

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the Easter holidays, I am delighted to look back on a term packed full of learning and fun. Here are a few of the things which have been going on in the life of the school:

MP Visit

The children of Jackson class write: *On 25th March Jackson class were lucky to have Mark Pawsey MP visit our class. We'd written to him to express our concerns about gender inequality especially in parliament and surprisingly, he wrote back and asked if he could meet us to discuss this! When he visited, he talked to us about the issue and responded to our questions. He also told us about his plan for Rugby and what it's like in parliament. After this excitement, he joined us in assembly where he handed out awards in recognition of our school's festival of hope.*



Sports Experiences

Miss Randle has been doing a great job to raise the profile of sport in our community by offering extra curricular opportunities. We've been able to take groups to visit Wasps Netball and Rugby teams and everyone that has been has had a great experience. Look out for more opportunities to get involved!



Kenilworth Castle Year 1 Visit

It was a great pleasure to take Bell class to Kenilworth Castle on a misty Monday morning. The children learned lots and were beautifully behaved.



Football

The boys football team has played a number of fixtures during the Spring term, winning all of their matches so far!

Congratulations to the team for representing the school with great enthusiasm and demonstrating our values of Growth, Community and Respect.



School Uniform – Summer Term

With Spring around the corner and hopefully a lovely warm summer approaching, a reminder that children can wear our summer uniform from next term. This replaces white shirts/blouses with the white **St. Gabriel's** polo shirt and can be worn with grey shorts, pinafore dresses or trousers. The other option is for a burgundy gingham summer dress which can be purchased inexpensively from local retailers. Ties do not need to be worn with either of the above but children should come to school with a school jumper or cardigan in case it gets cool. School polo shirts are available to buy through ParentPay and collect from the office. This is for the summer term only and in September, children will revert to ties and shirts as normal.

Comic Relief - Red Nose Day

We have raised an amazing £291 for this year's charity fundraiser so thank you for all your donations which will help to support children and families in the United Kingdom as well as around the world!



Ukraine Appeal

Thank you for the vast amount of plasters and bandages brought in at very short notice for the victims of war in Ukraine. The organisers were overwhelmed with your generosity and the supplies have now been safely delivered to Poland. On 16th March, as part of the First News Ukraine appeal, children across the country dressed in yellow and blue and raised an astonishing £64,286! Thank you so much for giving to this, our children responded so compassionately demonstrating our values of love and community.



Bee crochet



One of our fantastic Year 6 pupils has been making crochet bees in the colours of Ukraine to raise money for the relief fund. Next term, we will be holding a sale at the end of the day when children and parents will have the opportunity to buy these unique items. The date of sale and price for the bees will be communicated in due course.

I hope you all have a super Easter break and enjoy time together in the nicer weather. Thank you to everyone for your hard work this term, it's such a pleasure to work with you all.

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Peter 1:3

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'A Taylor'.

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New COVID regulations from 1st April

From 1st April, Government guidance has changed and their new national guidance can be [viewed here](#). In summary:

- Children and young people with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend their education setting.
- Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people, where they can. They can go back to school, college or childcare, and resume normal activities when they no longer have a high temperature and they are well enough to attend.
- All children and young people with respiratory symptoms should be encouraged to cover their mouth and nose with a disposable tissue when coughing and/or sneezing and to wash their hands after using or disposing of tissues.
- Children under 18 who have a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for **3 days** after the day they took the test, if they can. After 3 days, if they feel well and do not have a high temperature, the risk of passing the infection on to others is much lower.
- Testing is no longer recommended for children unless advised by a health professional.
- Children and young people who usually go to school, college or childcare and who live with someone who has a positive COVID-19 test result should continue to attend as normal.



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