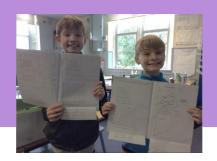
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It has been one of those weeks that initially you might think not a lot has happened. We've not had trips out or visitors into school and no special events. However, I have had time to spend in each classroom and talk to the children about their work and learning. As always, the enthusiasm and perseverance of the children has shone as has their ability to talk about what they have been learning over the last few weeks. This really demonstrates that they are engaged and happy and making the most of the opportunities that the staff are creating for them. I've said it before but it really is the best part of my job to witness the joy of learning and discovery on the children's faces.

Next week we are looking forward to the PTFA Easter Bingo on Tuesday evening. There were so many eggs donated today and I'm hoping to be a winner – I have my eye on the large Maltesers egg! Please do join us for an evening of fun and entertainment.

On Wednesday the drama club have their production of Panto-Pandemonium. The children have been practicing for months and have been working really hard. I've caught a few glimpses of rehearsals while passing and I think we are in for a great treat. Please book your tickets via ParentPay.

On Thursday we are eggspecting some eggstroadinary creations for the annual Easter Bonnet parade. Please join us at 9am on the playground to eggsperience this with us. Younger siblings are also encouraged to enter. There are plenty of prizes to be won so be as artistic and creative as you can. The parade will be followed by the KS1 egg hunt which siblings are also invited to join into. KS2 will have an egg hunt in the afternoon.

Finally, a reminder that next week is a four-day week due to the Good Friday bank holiday.

Have a great weekend everyone, Mr Albrow

This terms core value: Love

Next week's theme: Sacrifice / Easter "You have to fight to reach your dream. You have to sacrifice and work hard for it." Lionel Messi "Gentleness, self-sacrifice and generosity are the exclusive possession of no one race or religion." Mahatma Ghandi "The lord is more pleased when we do what is right and just, than when we offer him sacrifices." Proverbs 21:3



DIARY DATES

26 th March	PTFA Family Easter Bingo
27 th March	Easter Service @
	Christchurch – 9am
27 th March	Drama Club Production
28 th March	Easter Bonnet parade
28 th March	Last day of term 4
15 th April	First day of term 5
17 th April	Swallow Class - Field to
	Food learning day
25 th April	Blackbird Inspire Session 1.15 - 3.15
6 th May	Bank Holiday – school closed
13 th to 16 th	Year 6 SATS week
May	
13 th - 15 th	Swallow Class residential to
May	Oxenwood
21 st May	Robin Class Inspire Session
	1.15 - 3.15
22 nd May	Class Photographs
24 th May	Last day of Term 5





Staffing News

We welcomed Mrs Emma Whyte as Teaching Assistant this week to support KS2 children.

Mrs Linda Ringwood will be retiring at the end of term, she deserves a well-earned rest after 6 years of running breakfast club and serving school dinners.

Miss Tasja Grant will also be leaving at the end of this term. Miss Grant has been a teaching assistant since 2019 and has supported many children and families during the last 5 years.

We are sure you will join us in wishing them all the best for the future.

Childcare Support

Childcare support is expanding from April and even more eligible working parents can receive extra help for their childcare costs.

Applications are now open in England for eligible parents with a child who turns two on or before **31 March** to claim up to 15 hours of childcare per week term time.

Parents can apply for their hours on gov.uk where they will receive their code which they will need to share with their childcare provider. To continue receiving the government support, parents will need to reconfirm their details every three months on their gov.uk account.

Household Support Fund

Support for Low Income Families who do not qualify for Free School Meals.

In light of the wide impact of cost-of-living increases, especially for food and fuel, Wiltshire Council have made the decision to reach out to lower income families, with children of school age, who do not qualify for free school meals.

The Central Government Household Support Fund has been distributed by councils in England to directly help those who need it most. The grant is distributed through small payments to support vulnerable households to meet daily needs such as food, clothing, and utilities.

Due to this unique funding opportunity, it will be within the school's gift to identify the parents that might be facing financial hardship and, afterward, how much they want to offer each family that comes forward. It is anticipated that the payments would be in the form of supermarket vouchers.

If you are on a low-income; not eligible for free school meals and are facing financial hardship due to the higher cost of living, please contact the School Office via email <u>admin@sambourne.wilts.sch.uk</u> and let them know you wish to be considered for a discretionary payment.

