

Friday, 06 May 2022



### A message from Mr Andrews

Dear Families,

I hope that everyone was able to enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend, spending time with family and friends, where possible.

Despite the shortened week, the 4 days have been filled with a variety of activities and visitors across the Federation.

We have been fortunate enough to have been visited by one of our school development partners this week, who has spent time working with staff around specific areas of our curriculum. It was incredibly pleasing to hear of her comments about how articulate the pupils were and how engaged they were with their learning, responding well to the prompts and discussions with teachers and other adults. These visits form an important part of our development and the two days she was in were very productive.

Next week sees the return of SATs tests across both schools. Year 6 will be undertaking their tests from Monday to Thursday. Year 2 pupils start theirs at the end of the week, continuing the week after. We wish all pupils and staff the very best of luck. We thank families in advance for continuing to support their children through this period, encouraging them to do their best, while remaining as calm as possible.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable weekend - especially you...Year 2

Best wishes, Mr Andrews

#### SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our School Council children have helped this week with interviewing the candidates that were in school on Thursday and Friday. They did a brilliant job and came up with some insightful questions to ask the candidates and engaged wonderfully with them too.

#### **Stars of the Week**

#### Rainbow Room

Lunchtime

Sienna G **Red Room** 

Lunchtime

Grace B

**Blue Room** 

Lunchtime

Sasha G

Elf Owls

Lunchtime

Katherine J

Learning Behaviour of

the week

Evelyn R

**Little Owls** 

Lunchtime

Ava-Mai H

Learning Behaviour of

the week

Ivy O

**Barn Owls** 

Lunchtime

Giovanna S

Learning Behaviour of

the week

Tinashe M

**Snowy Owls** 

Lunchtime

Rocco E

Learning Behaviour of

the week

Reina PG

#### **Spectacled Owls**

Lunchtime

Nathan RC

Learning Behaviour of

the week

Theo H

**Tawny Owls** 

Lunchtime

Fletcher C

Learning Behaviour of

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#### **NURSERY**

Please look at the flyer in this newsletter about our Early Years Open Morning on Tuesday May 17<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure you book place by letting the office know, thank you.

In nursery we have been planting sunflower seeds for the children to take home and look after. We look forward to the children bringing them back to see their progress.





#### **RECEPTION**

It has been another busy week, we seem to have packed 5 days of learning into 4! We read the story of 'Little Bear's Spring' to start us talking about the season of spring. We compared spring to winter and went outside to look for signs of spring.

In RE we talked about special places in our school and why they are special. We are looking forward to seeing the children's special place photos next week.

In maths we have continued to look at numbers to 20 and working on representing the numbers using tens frames. The children are working hard in phonics and are becoming more confident to read longer words by 'chunking them'. We are learning to write the words using 'Phonics Fingers'.

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#### YEAR 1

We have been exploring money in Year 1 this week, the children have worked with both coins and notes to solve problems and match amounts. It was a little tricky when counting amounts to make sure we counted the worth of each coin as opposed to the amount of coins there were! Well done for your determination and persistence with the challenges!

The beans on our windows are growing well, the children are enjoying observing these. There were footprints left in each of our classrooms which prompted lots of questioning. A note with some clues was found and allowed the children to make links with some familiar traditional tales... were these the footprints of a giant or Jack? We shall wait and see if any more clues appear!

During Topic the children developed their learning on deciduous and evergreen trees. After learning about the typical characteristics of these types of trees we ventured outside where we all enjoyed hunting around the school grounds to spot if we could any of them.

#### YEAR 2

Year 2 will be starting their SATs papers from next week, so reading practice is not going ahead but library books will still go home.

We hope that the children all have a chilled and relaxing weekend so they are fresh for next week.

### **School Information**

Please remember we are a 'NUT FREE' school and nursery and includes food that may contain nuts or nut seeds like chocolate spread, pesto and other items, thank you.

SCHOOL BOOK BAGS - Please can your child's book bag be brought into school everyday containing their library and reading books, thank you.



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### **DIARY DATES**

Monday 9th Tuesday 10th Wednesday 11th Thursday 12th Friday 13th

Martial ArtsSpanish ClubPerforming ArtsViolin lessonsPerforming ArtsCollection from theCollection from theCollection from School9.25am - 11.25amCollection from the

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### **FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

9th May to 20th May Yr2 SATs

Tuesday 17th May EYFS Open morning—9.00am to 10.15am Reception & Nursery

30th May to 3rd June SCHOOL & NURSERY—MAY HALF TERM

Friday 17th June Non-uniform day for Dunchurch Festival Tombola (sweets as a donation)

Sunday 26th June 11.30am Walking Float, Dunchurch Festival - more details to follow

Monday 27th June **Teacher Training Day**—LAST ONE THIS YEAR

Wednesday 6th July Warwickshire Induction Day

Monday 18th July Open Evening for all parents and carers

Thursday 21st July SCHOOL & NURSERY—finish for Summer Holidays

















