

The value we are looking at this half term is Justice. Our HeartSmart focus is: Don't hold on to what's wrong

Tuesday 5th April 2022
Spring 2022 Newsletter 11

Things to remember:

- Easter Bingo Wednesday 6th - come and win some chocolatey delights!
- Please remember it is an INSET day on Friday - children break up on Thursday at the usual time of 3.15pm

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe we are already at the end of the spring term, and once we return after Easter it will be Year 4's final term with us! We have plenty of plans in place for the summer term to make it as memorable as possible for all our children - we just need the good weather to get a move on now!

COVID-19 update

As you are probably aware, new guidance around COVID-19 was brought in by the government from last week. From now on, the guidance is as follows:

- Testing for COVID-19 is no longer free
- There is no systematic testing of staff taking place in school
- Adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection and who have a high temperature or feel unwell should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature
- Children who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can return to school when they no longer have a high temperature and are well enough to attend
- Adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with others for 5 days
- Children with a positive COVID-19 result should stay at home and avoid contact with others for **3 days**. They can then return to school as long as they are well enough and do not have a high temperature
- You may be interested in this link which lists the new symptoms of Covid: [Updated list of Covid symptoms](#)

Please do continue to inform us of any positive tests you may have. The school will no longer be setting remote learning for children who are at home ill with COVID.

School Reports - Attendance

I have had a couple of queries regarding the attendance part of the recent school reports. Please do not worry if your child's attendance falls into the lower attendance figures because they have been off with COVID. We are fully aware of this and will not be treating this as a cause for concern.

The Queen and I

The school is very excited to announce our involvement in a new project with AsOne Theatre group in the run up to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We will be linking up with older people locally, including those suffering with dementia, to explore what the Queen represents to us all. Our Year 3 class will be leading the project, with each class getting involved along the way. The project will result in a song, a documentary style film and a book - more details to follow as we firm up plans!

Staffing Update - Mrs King

We said our official goodbye to Mrs King this week. Maria had worked in the school for several years, mainly in charge of cooking, plus keeping an eye on Breakfast Club and several other things around the school! Maria has taken a step back from school to concentrate on her family, but we hope to see her around as much as possible. The school will miss her very much and send her, and Pete, her husband, all our very best wishes.

Hooke Court

The Year 4s returned last Friday from a very successful trip to Hooke Court. I know Ms Carter, Mrs Pullen, Ms Barnett and Mrs Crumbleholme were really impressed with them all, and I had a great (if very chilly!) day with them on the Thursday. They were a credit to the school and to you all as families - well done Year 4, we were so proud of you all!

PreSchool Easter Egg Hunt

The PreSchool would like to invite you all to collect an activity sheet - from the school office or from preschool itself - for a chance to win an Easter egg! Posters will be put up around the village over the holidays - see if you can spot them all and answer the questions for the chance to win a prize!

Sheets are £2 and need to be collected before the end of term and handed in to the village shop by Wednesday 20th April.

Children's Fossil Competition

I know that many children in our school share my love of fossils and fossil collection, and thought you might be interested in the following competition:

The Etches Collection – Museum of Jurassic Marine Life, located on the Jurassic Coast World Heritage Site in Dorset have this week launched the Inaugural Children's Fossil Competition. For the next 4 months children between the ages of 5-16, who live in the UK will have the opportunity to enter one of their fossils into the competition and get the chance to have it on display at our museum. Every child that enters the competition will receive a personal annual pass to the museum that is valid for the year and will also get an e-certificate. The 6 winners will have their fossil on display alongside our collection for an entire year.

Here is a little bit more about the competition:

- This competition is for children to earn the chance to display their fossil finds alongside the collection on display at The Etches Collection – Museum of Jurassic Marine Life.
- The competition will be open to all UK residents between 5 and 16 years old. (Must have parent/guardian permission to enter)
- Every child who enters the competition will receive a personal annual pass to the museum. (Valid from September 1st 2022 - September 1st 2023.)
- The competition has two age ranges 5-10 and 11-16. There will be 6 winners in total, 3 from each age range.
- The competition window is open from Monday, March 28th, 2022 until Friday, August 5th, 2022, where the children will have time to submit their entry form along with a written paper, presentation or video explaining where the fossil was discovered, what it is and why they believe it should be on display at the museum. No fossils are to be submitted at this stage in the process.

More information can be found on the following link:
<https://www.theetchescollection.org/fossilcomp>

It only remains for me to wish you all a happy and peaceful holiday. We will see you all on Monday 25th April, refreshed and ready to start a brand new term!

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Collings

Calendar Dates- SummerTerm 2022

Date	Time	Event
APRIL 2022		
Wednesday 6th		FABS Easter Bingo
Thursday 7th		Last day of Spring term
Friday 8th		INSET Day
Mon 11th - Fri 22nd		EASTER HOLIDAYS
Monday 25th		Return to school - start of summer term
Thursday 28th	1.30pm	Lifeguard assembly
MAY 2022		
Monday 2nd		Bank Holiday
Tuesday 17th	8.30am departure	Y3 & Y4 Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra visit - Poole Lighthouse Theatre
Friday 27th		Queen's Jubilee Playground Party Last day of half term
Mon 30th - Friday 3rd June		Half term
JUNE 2022		
Monday 6th		Return to School Let's Count Day Start of World Wise Week
Tuesday 7th		Whole class photos
Thursday 9th		BioBlitz Day
Saturday 18th		Year 4- Songline Project performance - Maumbury Rings from 2pm - 5pm
JULY 2022		
Thursday 21st		LAST DAY OF TERM - School finishes at 2pm
Friday 22nd		INSET Day

