



NEWSLETTER



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Values

During March we have been looking at the value of Forgiveness. It is not only important to be forgiven but to forgive as well.

School Mini Bus

Fantastic news! A group of parents from Greenfield have clubbed together with the GSA to provide a mini bus for our schools. This is a wonderful asset for the children and will allow us to continue to enhance our curriculum. A BIG THANK YOU to the Gills, Harleys, Mumfords and Knights.

France

Preparations for our year 4 visit to France in June are progressing well. It should be a very valuable experience.

Xylophone Capers

The Butterflies and Bumblebees class will be starting weekly xylophone lessons after Easter. These are being provided by the Music Service.

Dinner Money

Dinner money for next half term will be 28 days (20th April - 28th May less may bank holiday) £ 49.00. £ 8.75 per week Cheques payable to Eden Food services. **All dinner money must be paid at the beginning of the week.** If your child requires a dinner later in the week the school

office must be notified on the Monday to ensure enough dinners are cooked each day. We would also like to request that children keep to the same days each week for dinners.

Snow

We hope your children enjoyed the snow that fell recently and apologise for the disruption it may have caused. The decision to close the school was not taken lightly but our main concern is for the safety of our staff and pupils. Some of our staff have to travel long distances or come from villages that had been "snowed in". In order to be able to make our school a learning environment, we need adequate qualified teaching personnel and unfortunately this was not possible to guarantee.



Football Match Orchard School

We are pleased to inform you that Pulloxhill won the rematch at Orchard School which took place last week. Well done to all the team.

Clay Workshops



The children were very fortunate recently to have a clay expert, Mrs Houghton, come into school to teach them how to model with clay. All children were given the opportunity to try their hand at this activity and good fun was had by all. The Ladybirds made fish, the Butterflies modelled self portraits, the Bumblebees took their history topic of the Tudors and crafted mini sculptures of Henry VIII!



Sport Relief Mile

On the 19th March We will be taking Part in Sports Relief. Please see separate letter for details. Thank you again for supporting this worthy cause.



World Book Day

Each class took part in activities to celebrate world book day. The Butterflies children brought in their favourite books and wrote a story modelled on the book 'Whatever next'. Some of the Bumblebees class read a book to the Ladybirds class.

Bedford Museum - Butterflies

The children enjoyed their visit to Bedford Museum to look at the old toys.



Eco Council

The Eco council have held an assembly

today to talk to the children about the Fairtrade Fortnight. Thank you for the contributions for our display.



Bumblebees Class Faith Tour

Could any remaining permission slips and payments for next weeks Faith Trip be sent into the school office by return. A reminder that the children must bring a vegetarian packed lunch and a headscarf/plain bandana (no logos) for their heads. (not wool hats)

Book Fayre

The Book fayre has arrived in school, children will be able to look at the books before the sale. The Book Fayre will be held on Monday 15th March 3pm onwards in the school hall. Children will be given a £ 1 voucher as part of Book Week.



Tag Rugby

The Tag Rugby took place on the 9th March. We played well despite the cold.



Congratulations to all who took part.

Mini Sagas

We are pleased to inform you that four of our children have won a writing competition. The children had to write a 50 word story and they will be published in a book.

A huge congratulations to Oscar Butterworth, Alexandra Jephson, David Burkett and William Sims.

ICT Home Access Grant

Home Access is a government drive which will help low income families to get access to a computer and the internet to get online at home.

If you are a low income family in receipt of certain benefits you could qualify for a grant to buy a computer and/or a minimum of one years internet access. The programme is aimed at those

that need it most and targets families that do not have access to a computer or internet at home.

If you think you are eligible for a Home Access Grant please contact the school office. All information will be treated with the strictest confidence.



Butterflies Class - Easter Bonnet Fashion Show

The Butterflies Class are holding a fashion show at 9.15am in the school hall on Friday 26th March to display their Easter Bonnets. Tea and coffee will be served from 9.00am.

Jumble Sale

A reminder that FOPS are holding a jumble sale on Saturday 20th March 2pm - 4pm. The jumble can be brought into school at any time. Could any volunteers please be at school by 12.00am.

Easter Service

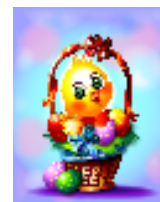
We will be holding our Easter service at St James Church in Pulloxhill on Wednesday 31st March at 2.00 pm. You are welcome to come along and join us in this celebration. Please collect your child from the church after the service. If your child goes to ASC that evening they will be walked back to school if required.

Easter Break

We are in our third week of yet another busy term. A reminder that our school day starts at 8.55am and finishes at 3.30pm.

We finish school on Thursday 1st April and the children will return to school on Tuesday 20th April.

We hope you enjoy your break.



Please see overleaf information on Parent Support Assistant

Parent Support Assistant

Being a parent or carer can be a difficult and challenging job. As parents we continually question whether we are doing a good enough job, and occasionally there are times when extra support would be appreciated. This support may be advice on how to get the children into a routine or how to deal with challenging behaviour; it may even be just someone to talk to. This is where I can be of help.

My name is Louise Smith, I am the new Parent Support Assistant for your child(rens) school, I may be able to provide you with the support you require or may be able to put you in touch with someone who can support you. As well as offering one to one support I shall be offering drop in sessions and delivering parenting programmes in school.

If you would like support for whatever reason you can contact me direct or ask the school to contact me on your behalf, my number is 07512 058674. I work part time so please feel free to leave a message if I am not available and I will get back to you my next working day.