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Dear Parents,

The RE focus across the School this month has been about holy week and Easter.

In Wrens, we explored the question “why do Christians put a cross in an Easter garden”? We discussed the palm cross and why it is a special symbol, as well as looking at other different symbols associated with Easter. We also looked at resurrection eggs to find out about the Easter story. We then drew our own Easter garden and talked about our own Easter traditions that we are looking forward to, such as an Easter egg hunt and having a special meal with our family.



In Kites and Kestrel classes, the children focused on why forgiveness is important to Christians and the importance of Easter.

Robins class have been looking at the idea of 'Salvation' within RE lessons, discussing the events of Holy Week and their significance to Christians. We have also been exploring how some Christians use a Paschal Candle ritual during the Easter period. In DT lessons, pupils have been brushing up on their sewing skills in order to design and create an Easter scene using applique.

In Kingfisher class, the children worked in small groups to read and discuss different statements people might make about the resurrection. They then sorted these into groups “statements a Christian might say” and “what others might say”. They were then challenged to share their own beliefs and opinions about the resurrection and listen to the views of others with respect.

Easter Service

On Tuesday, our children visited our local church for an Easter Service planned by the school. The children read carefully, sang beautifully and were extremely well behaved. It was lovely that a number of parents and families attended the service.



Easter Egg Competition

Many congratulations to everyone who took part in this year's “Spring” Easter Egg Competition. The children should all be very proud of their creations and judging was just as difficult this year, as it has been in previous years. The overall winners from each class are as follows:-



Wrens:	Emma W
Kites:	Theo M
Kestrels:	Anna L
Robins:	Charlotte C
Kingfishers:	Sholto G

Love Hope Justice

Wrens Class



Kingfisher Class

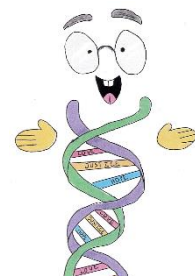


Kestrels Class



School Science Mascot Competition

It was wonderful to receive so many entries for the recent school competition to design a mascot for Science. The standard was exceptionally high and I am delighted to announce the overall winner is Talia F with her entry 'Mr DNA'.



Attendance this term

Class	% Attendance
Wrens	93.1%
Kestrels	97.2%
Kites	96.4%
Robins	96%
Kingfishers	95.2%

Kites Class



Well done to Kestrels class

Robins Class



Action for Happiness Calendar

Please find attached the Happiness Calendar for April – this gives you a different thing to do or try each day, which might be helpful during the Easter break!

Building Learning Power (BLP) & Leader in Me (7 Habits) Awards

Harrison A	Theo M	Sophie W
Lara AS	Maddie CN	Max H
Sophie L	Sholto G	Matilda M
Daisy G	Apryl W	Frankie G
Tabby L	Carter G	Sophie CN
Lily J	Minnie G	Hatty N
Phoebe S	Lila O	Marnie AS
Ted W	Fife E	Archie G
Teddy P	Azalea N	Ayan R
Emma W	James DW	Freddie T



Living the Values Awards

Children who have been recognised for living the school values of Love, Hope and Justice by demonstrating virtues such as respect, service, compassion, kindness, courage, and fairness.



Verity A	Rae H	Octavia C
Kirah PP	Talia F	George N
Harry P	Scarlett S	Neave G
Mia K	Ivy G	Zahra B
Freddie W	Charlotte C	Olivia W
Eloise P	Jocelyn R	

Hampshire Music – Free Instrument Loan

Please see attached information from Hampshire Music Service regarding free tuition and instrument loan for Year 4 & 5 pupils. The “Endangered Species” programme is a fast track instrumental programme, so do look into it as it is a great opportunity for pupils.

Wishing all our families a very Happy Easter and we look forward to the Summer term.

Best wishes

Mrs Simrit Otway
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

3rd – 14th April – Easter Holidays

1st May – Bank Holiday

8th May – Bank Holiday for Coronation

8th – 11th May – KS2 SATS (Year 6)

30th June – Wrens Celebration of Learning

2022/2023 Inset Days

Friday 21st July 2023

A list of 2022-23 Hampshire school dates, including holidays can be found on the school website.