



Newsletter 18

23 April 2021

Dear Parents & Families

Teachers have really enjoyed catching up with parents during the recent consultations. Virtual meetings don't always go to plan, so thank you for working with us and overcoming any glitches. There are bonuses to Zoom as we had one parent join a meeting from Dubai!

You should all be immensely proud of yourselves for the support you gave your children during lockdown. It is clear the 'gaps' in learning are nowhere near as big as anticipated and most children are really settled and fully engaged in their learning. Teachers have said how much they have enjoyed chatting about their class and realising how well they are doing and how resilient they are.

There is a real buzz around the school and hearing chatter and laughter is what we have missed so much. The bright weather also helps—it has been a long time since we've seen all the school on the field, having fun in the sunshine! Fingers crossed it continues.

Mrs Karen Stanton & Miss Becky Snelling
Co-Headteachers

PTA Cream Tea

It's not too late to order -please email lisa.davis74@icloud.com to place your order, you can then pay by the following link:https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/caldecoteschoolpta/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_medium=clipboard&utm_content=cpl

Please Help Us Keep All Children Safe

There have been minor bumps and near misses in the Village Hall car park. Please can we ask you all to:

- Drive slowly and carefully
- **Use the path and pedestrian gate - don't walk in the car park or stand and wait for your child in the car park as this encourages them to walk across to you**
- Be considerate to others, especially those with younger children or buggies/pushchairs





Dates for the Diary

2021 PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THE DATES SO YOU DON'T MISS ANYTHING	
Monday 3rd May	Bank Holiday
Friday 28th May	Training Day
Monday 31st May-Friday 4th June	Half Term

Careclubs



Careclubs had a very busy and fun packed Easter Holiday club. Activities included decorating hard boiled eggs and then having "Egg & Spoon races" on the field, we then had a competition rolling them down the hill. We also made Easter nests, had Easter egg hunts, face painting and enjoyed the lovely weather when it wasn't snowing! (It was very bizarre weather!) We also did lots of other fun activities including visiting the new park in the village which was very popular with all of the children.

We are also proud to announce we have once again achieved a 5* food hygiene rating after our current Food Hygiene inspection .



Well done to Advay who learnt to solve the Rubik cube in the Easter holidays. He did this in 3 days and his current best time is 3.50 seconds! Advay is really keen to share his achievement with everyone and is going to organise a 'Rubik' club later in the term where he will help others to become experts like him



School Lunches - Lunchtime Co.

Our school lunches are great and we are so lucky to have such a committed team in Karen Hibberd and Emma Morgan who do all they can to make sure the food is tasty and attractive so it encourages children to eat well and be adventurous with their choices. We are only able to provide alternative meals for:

- Medical issues (eg gluten intolerant)
- Religious observance

Our menu is designed to offer a range of options to suit all tastes and follows Government guidance. Dietary requirements such as vegetarian, are already catered for within the offer. **We cannot provide different choices for children who do not like what is on the menu so please do not ask us to do this.**

Celebration Assembly

We will continue to have our Celebration Assemblies on Friday afternoon but these will be via Zoom within school.
We are sad that we can't share this wonderful time with you all but hopefully your children will let you know all about it.

Orange Class have had a wonderful start to the Summer term and we have enjoyed our first few lessons on our new topic: Mighty Metals. As part of our topic, we have been reading the Iron Man together. The story has been thrilling, but we heard the news that the World Leaders are planning to force the Iron Man to leave! To prevent this, we have been writing persuasive letters to all the World Leaders, trying to convince them to let the Iron Man stay. Our letters were very persuasive so I am sure the Iron Man will continue to help the earth for much longer.

We have also been investigating magnets and we now understand how lots of magnetic things in our homes work! We have systematically tested magnets to find why they attract or repel and we have tested magnets on a range of metal items. Orange Class have enjoyed this topic so far and we have even created music based on metal noises! We can't wait to see what other activities we will be doing to learn more about these mighty metals.

What a delightful start to the summer term! We have started our new topic - Bright Lights mostly based around the Great Fire of London. The class are thoroughly engaged and loving learning about London in the 17th Century. Next week we will be starting our DT project, so each child needs to have an empty, not flat-packed, cereal box. We would be grateful if they could bring one in for **Wednesday 28th April**. It has been lovely catching up with you all at parent consultations and sharing home learning experiences and how resilient all the children have been settling back into school life.

Purple class have been working very hard this week, especially with their maths work. They have worked hard on solving mixed number equations and subtracting fractions. Purple class have also enjoyed observing the plants and vegetables that we are continuing to grow and they are now ready to be planted outside! The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the reasons why Anglo Saxons came to Britain.

Red Class have had a fantastic start to the new term. We have begun our new topic by finding out about animals that live on the farm. In literacy, they have been writing sentences about the characters in our class stories. In maths, they have been practising forming numerals correctly and grouping and adding amounts. They have also been adding up money to make totals using the coins. They have really enjoyed drawing maps and plans of farms and writing their own labels for them. They have also programmed the Bee Bots to follow directions around a farm map. Painting and drawing farm animals and mini beasts has resulted in some super art work. It has also been really lovely to have some sunshine and to be able to get outside and play on the school field!

Blue Class have had a great start to the summer term! We have already explored the school wooded area and have found lots of natural resources which we have used to make animal homes and art work. We have also been looking for signs of spring and have written some amazing spring poems!
Don't forget that we are visiting Hardwick Woods on Tuesday morning. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us but please make sure your child has a bottle of water, wellies and a waterproof, if needed. They should wear their normal school uniform.
We hope you have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sunshine!
from the Blue Class team

Green Class started off the term with a great (but rather yucky!) investigation to see what happens to our food when we eat it. We learnt lots of new vocabulary and most of us really enjoyed it! We are also learning about a healthy lifestyle and have been thinking about the importance of exercise, a balanced diet and a positive mindset. We have taken part in a range of different exercises to increase our heart rate and found out what happens to our body.

All of Silver Class have started the Summer term as they mean to go on - hard working, enthusiastic and eager to please. We have started to learn about the composer Bach and listened to Toccata and Fugue. We are currently learning how to play this piece with a range of instruments. The class sounded great on the xylophones this week when playing the opening phase. In Science this week, we have been learning about inheritance. The class created offspring from Little Miss and Mr Men characters which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. We have loved having Miss Beldam from Cambridgeshire Music over these past two weeks to help us create a musical. We are looking forward to more visits from her. We have loved playing and learning in the sunshine, please remember to wear sun cream and pack a hat.



It's time to ...
Celebrate!



16/04/21

23/04/2021

Star awards: YR– Marcus Weston
Y1– Jack Hodges
Y2– Beatrice Garnham
Y3– Joshua Crutch
Y4– Vanessa Hall
Y5– Finn Johnson
Y6– Bernard Moj

James Townsley
Nell Lankriet
Hristo Mihajloski
Ethan Lam
Alfie Taylor
Jeremiah Bio
Silver Class

5*Book: Megan Sparrow
Flossie Styles

Viktoria Echiadi
Enrico D'Appollonio

Well Done Everyone!

Online Safety

Scratch is a great platform to practice coding but we would advise that it should be used with adult supervision. Please be aware that if choosing to press the share button, projects will be shared online. Instead, projects can still be saved without sharing them or be saved to the computer. Alternatively, the Scratch APP can be downloaded and used without the internet. Procedures for reporting any concerns can be found in the Scratch reporting guidelines.



