



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER SPRING TERM 2018

Welcome to our Spring Term Newsletter. Thank you for all of your support during what has been an enlightening term for us all not least through the adverse weather, which continues to threaten us! I hope that you took advantage of the opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher this term to discuss any issues you may have. Please remember that class teachers are available at any time during the year. Please contact the office to make an appointment. We are looking forward to brighter weather in the new term. **Remember we are only closed for one week. The children return to school on Monday 9th April.** Have a lovely Easter. Mrs Murphy

School Council

The School Council is now in place. You can see their profiles on the school website. They are going to be participating in the selection of our new school cook next term. This will be a very important decision for them!



Breakfast Club

The breakfast club is free for all pupils and starts at 8.30 am.



Please remember that packed lunches for children should be healthy and well balanced, in line with the Whole School Packed Lunch Policy



The children in **Year One** have been learning all about measuring in Mathematics. Last week we went out onto the school yard and measured a real life sized T-Rex. First we used the internet to find out how big an actual T-Rex was. Vincent read the information and Miss Hall recorded it on a white-board. Then we went outside and using metre rulers we measured how tall and how long the T-Rex was, counting the metres together. We then marked it out using cones and then finally drew a life size dinosaur using chalk. The children then took turns to draw and label the features including eyes, claws and teeth. At playtime the rest of the school came out and we shared the chalk with the older children who helped us to draw even more life size dinosaurs.



Early Years

Spring has sprung for the Garden Gang! The children have been working with Jimmy in the allotment planting peas and checking the onions they had planted a few weeks ago. The children noticed that the rhubarb and pumpkins had started to grow too.



Year 3 worked really hard this term when they had an afternoon at the multiskills festival at Temple Park. As a class we really enjoyed it and had lots of fun.



Computing – don't forget there are a range of activities you could be doing during the holidays. Most KS2 children have access to programs such as Mathletics, Active Learn, Achieve 3000 and Purple Mash. Another really useful site to visit is Multiplication.com where you can play games and learn your tables! Remember all computer use should be monitored by adults. There are an increasing number of incidents linked to inline behaviour and children at our school should not be using Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat etc as the age limit for this is 13+



Year 5 have had such a great term learning about Mini-beasts in their beast creator topic. We have created our own mini beasts and designed bug hotels as well as learning all about the life of Charles Darwin. The best part of the topic was learning about the different bugs when a visitor brought in a range of mini-beasts. Declan said, "The best thing was holding the giant stick insect and cockroach!"

Thank you for your support for this worthy cause . The children really enjoyed the activities especially eating their 'healthy wrap'!
We raised £212.50.



Year 6 have been very enthusiastic about their World War Two topic. The children have loved reading Goodnight Mr Tom and learning all about evacuation, rationing, the Blitz and many more aspects. To enhance their understanding, we visited Eden Camp (a World war Two prisoner of war camp converted into a museum. Our favourite parts included : seeing the wartime vehicles, finding out about life in the Blitz and visiting the inside of the U-boat.

Year 2 had a fantastic time at the KS1 Athletics Festival at Temple Park. They took part in lots of activities including running, jumping, throwing and balancing. They also worked on their teamwork skills and all



CAR PARKING

Would car drivers please be respectful of residents driveways and NOT park in front of them, or any gates which require access at all times.



SATS This is an incredibly important time of the year for the **Year 6** pupils. We are running Booster Club every Thursday morning and two lunchtimes. Many children are taking advantage of this extra time available to prepare themselves for SATS. Every Wednesday we have Mindfulness to teach the children strategies in order to remain calm and focussed during this time.



Inside an Anderson shelter!