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Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Spring is here! After what has been a very challenging year, it finally feels as though life is starting to return to normal and there is hope for the future. It makes me wonder if there are some parallels to be drawn between the Christian message of the Easter story and the huge challenges we have faced over the last 'COVID' year.



For Christians, part of the Easter message is about going from despair to celebration: from deep sadness and upset following Jesus' death on the cross to a time of joy and celebration of his resurrection and the new, eternal life it promises.

The children have missed so much schooling in the last year but there is a different type of education that many of them may have learnt, be it consciously or subconsciously, that can give us hope. Here are 5 reasons why we should look back on what has happened and think positively about what some of our children will be taking into the future:



1. They have learned how **important being with friends and family** is, as well as the need to stay in touch and support each other during difficult times.

2. They've learnt a lot about **the value of science**, particularly around viruses, infections and risk and the importance of personal hygiene and health and safety.



3. They have seen how **people can be an inspiration** and make us think about how we might help others by doing something great, just like Captain Tom and our NHS workers.

4. They will have learned more about your **world of work** and perhaps it has helped them consider what job they would like (or not like!) to do one day, having listened in on your conversations, phone calls or Zoom meetings.



5. Many have learned the **self-motivation skills** needed to be able to successfully work on their own.

Clearly, none of us would want to have another year like the one we have just had but, like the Easter story, there are lessons to be learnt that even when things can seem at their darkest and gloomiest, good things do come out of it that can provide us with joy and hope for a better future.

Have a Happy Easter Holiday!

Andrew Denham



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These are the things we have been up to this term...



Murphy Class

This term has been lots of fun for our Nursery class. We enjoyed dressing up for World Book Day and have been busy following our 'Once Upon a Time' topic, looking at lots of different traditional tales. We have also been exploring and experimenting using our five senses. It has been a pleasure to welcome four new children who have joined our lovely class.



Donaldson Class

This term we have been learning all about Castles, Knights and Fairy tales. Whilst at home, we looked at pictures of castles and designed our own castles which we made using junk modelling once back in school. We have been learning all about the features of a castle and made sure we included battlements, turrets, towers and a drawbridge on our castles.

We have spent lots of time reading traditional fairy tales and even made our very own gingerbread men, which thankfully didn't run away and tasted delicious!

As part of the science event this term, we looked at what happens to gummy bears when added into different liquids. We placed them into water, vinegar, Diet Coke, orange juice, blackcurrant squash and washing up liquid. We found that in some liquids they changed colour and grew in size but we decided that they wouldn't be very tasty to eat!



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Blake Class

It has been brilliant having Blake class back in school this term! We have all settled in brilliantly and enjoyed exploring our topic this term, The Woodlands. We have created animal fact files and posters to identify woodland animal footprints and made bird feeders. Our class has worked incredibly hard with their English this term covering instruction writing, persuasive writing and play scripts. The Big science event has allowed us to explore and question the world around us whilst having a fabulous time.



Dahl Class

We have been so happy to welcome the children back into Dahl class! In English, we've been learning about playscripts and have discovered some real acting talent amongst us, whilst in Maths we have continued with our work on fractions and time. We have really enjoyed planning and conducting our investigations for the Big Science Event. Meanwhile, in RE, we have been thinking about the meaning behind Good Friday and have made some beautiful crosses that are proudly displayed on our classroom windows. We have honed our programming skills by writing a maths quiz on Scratch, and we have learnt to count to 10 in Russian. Not bad for a short term!



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Morpurgo Class

This term we have been reading Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone and learning all about railways around the U.K. and the world. Whilst at home, we created dragon eggs and wands in art and then created newspaper articles in English when we returned to school. We also created our own magical beasts and learnt how to say some animals in French.

As part of the science event this term, we decided on our investigation questions and have been spending the last few weeks completing and presenting them. We have been working hard overcoming obstacles and thinking about why our results showed what they did.

Morpurgo has also had some furry visitors since returning to school. We have two guinea pigs on holiday with us but will sadly be returning to their homes at the end of the term. They have been named Granger and Potter and children have enjoyed spending some time with them throughout the day.



Shakespeare Class

Shakespeare Class have loved being back in school this term! Our class text, Journey to the River Sea, has inspired us in our creative writing, whilst we have been challenged when considering the impact that humans can have on mountains and rivers in our topic lessons. The Big Science Event has caused us to question, experiment and wonder, as we have designed, carried out and evaluated our own scientific investigations – with varying levels of success!

Mrs. Fleet has been brave enough to teach us how to play hockey and the glockenspiel (not at the same time!) and, with Mrs. Abraham's guidance, we have produced some artwork to be proud of with our class weaving project.



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Achievement Book

The following children have shown particularly impressive words or actions this term...

DONALDSON

Oliver for great predictions and reasoning during our science experiment

Archie for superb progress in phonics

Robyn for coming back to school with a can-do attitude and trying exceptionally hard in all areas of learning

Ella for being so enthusiastic and trying her best in everything this week

Ava for working really hard in phonics and challenging herself in all areas

BLAKE

Alexander for improved confidence and speaking online and offering his opinions and answers

Annabel for amazing online work

Elleni for great confidence and settling in to Blake class beautifully

Ella for being thoughtful and kind to everyone



DAHL

Rhys for always working hard and producing work of a high standard

Aaron for working so hard, always being cheerful and positive, challenging himself

Alfie for coming back to school with a fantastic and positive attitude to his learning

Josh for working carefully and encouraging others

Breanna for settling in so well to a new class and contributing ideas

MORPURGO

Marley for a great attitude and effort in all our home learning this week

Laycie for a fantastic start to the term where you have worked hard and shown great compassion

Lucy for consistently working hard in everything she does

Athena for improved participation and concentration

Darcy for perseverance and ambition in her work

Ava for hard work in all areas of the curriculum

SHAKESPEARE

Henry for his brilliant attitude to this week's learning

Diego for his excellent positivity and sense of humour in our online learning

Che for a seamless transition back into school life – working hard across all areas of the curriculum

Eddie for brilliant results across all of his assessments this week

Luca for his excellent attitude to his learning since coming back to school

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Star Writers

The following children have shown some great writing skills this term...

DONALDSON

Ava for a lovely retell of the story of Goldilocks and the three bears

James for a fantastic character description using adjectives, full stops and capital letters

George for superb independent sentence writing including finger spaces

Sienna for a fantastic retell of Goldilocks and the 3 bears complete with full stops and finger spaces

Oliver for using ambitious vocabulary and punctuation in his writing

BLAKE

Fin for imaginative and persuasive writing in this week's English

Sienna for great understanding of persuasive writing

Annabel for detailed instructions on how to make a bowl of cereal

Ezra for great expression in drama and a wonderful play script

DAHL

Charlie for always producing beautifully presented work with an improving expanding vocabulary

Ruby for working so hard to do her best and for a brilliant letter of apology

Jack for a great playscript using his own ideas

Freddie for amazing progress with handwriting and ordering ideas into a clear narrative

Ciara for a well written playscript

MORPURGO

Milly for trying really hard with her diary entry and including some of the features

Darragh for writing a great diary entry where you have been ambitious with language choices

Olivia for producing high quality work and working hard on presentation

Anna for using sophisticated vocabulary and ideas in her writing

Harry for trying really hard with his hand-writing and having a positive attitude during English

Kate for super planning and first draft to your newspaper report

SHAKESPEARE

Ella for a fantastic character description, using many features of creative writing

Sam for a brilliant character description – putting into practice what he has learned

Jack for super work planning and drafting our explanation texts this week – focusing on applying the skills we have learned

Lucas-James for an excellent improvement in his reading assessment this week

Indianna for her careful planning of our alternative story ending



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Marvellous Mathematicians

The following children have shown some excellent maths work this term...

DONALDSON

Mari for great enthusiasm when completing our measuring missions!
Arlowe for superb understanding of positional and directional language
Chardonnay for demonstrating a good understanding of weight and mass
Beth for making great progress in Maths during our quiz this week
Eadie for great understanding of place value to 50

BLAKE

Kaleb for great work solving fraction problems
Kitty for great interpretation skills
Tilly for great skills reading a scale when measuring mass
Mark for enthusiasm and determination



DAHL

Sophia for trying her best in maths and working hard on the grid method for multiplication
Leila for working so hard to complete all 3 sheets for each task, showing great perseverance and positive attitude
William for working accurately on addition and subtraction problem solving
Finn for working accurately and carefully in maths this week
Scout for trying hard and working well on equivalent fractions

MORPURGO

Abi for great perseverance with all of our adding fractions this week
Archie for working hard in all the lessons, participating and challenging himself
Chloe for perseverance and working hard with decimals
Esme for great perseverance with subtracting fractions this week
Emily for hard work and determination
Rosie for perseverance and determination in her maths assessments

SHAKESPEARE

Amanda for improved engagement and participation in this week's maths lessons
Fran for fantastic determination in this week's maths learning on scale factors
Ella for brilliant work on reading, interpreting and drawing line graphs this week
Mae for a fantastic result in her arithmetic paper this week
Diego Dineen-Gonzalez for super work on percentages and pie charts this week

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Other Information

TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES

SUMMER TERM 2021

Term 5: 19th April - 28th May 2021

Summer Half Term: 31st May - 4th June

Term 6: 7th June - 20th July (1.15pm finish)

School Office

We would like to give our heart-felt thanks and say a sad goodbye to Mrs Oliver who will be leaving us at the end of this term to work full-time at Stanton Harcourt. Mrs Barker will be returning to Standlake full-time, after Easter.

Tuck Shop

Due to lockdown, the children of the parents who paid for the Tuck Shop for the Spring term have only received two weeks of tuck. We have therefore decided that all payments already made will be carried over to the Summer term to ensure that those children receive tuck through to the end of the school year.

If you did not make a payment for this term but would like your child to receive tuck during the Summer term, we have re-opened the Tuck Shop payment item on Parentmail and it will stay open until midday on Thursday 22nd April. Please ensure your payments are made while the Tuck Shop payment item is open as you will not be able to place orders or make payments after that date

Live Achievement Assemblies

Every Friday at 9.00am we have an Achievement Assembly to recap on our week and celebrate the things children have done well. You and extended family are very welcome to join us on the following ZOOM link:

Meeting ID: 896 7102 9093
Passcode: 134931

Children who get a special mention in the assembly will have their names published on the Achievement Assembly page of our website.

The assemblies are recorded and can be found on the Achievement Assembly page of our website.

Term 5 Clubs

We will not be running any clubs after school in Term 5. However, **Vicky's After School Club** will be running from Monday to Thursday 3.10-5.10pm. Please contact Vicky directly if you would like to book your child a place: 07887 711454 or vickyhickman1@gmail.com. John Andrews **Morning Club** is also available to parents who need to drop off their child a little earlier in the morning. It runs from 7.45-8.45am. Please contact John directly if you would like to book your child a place: 07917 444498



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