





Newsletter



Monday 4th April 2022



	<i>Pupils Involved</i>	<i>Event</i>
Monday 4 th April	Whole school Yr 5	Music with Mr Burns. Visit to The Sill and Sycamore Gap - poetry event.
Tuesday 5 th April	Whole school Whole school	PE & visit from James Dasaolu (Team GB athlete) Please send in any sponsor money - thank you. After school clubs - finish at 4pm. Forest School session outdoors.
Wednesday 6 th April	Whole school - Visit from Theatre sans Frontiers. Children's Easter Bingo - finish at 5pm. £6 per child via ParentPay, includes snacks.	
Thursday 7 th April	Reception & Class 1	Swimming - need swimming kit (costume /trunks, goggles and a towel in a bag)
Friday 8 th April	Fun Friday : let's come in non-school uniform. School closes for the Easter holidays.	
<div></div> <div>We wish everyone a safe and happy Easter holiday.</div> <div></div>		
Monday 25 th April	Whole school	Music with Mr Burns.
Tuesday 26 th April	Whole school Reception	After school clubs - finish at 4pm. Forest School session - outdoors.
Wednesday 27 th April		
Thursday 28 th April	Class 2	Swimming - need swimming kit.
Friday 29 th April		



Please contact our school office as soon as possible if your child is absent– thank you.

What are we doing in our classrooms this week...?

Reception Topic - What a wonderful world. Theme of the week- Easter

Communication and Language- We will read the Easter story and think about what we have heard, we might make comments about what we have heard and ask questions to clarify our understanding.

Personal and Social Development- We will read the story the Great Egg Hunt and work as a 'team' to complete a range of Easter challenges.

Physical Development - In PE, we will work on multiskills with Mr.Ellison and we will work in our outdoor area using small and large equipment. We will be visited by James Dasaolu (Team GB athlete) and we will have our last swimming lesson. .

Literacy- Following our Read, Write Inc phonics programme we will continue to practise reading tricky words and words with the diagraphs sh, ch, th, ng, nk, ee, oo, ay, igh and ow. We will write our own Easter Cards and super sentences about our boiled egg creations.

Mathematics- We will focus on patterns, looking at simple and more complex repeating patterns. We will create noise, action and physical patterns.

Understanding the World - We will listen to and discuss the Easter story. We will talk about Easter and we how people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways.

Expressive Arts and Design - We will continue our music sessions with Mr Burns. We will take part in a range of Easter craft and use a variety of materials and explore colour, design and texture in decorating a hard boiled egg.

Class 1 - English: Our core text this half term is '10 Things I can do to Help my World by Melanie Walsh' and 'Meerkat Mail'. This week we will be continuing to write our own non-chronological reports. Our focus is editing and improving our work using our non-negotiables. We will be completing reading assessments.

Maths: We are learning about how to give change and to pay for objects using the correct amount of money. We will be setting up our own shop to help us to consolidate our knowledge. We will also be completing Maths assessments.

Science: We will be learning about what happens to our bodies when we exercise. We will be doing lots of different exercises and creating our own exercise routines on the playground to show our friends.

Geography- This week we will be learning all about North America and South America. We will be exploring human and physical features of Brazil. We will be learning all about rainforests and creating our own rainforest animal.

Art- Our topic this half term is exploring the artist Henri Rousseau and animal art. This week we will be doing lots of Easter crafts such as Easter cards and pictures for the co-op.

R.E: We will be learning all about how we celebrate Easter and comparing it to how Christians celebrate Easter. We will be making Easter baskets.

PE: This half term we will be doing tag rugby and athletics. We will also be swimming on a Thursday.

Computing: We will be exploring what animation is and looking at how this is created. We will be learning how to create a storyboard.

PSHE: This week we will be looking at keeping ourselves clean and why we need to brush our teeth,

Music: We will be playing instruments and learning all about finding the beat.

How to help at home: If you have any coins at home can you encourage your child to identify the amount. Can they make different amounts using the coins?

Class 2 : English - We finish the Wild Robot this week with writing our own poetry as autumn arrives on the island. We are then going to be using the skills we have learned this half term to write a sequel to the story. We will be focusing on using direct speech, paragraphs and descriptive writing. Year 4 will also be adding in expanded noun phrases and fronted adverbials, Year 5 will be considering the different tenses that they use and adding parenthesis for extra detail.

Maths - Year 3 will be working on mass this week by measuring and comparing mass before adding and subtracting mass towards the end of the week. Year 4 continue with decimals by dividing 1 and 2 digit numbers by 10 before moving onto hundredths as decimals, on a place value grid and dividing numbers by 100. Year 5 are going to be working on lots of multiplying fractions this week, they will begin by multiplying unit and non-unit fractions by integers before multiplying mixed numbers by integers.

Science - We are going to be learning about British plants this week and then completing our end of unit quiz on environments.

Topic - To finish our India topic we will be comparing India to the United Kingdom.

RE - We are going to be sequencing the Easter story this week.

Computing - We are going to be writing advice to people about how to stay safe on the internet.

PE - Games with Mr Ellison.

Helping at home - Can you spot any British plants around the village and in your gardens?



Easter - please bring a hard boiled egg (or 2 in case of accidents!) into school so that we can decorate them in class.

You'll be able to take it to the Easter egg hunt in the village on Good Friday. Thank you.

Children from all classes are invited to stay after school on Wednesday 6th April to play Bingo with their friends. This is always a fun event with snacks, laughter and lots of chocolate prizes.

The cost to stay after school until 5pm is £6 per child. ParentPay will be set up to accept payment and as confirmation of your child's attendance.



Orders for Summer Term milk need to be received in school and confirmed on ParentPay by Wednesday 6th April.

The cost of milk is £14.25 (unless you are entitled to Free School Meals)

Hundred Square : Our 'Friends' of Bellingham Primary have organised another on-line fundraiser. The popular '100 Square' is filling up nicely and can be accessed via our parent Facebook page (or by catching Laura – Max & Frankie's mam)

Thank you to our visitors into school last week for Open Mornings - it was lovely to see so many people in school and the children were so pleased to be showing you around. We had a total of 55 visitors and lots of positive feedback - thank you. We'll arrange some further dates next term.



We'd like to share this lovely letter from Tracey at 'Hoopstarz' that arrived over the weekend - well done everyone!

'I would like to thank you for hosting a morning of Hoopstarz. I thoroughly enjoyed the sessions and hope that everyone within school did too. Thank you for making me feel so welcome, all the children and staff were lovely!

Please also pass on my compliments to your children on their attitude and behaviour, they were a pleasure to teach and really are a credit to your school.

It was wonderful to see the children (and staff) mastering new skills with their hoops. The sheer determination on some of the faces was a delight, I hope they are able to use the skills and games they have learnt in the playground to make it more active and fun!

I look forward to working in your school again soon.'

