

# Newsletter

We work together, we play together, we laugh together, we pray together.

## Forthcoming dates

- 3 May** Bank Holiday
- 13 May** Ascension Day
- 14 May** Y3 Assembly  
9.30am (via Zoom)
- 28 May** Y2 Assembly  
9.30am (via Zoom)
- 28 May** End of half term  
cake sale (Covid safe)
- 31 May** Half Term week
- 12 June** Year 4/5 First  
Holy Communion 11am
- 18 June** Year 1 Assembly  
9.30am (via Zoom)
- 21 June** Year 6  
Residential Trip
- 2 July** Reception Class  
Assembly (via Zoom)

*Dates may change and be added in  
line with lockdown guidance.*

## Dear Parents,

We were very pleased to welcome the children back after Easter, with the promise of a more settled term at school than the last. Please continue to support us in helping your children to get back into a regular routine by ensuring standards of attendance, punctuality and uniform are high. If you have not yet had a chance to visit the barbers and the uniform shop, please use the long weekend as a perfect opportunity to get those chores done!

The staff would like to thank you all very much for the thoughtful gifts of the toaster and sandwich maker for the staffroom. They will make our lunches much tastier and have already got lots of use. The smell of cheese toasties has been wafting along the corridor every day!

I hope you have a wonderful long May Day weekend.

**Best wishes, Mrs Griffiths, Headteacher**

## Get thinking!

If Friday was a colour, what colour would it be?

What do you think? Take a moment to discuss this at home, or with your friends.

Remember, there is no right or wrong answer and it is the process of discussing that is important!

## Moving on to Pastures New?

If your child will be leaving us at the end of the year, please let us know as soon as you can so that your place can be offered to another child. It is important that we know well in advance so that all the necessary arrangements can be made.

## Easter Season



Easter isn't over! It's easy to be forced into thinking that Easter finishes on Easter Sunday because of marketing in shops. However, for Christians, the 'Easter Season' began on Easter Sunday and continues for 50 days until Pentecost, this year on May 23rd. The children have been learning about the signs and symbols associated with Easter and we will continue to learn about them until Pentecost. They include: the liturgical colour yellow, culinary treats and how symbols of spring in nature link to our Easter traditions. Watch this space for an 'eggciting' egg painting competition which will be judged by RE and Art prefects. More information to follow next week!

## Year 6 School Journey



We are very excited that Year 6's school residential trip to Grittleton House can go ahead in June. We will be holding an information meeting for parents and children very soon (date still to be confirmed). In the meantime, [click here](#) for more information.



## Fortnightly Learning Summary

### Reception

- Counting on and counting backwards (Maths)
- Life cycle of a butterfly
- Writing about who Superworm is going to save next
- Making minibeast collages
- Exploring the story of Thomas doubting Jesus (RE)
- Learning to play Snakes and Ladders
- Sorting minibeasts by their number of legs

### Year 1

- Maths: Division - sharing and grouping
- English: Planning and creating an imaginary story based on our new book 'How to find Gold'
- History: people who help us - Tom Moore and Mary Seacole
- Science: Plants
- Trip: Chelsea Physic Gardens

### Year 2

- Maths: Recognising/finding halves & quarters of shapes/objects.
- English: Making predictions about the Secret of Black Rock and researching and writing fact files about fishermen and women.
- Science: Comparing seeds
- Topic: Comparing London and Tobermory and finding out why lighthouses are important.
- RE: Learning about the Resurrection and reflecting on how Mary Magdalene felt when she met Jesus in the garden.
- Art: Observing Winslow Homer's watercolour seascapes.

### Year 3

- Maths: Finding the perimeter of a shape, unit and non-unit fractions, making the whole with fractions.
- English: Newspaper reports about the finding of Rhodopis' letter asking for help (Cinderella of the Nile)
- Topic: Discovering who the Ancient Greeks were and finding evidence about Ancient Greek life through artefacts.
- Science: Investigating how animals, including humans, and plants get their food and nutrition.
- R.E: Celebrating Easter and the Pentecost: Exploring how we and the Church celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus.

### Year 4

- Maths: Ordering and comparing decimal numbers
- English: Writing a diary entry base on the first chapters of 'How to Train your Dragon'
- RE: Why Jesus chose Simon Peter to be head of the Church
- Science: Learning to identify the symbols on an electric circuit
- Topic: Learning who the Anglo Saxons were
- Art: Planning how to make an Anglo Saxon brooch

### Year 5

- Maths: writing decimals, decimals as fractions, thousandths, writing thousandths as decimals, ordering, comparing and rounding decimals
- English: diary entries from a character's point of view and setting descriptions, inspired by 'The Diver's Daughter'
- Topic: placing the Tudors within world history and understanding how the Tudors came to the throne
- Science: Investigating water resistance
- RE: Life in the Risen Jesus: knowing that Jesus is risen from the dead and reflecting on what the resurrection of Jesus means

### Year 6

- Maths: Calculating the area of triangles
- English: Writing poems about the experience of refugees.
- Topic: Understanding the difference between push and pull factors for migration.
- Science: Understanding the scientific meaning of inheritance and adaptation.
- RE: Exploring the biblical account of the Ascension.

## Bank Holiday



We are closed on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May for the Bank Holiday. Happy May Day!

## Our Lady of Walsingham



One of our lovely families visited the shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham and said prayers for us all. Thank you so much, and for sharing these beautiful photos with us too!

## Online Safety Workshop

If you were unable to attend our online safety parent workshop last week, please click [this link](#) to go to the online recording.



## Year 1 at the Physic Garden



How wonderful that trips can now go ahead! Year 1 had a lovely time at Chelsea Physic Garden learning about habitats. They were also praised by a member of the public for their good behaviour!

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Fit for Sport will soon be opening bookings for an extended school club. A walking bus will take the children directly to Park Walk School. We are delighted to be able to offer this daily service for those families who need after school care for their children every day. Please [click here](#) for the link.

## He is Risen Artwork



Here is an example of some of the 'He is Risen' artwork that each class has created to celebrate the Easter season. The pointillism crosses have been made by Year 5 using cotton buds to make a symmetrical design around a central cross. The work will be displayed in the school hall next week as an expression of our faith.