

Easter Newsletter

Spring Term – 31.03.2023

Update from Headteacher

Value this half-term



We had a very productive term with lots of improvements and developments to be proud of: fundraising events... a new fence to make the school more secure and safe... two new sheds... more sporting events... a visit from the Bird man... a circus workshop... parents invited in for a phonics workshop and phonics lessons and Science lesson... and an Easter service at St Nicholas' Church.



Big Question of the week

Where is God?

We have listened to parents' feedback and are taking on board suggestions and ideas. As a school we value our school community and are working closely with the Local Authority to bring about further improvements. Staff and Parent volunteers (and even the Headteacher's wife in the library) have been working really hard to help with the improvements. Thank you to all the parents who helped out on Saturday.



The EYFS classroom and outdoor learning area are being developed and revamped. During the holiday the classroom will be repainted and new flooring

laid. There will also be traffic markings installed in the EYFS outdoors area.

We pray that you and your family will experience a wonderful Easter holiday, as we celebrate with Christians the message of Christ Jesus' death and resurrection.



Pupils were once again greeted at the gate by Dr Lawson (this time as the Easter Bunny) and received an Easter Egg.



Upcoming dates for the diary





17.04.23

School re-opens for pupils – Summer term


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










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Whole School House Points

	Ants	Badgers	Locusts	Lizards
				
Red-Orange Class	33	32	22	24
Orange-Yellow Class	6	14	32	12
Green-Blue Class	21	23	24	24
Indigo-Violet Class	57	24	21	46
TOTAL	1888	1747	1833	1951

Attendance

		Academic year	Period average attendance	Number of Persistent Absence pupils (below 90%)
Our school target	96%	2022/2023	93%	16
Attendance this week	94%	2021/2022	93%	12
Attendance this year	93%	2020/2021	94%	14
		2019/2020	95%	5
		2018/2019	95%	3

Red-Orange Class			97%	
Orange-Yellow Class			90%	
Green-Blue Class			92%	
Indigo-Violet Class			95%	

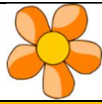
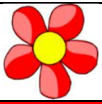
100% attendance this week: 63 pupils out of 78 pupils which is 80%

Gabriella	George D	Jude G	Jude M	Daisy
George A	Madison	Ava G	Sienna M	Brooke
Jessica	Teddy Doughty	Finlay	Jett	Mason
Archie	Scarlett	Jesse	Sidney	Teddie
Alice Burke	Lillie	Cassidy	Amber	Amelia
Florence	Charlotte	Freya J	Harrison P	Kai
Teddy CG	Dylan F	Eva	Sebastian	Tilly
Loki	Sienna F	Evie-May	Naomi	
Kezia	Joey	Nellie	Phoebe	
Dylan	Chloe	Mikey	Maxwell	
Lincoln	Freya G	Paul	Ethan	
Alice Cussens	Dolly	Talia	Knightley	
Lucas	Freddy	Dotty	River	
Teddy	Freya G	Maci	William	

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**Red-Orange
Class**

**Class Register Teacher:
Mrs Joanne Hammond**

Reception

Year 1



Thank you to everyone for participating in the Easter Bonnet parade, it was amazing to see such wonderful Bonnets. Thank you parents for attending parents evening, it was lovely to meet you all and show you the wonderful progress the children are making.

Have a fantastic Easter break, I look forward to seeing you on Monday the 17th April.

Can you please make sure your child's reading book and reading record is in school every day so we can write in them during our reading sessions.

Thank you once again for your kind support.

Little Wandle books should have now been sent home to all children. Please ensure you read with them and write in their reading records.

Please remember to put reading books in book bags! Otherwise we cannot give out a new reading book. If books are lost or damaged parents will be charged a fee to replace.

Merits and Awards

Reader of the week	Loki
Writer of the week	Knightley
Mathematician of the week	Lincoln
Scientist of the week	Evie
Star of the week	Jesse

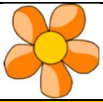
Buddies of the Week

No Buddies This Week

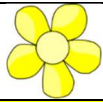
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Year 1



Year 2

Orange-
Yellow Class

Class Register Teacher:
Miss Lauren Seeley



Thank you for all of you who participated in the Easter Bonnet Parade. It was fantastic to see so many wonderful bonnets. A big thanks also to all of you who attended the parents' evening this week. It's great to see the progress that all the children are making. I really appreciate your ongoing support.

Have an amazing Easter Break. See you back at school on Monday 17th April 2023.

<p>This terms Physical Education Top Player is:</p>	<p>Teddy C-G</p>
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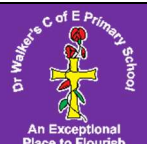
Reader of the week	Eva
Writer of the week	Amelia-Rae
Mathematician of the week	Joey
Scientist of the week	Cassidy
Star of the week	Maisey
Pen licence	N/A

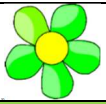
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**Green-Blue
Class**

**Class Register Teacher:
Mrs Jenny Dean**

Year 3

Year 4

**Have a wonderful, restful Easter Break. See you back at school on
Monday 17th April 2023.**



**This week's
Physical Education
Top Players are:**



Follow the link for the weekly
homework.

<https://app.atomlearning.com/>



Click [here](#) and [here](#) for the
links to daily Times Tables
practise

Merits and Awards

Reader of the week	Paul
Writer of the week	Jude
Mathematician of the week	John James
Scientist of the week	Teddy D
Star of the week	Ralph
Pen licence	N/A

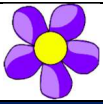
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Year 5



Year 6

Indigo-Violet Class

Class Register Teacher:
Mrs Karin Vorster

Debating: Should food be imported?



HAPPY EASTER! Have a lovely Easter break and see you all back on Monday 17th April 2023



This term's
Physical Education
Top Players are:

Sienna and Harrison M

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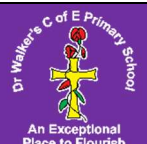
Reader of the week	Naomi
Writer of the week	Charlotte
Mathematician of the week	Mason
Scientist of the week	Autumn
Star of the week	Chloe
Pen licence	NA

Buddies of the Week



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A BIG SHOUT OUT to our wonderful parent volunteers who came in last Saturday to help with jobs around the school. They have made a MASSIVE difference to our school environment. A BIG THANK YOU to:

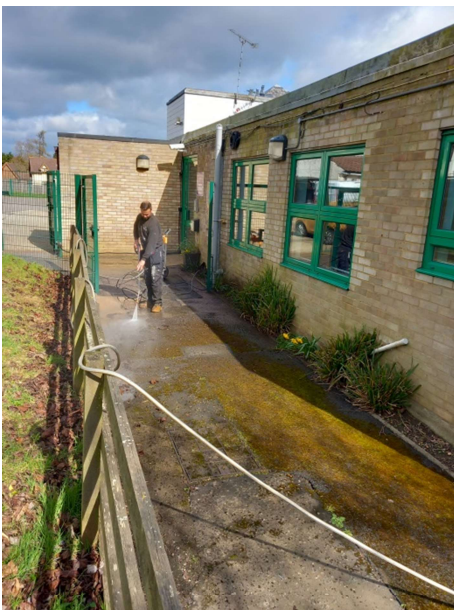
- Mrs K Burling and Mrs D Burling
- Ms G Hammond and Mr B Fry
- Mrs H Jackson and Mr A Jackson
- Mrs E Laurence and Mr G Laurence
- Mrs M Lawson
- Mrs V McLoughlin



Our wonderful helpers managed to do the following:

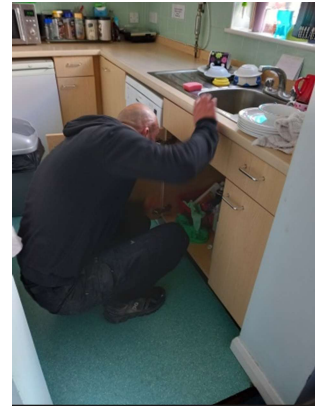
- Books sorted in Library (ongoing)
- Bunting removed
- Cow gate put up
- Decluttering of the Reception / Year 1 classroom
- Display board put on wall in Reception class
- Jet washed algae on fences / wooden surfaces
- Jet washed moss on pathway
- Mud kitchen - area tidied up
- Mud kitchen – wooden structures cleaned and jet washed
- New felt fixed on the playhouse roof
- Obstacle course objects stacked neatly
- Plumbing in staff room kitchen fixed
- Relocated containers to the new shed
- Relocated old PE metal shed
- Relocated stump seating
- Relocated two plastic tables to KS2 playground
- Small chalk boards put up on fence
- Under-cover area cleared
- Wall in foyer (reception area) got TLC
- Whiteboard moved in Reception class

We will have another Saturday to continue with the identified tasks.



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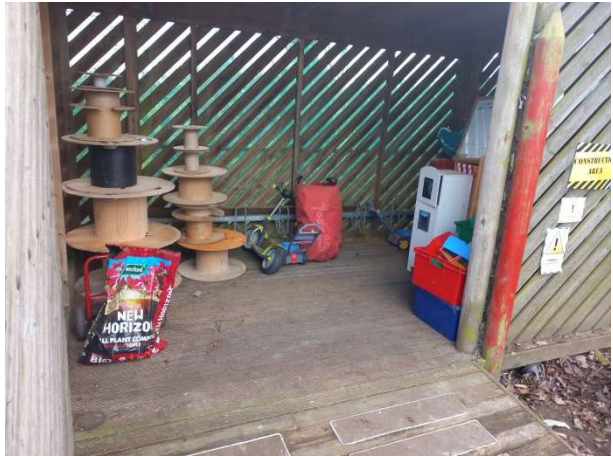
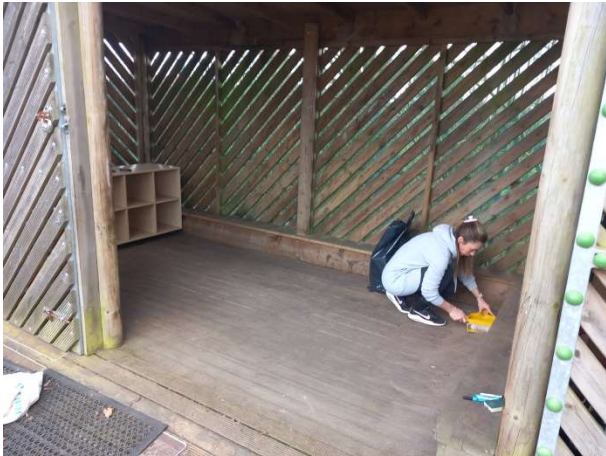
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THE Easter story

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By Jill Kemp

Illustrated by Richard Gunther



In the Bible we can read the good news about the very first Easter. This is what Jesus' friends saw.



Jesus had twelve special friends who went everywhere with him and saw the miracles he did. They listened to his stories about God.



One day Jesus said to them, "It will soon be time for me to go away, but first some sad things will happen, but I will come back again."



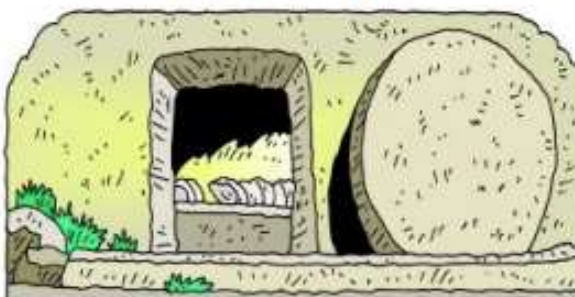
Jesus went into the garden to pray. He knew it was time for him to die on the Cross. The soldiers came to get him.



Jesus was put on the cross on the top of a hill. Soldiers stood guard. His friends were sad.



When Jesus died they put him in a cave tomb with a big stone across the door. Soldiers stood guard.



On the third day God rolled the stone away. The soldiers were frightened and they ran away.



Then his friends saw Jesus! "See I am alive again, just as I told you," Jesus said. "Go and tell your friends the good news."

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THIS is the tomb - Finger play rhyme

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This is the tomb where Jesus lay
(hands clasped—thumbs together)



This is the stone **God** rolled away
(thumbs open)



This is the lovely angel that said,
(thumbs crossed like a butterfly)



"Jesus is risen from the dead!"
(point to up)



This is my heart that loves the Lord
(hands on heart)



These are my eyes that read God's word
point to eyes palms make



These are my hands I fold to pray
praying hands



I am so **GLAD** Jesus lives today
clap on glad

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Easter celebrations

All staff received an Easter Bunny to say thank you for all their hard work and dedication.



Easter bonnet and basket parade took place at St Nicholas' Church. Rev Sam Brazier-Gibbs led the Easter Service and Mrs Wallis made sure to have a treat ready for all the pupils.



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The Easter Bonnet and Basket winners are:



Freya



Eva



John James



Freddy



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**Our raffle winners are:
Archie and Max**



The First Easter

The first Easter was when,
Jesus was not seen for the day,
For the soldiers took Him away.

The first Easter as when,
The clouds were mad,
But believers were sad.

The first Easter was when,
On a sunny day,
Jesus passed away.

The first Easter was when,
Jesus was sealed tight in a tomb,
Believers thought this was their doom.

The first Easter was when,
Jesus said:
"I have risen and not dead!"




- by Gabriella A



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<p>Congratulations</p>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;">  <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Congratulations to Teddie T who represented the school in the Final Cross Country competition. We are proud of you! Well done!</p> </div>  </div>
<p>Attendance: Penalty notices and/or prosecution</p>	<p>Please be informed of guidance from the Local Authority regarding holidays taken during term time.</p> <p>Important information - Term time holidays</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improving school attendance is a key priority for all schools across Essex. Where families choose to take a family holiday during term time, this can detrimentally impact a pupil's progress and can prevent them from fulfilling their true academic potential. Our school attendance policy, available via our school website, clearly sets out the process that parents should follow if they wish to apply for leave during term time. Please note that applications should only be made, if you feel that there are exceptional circumstances which mean that the leave cannot be taken during the school holidays. We would ask all parents to note that, where families choose to go on holiday during term time and the absences are coded as unauthorised, Essex County Council may not issue penalty notices and may instead proceed to prosecution and place the case directly before the Magistrates for their consideration in court. If found guilty by the Magistrates, parents could face a fine of up to £2,500 and/or 3 months imprisonment.
<p>Reminder</p>	<p>Please do not enter the building when dropping off or collecting your children from school. If you wish to speak with the Class Teacher please arrange this via the school office.</p>
<p>Packed Lunches</p>	<p>We are working alongside all other local schools, towards the Healthier Schools Award, Please can you ensure that a healthy packed lunch is provided, without chocolate, crisps and other sugar snacks.</p>
<p>Parent Governor</p>	<p>We have TWO vacancies for a parent governor and would be grateful for any parents who want to make a positive contribution to show an interest to perhaps join the Governing Body.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>Kindly contact the office for more information.</p>
<p>Essex Fire Museum</p>	<p>It's Essex Fire Museum's 75th Anniversary, please click here for more information!</p>
<p>Easter Holiday Activity Programme</p>	<p>There is a two week Easter Holiday Activity Programme for you to book if you would like to keep the children entertained this Easter. Please click here for all the information on what's on offer and how to book.</p>
<p>FREE Easter Play In The Park</p>	<p>There is a Free Easter Activity run by Epping Forest District Council to book this please click here. All Information about what's on is on our website.</p>
<p>Pupil's Dinner Money Accounts</p>	<p>Please may we remind you that pupil dinner money accounts need to be maintained and the balance cleared if they are in arrears. Please ensure that all outstanding monies are paid by 31st March 2023.</p> <p>Please contact the school office in confidence if you have any concerns regarding your child's account.</p>

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**Wishing
You a
Blessed
and a
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Easter!**

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