



Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another.

Newsletter No. 26: Friday 21st April 2023

Weekly News

Dear Parents,

Welcome back, everyone. We hope you had a lovely Easter break and are excited for the summer term ahead of us. There will be much to report on during what will inevitably be an incredibly busy term and we look forward to sharing this with you in due course.

Thank you to everyone who attended parents' evening on Tuesday and Wednesday. We hope you found the meetings informative in outlining and celebrating your child's strengths, talents and achievements and thinking about their targets and next steps for this summer term, in readiness for their next year group.

Thank you, also, to those of you who attended the nurse workshop on Tuesday. Please see the 'Mental Health and Wellbeing' page on our school website - the slides from the fussy eating workshop can be found there along with lots of other useful information. At 2:15pm on 21st June, we have a further nurse workshop on the theme of children's sleep. All parents will be welcome.

We are also looking forward to holding more of these kind of events along the theme of children's health, both physical and emotional, but also some more curriculum themed workshops. They will be a chance for you to work with your child and see what is being covered in school.

The children have come back looking really smart and ready to learn this week in their summer uniform. However, please be mindful of our PE uniform, which consists of black joggers or shorts (no sports labels, stripes or leggings) and a red t-shirt and jumper.

We hope Y5 are enjoying their visit to the Space Centre today. We can't wait to hear about all of your new knowledge next week! We have also enjoyed reading a letter to Y5 from MP Wendy Morton. They had previously written to Mrs Morton as part of their Wider Learning project when studying the rainforests, deforestation and natural habitats. Please have a read of the letter attached.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,
Mrs Hill

Virtues

Our virtues for this half term are **Curious** and **Active**. Pupils are growing to be **curious** about everything and **active** in their engagement with the world, changing what they can do for the better.

Curiosity is needed to sustain learning. It can keep us going through difficult situations and opens up new horizons. It allows the possibility of 'finding God in all things.' **Curiosity** is the key to education. Learning is something to be **actively** engaged in by probing, seeking, asking, challenging and questioning until the truth is plain. At school, we are challenging the children to 'think globally and act locally', coming back to our progress towards the **Live Simply Award**.

Linking Curious and Active to artwork
(Ascension of Christ, Michael O'Brien:

Have a look at this image with your child. What thoughts, feelings, emotions and beliefs do you think are depicted by the disciples in this painting?

You could read the scripture account of the Ascension and compare and contrast it to the painting.

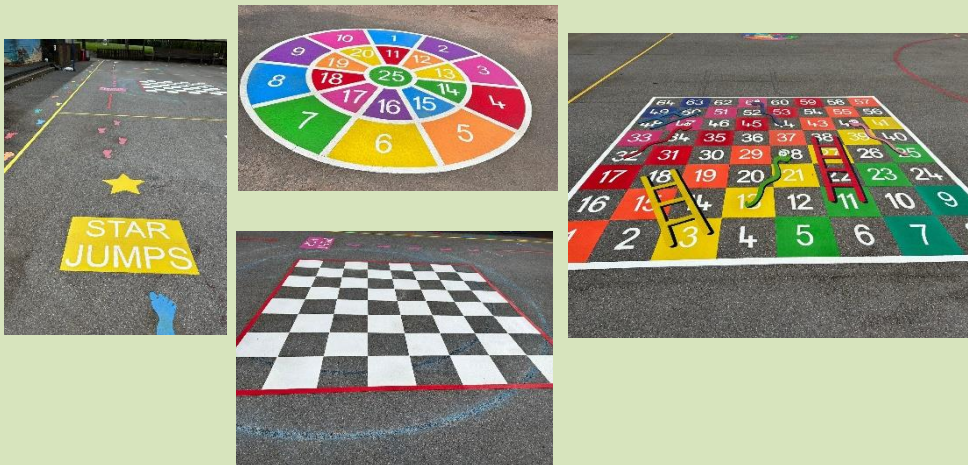




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Notices PTA Update

Thank you to our PTA who have raised money for some amazing new additions to our playground. We had some contractors in over the Easter holiday, who along with Mr Leek, are helping to make the playground look fantastic. The first part of the playground improvements are completed, with the markings - games, fitness circuits and number challenges. We also had some large chalkboards installed. We are waiting on some of the large playground practical games and some wall displays. We look forward to sharing pictures with you when it is all completed! Here is a sneak peek of what has been completed so far:



Events

Y4 Swimming has started on a Tuesday afternoon

Wednesday 26th April: Y1 Blists Hill visit

Thursday 27th April 2:30pm EYFS Easter Service in school, parents welcome

Thursday 27th April 6pm Y3 First Holy Communion Parent Meeting

Monday 1st May - Bank Holiday
School Closed

Friday 5th May - Coronation themed day

Monday 8th May - Bank Holiday
School Closed

Please see separate letters about KS1 and KS2 SATs for Y2 and Y6.

Reflection

This Sunday is the Third Sunday of Easter.

The disciples were filled with despair and disbelief at the death of Jesus. On the way to Emmaus, two disciples eventually realised who the risen Jesus was as He blessed the bread and broke it. Through sharing God's word and the breaking of bread, their eyes were opened and they could see clearly.

*Lord Jesus,
Each time we come together to share in the breaking of bread,
Help us to recognise you and to feel our hearts burn with your love.
Amen.*



Yours sincerely,
Mrs N. Hill
Headteacher