



Spring 5

Monday, 1st April, 2019

Message from the Head

We have had a very busy few weeks with so much taking place in school. From World Book Day, Science Day, Y3/4 Football success, EYFS train journey and Class Sharing Assemblies, it has been a very exciting lead up to the end of term.

Our Parent's Evenings were very well supported this week and I am delighted that so many of you took this opportunity to discuss your child's progress and well-being with their teachers. We had an excellent number of completed Parent Voice questionnaires returned, which is an opportunity for us to hear your opinions and make changes for the good of the school. If you have yet to complete the questionnaire, paper copies are available from the office or can be completed on line at: <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>.

On behalf of the EYFS team and children, I would like to say a very big thank you to Mr Carter and his helpers for giving their time so generously to repair and rehang the Early Years canopy, which was damaged in the gales. We are so fortunate to have such supportive parents, who give their time and skills so generously. Many thanks.



EYFS train journey

Our EYFS teams report: 'EYFS went on a train trip from Berkhamsted to Apsley and back. Donna, a member of staff, told the children all about her job. The children asked many questions about what she does, the train station and the train. They were on the lookout for many things linked with their learning, including shapes, numbers and animals. The children had a checklist of items to tick off when they had seen them; including a time table, field, coffee shop and train tracks. We had to cross the platform over the bridge to get the return train to Berkhamsted. Once back in the station, Donna stamped all of our tickets to say we had been on the train.'



Community News: Defibrillator update

3 additional heart defibrillators have now been installed in the British Telecom phone boxes at Great Gaddesden and Gaddesden Row, and on the outside wall of the Red Lion Pub, Water End. These are all active should they need to be used. The device itself gives full instructions for use.

These units complement those already in place at the Buddhist monastery, St Margaret's and the Riding for the Disabled facility at Bridens Camp.

Further training sessions in CPR will be organised by the Parish council later this year and will be mentioned in the Parish website and the Parish Newsletter.

DATES OF EASTER EVENTS

Thursday, 4th April : 9:00 a.m.
School Easter Service in church
All family and friends welcome.

Thursday, 4th April:
Easter egg rolling competition.
Please remember to bring a hard boiled egg to school.

Friday, 5th April : 1:30 p.m.
FOGGS Easter Egg hunt



Monthly Value:

RESPONSIBILITY

This month, special recognition went to Hannah, who showed great responsibility for our environment. We also recognised Dolly, Jack R and Harrison O (Y4) for demonstrating a responsible attitude to their learning.

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The following children have confidently shared their gifts and talents with us over the last few weeks :- Jayden, James P, James R., and Layla.

HOUSE POINTS AWARDS

Congratulations to all children who have achieved their 10 House Point certificates.

Congratulations to our 20 House Point achievers:
Harley, Josh, Zach, Harriet, Blue, Fenella, Fallon and Jack W.

Prayer of Responsibility :

Please help us to appreciate our environment and treat it in a responsible way.

The Hertfordshire Road Safety Partnership and Active and Safer Travel Team are running a campaign about the importance of wearing a seatbelt. They have asked for the following important information to be shared:

'Most people do wear their seatbelts but still nearly ten per cent choose not to – help them make the right decision for themselves and others. If you have friends or family, who still do not realize how important it is to belt up, have that conversation and make sure they know how much you value their safety, and everyone else's in the vehicle. Please make sure children are secured in the most appropriate car seat for their age and height'.

For more on seatbelts and car seats go to www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/



SPRING TERM DATES 2019

Tuesday, 2nd April

- EYFS Sharing Assembly

Thursday, 4th April

- 9:00 Easter church service
- Egg rolling competition

Friday, 5th April

- 1:30 End of term.
- 1:30 FOGGS Easter Egg hunt

Summer term 2019

Tuesday, 23rd April - Friday, 19th July

Half term :

Monday, 22nd May - Friday, 31st May

Science Day: We were delighted to welcome Mrs Kirby, a former Science teacher, to join us for the day, in her role of Science Governor. She spent time with each class and supported the children with their investigations and discussions.

EYFS : Science Day Report

The children carried out some really exciting experiments including observing what happened when water was added to skittles. They were very excited, observing the way in which the colour came off the skittles and into the water creating a rainbow. We also created a 'volcano'! We added mentos to coke and watched the explosion. We had opportunities for fantastic use of scientific language throughout the day.



Y1 + Y2: Science Day Report

On Science Day, Year 1&2 went on an expedition to the Arctic! We had to design boats to get us there that would float using plasticine and luckily they did! Next, we thought about what clothes we would wear to keep us warm in the Arctic. We set up an experiment to test how well different materials kept water warm. We found that wool was the best insulator. We also thought about the foods we could eat while we were there and made some 'Permmican' survival food, which the children thought was quite delicious.

Y3 + Y4: Science Day Report

In Year 3 and 4, we carried out an investigation to discover which paper aircraft stayed in the air for the longest period of time. The children created a helicopter, glider and plane. They then tried to fly them. They discovered that the aeroplane went the fastest and the helicopter stayed in the air the longest. Their investigation showed that this was due to the forces on the helicopter blades.

Y5 + Y6: Science Day Report

Year 5 and 6 welcomed Ben Sheath to our school on Science Day. Ben brought with him an artificial arm and all the children had the opportunity to withdraw 'blood' from the arm. This supported the children's learning about white and red blood cells. The children then took swabs from their cheeks, water bottles and hands and grew cultures in petri dishes. A few days later, they were able to observe the grim results ! A huge thank you to Ben for generously giving his time and expertise to lead the children in the investigations.

Please help us to appreciate each other and treat everyone in a responsible way. Amen.