you. Just one more reading quiz to go!! In class, the children have been thinking a little bit more about different habitats and the animals who have special adaptations to be able to live there. Here is Bertie's work.



"God is special to me because he made our world "- Frankie B





KS2

Rabbits – This week we have really missed Mrs Coates and hope she is feeling better. She has sent in lots of fun activities to keep us busy. In English, we have been enjoying the story 'The time-slip Scarab', hot-seating characters and thinking about their feelings. We are working towards writing a diary entry for the main character, Emily, who goes on an exciting adventure. In maths we have been finding out about parts of a whole, from countries which are part of a continent to parts of a bar of chocolate! We had fun cutting up shapes into equal and unequal parts and then putting them back together as a whole. In science this week, we have been making exciting discoveries about magnets, comparing different materials through which a magnet will attract a metal paperclip and doing comparative tests to find the strongest magnet.

Badgers 4D - have had an incredibly creative week! We demonstrated our understanding of mixed numbers and improper fractions by using manipulatives to create representations. We have been learning to draw animals using shapes as a template to guide us, and we have been using similes and metaphors to creatively write our setting and character descriptions for the start of our stories. Wednesday was National Numeracy Day - we took part in an online times tables callout with TTRS to smash their Guinness World Record and became Number Heroes by writing what we would like to be when we grow up. These have been entered into a competition.... fingers crossed!

Badgers H - This week we have been honing our sketching skills. We started with a step by step sketch of a dog and there were some quite interesting proportions. We then worked on developing proportion further with our horse sketch and finished off with some rather super puffins. We had buckets full of resilience and commitment and it was a great week of art.

Foxes - This week, as part of our RSHE topic, we have been learning about gender identity by exploring the book 'Alien Nation' by Matty Donaldson. We discussed how all the aliens in the book had similarities and differences to one another and how this could make them feel. It has been really interesting discussing our own feelings and we have made many connections with our 'No Outsiders' assembly work. We look forward to finishing off our lessons linked to the book next week. Meanwhile, in maths, we have been exploring factors whilst in English we have been editing our Heracles narratives. However, the highlight of the week has been visiting MRC to watch a performance of "A Midsummer Fest" - a modern day take on William Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream.

Otters - This week in Otters we have been putting our art skills to the test! We learned all about Taotie - a mythological Chinese creature - and studied artwork involving his picture. Then we used our observational skills to create line drawings of the art in our sketch books. Mrs Nixon and Mrs Parker were very impressed.

TIGHT WRITE

I won't lie; I'm currently a little underwhelmed by the number of Tight Write entries for Tight Write #60. People are not (yet) rushing to sum up in 50 words what makes Queen Elizabeth so special. And yet, as Derek said in assembly, when talking about the



people who inspire us, she is up there for many of us. Whether you are a monarchist or a republican, it is difficult to argue that she hasn't devoted her whole life to her country. Still, the closing date is not till 9th June and I will be spending some of half-term tracking down small Jubilee prizes to award...

Have a great weekend,

Johnny Curran