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NEWSLETTER

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Whole School Update

As Easter approaches, we wanted to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you for your continued support both during lockdown and since the children have returned to school. We have been very impressed by how quickly the children have settled back into school and how hard they are working. We have also been incredibly grateful to all the adults in our team-staff, parents, grandparents, carers and governors - who have supported all the children with preparation for school. We know that it hasn't always been easy and we appreciate all that has been done.

We would also like to wish good luck to Mr. Pickford, who has covered Pankhurst Class while Miss Beaney has been on maternity leave. Whilst we are very excited to welcome Miss Beaney back to school, we will miss Mr. Pickford and wish him lots of luck on the next step of his career.

During the Easter holidays, we know that, like us, many of you will be keen to ensure that the children maintain their current momentum and dedication towards their learning. To support this and to continue to build upon the specific areas of learning we have prioritised since returning to school, we have compiled a selection of **optional** activities for your child to complete over the course of the Easter holiday. We have also included an Easter calendar which children may wish to use to plan or record the activities they complete. For those children who do choose to complete some of these activities over Easter, we would love to see their work when we return, so we can reward their efforts with dojos. Please check class Dojo pages for more information.

After Easter, we look forward to beginning the process of a more normal school. On 19th April, breakfast club will begin again. Breakfast, consisting of cereal, toast and a cooked 'special' will be served from 8am. The cost will remain at £3.00 per day. Doors will open from 7.45am. Please ensure that you book online via School Money in advance of any sessions required.

In preparation for the expansion of class 'bubbles' we would also like to change the timings and gates for classes at the beginning and end of the day, more details on Dojo.

This will then 'pave the way' for a return to more children playing together at play and lunchtimes, normal lunchtime eating times and a gradual return to after school clubs. More details after Easter!

Stay safe everyone and have a fantastic holiday. We look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 19th April.



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Potter Class Update



Being back at school, Potter Class have really shown us that a friend is one of the nicest things you can have and one of the best things you can be.

We have seen some wonderful friendships flourish this term. The children are simply so happy to be back and enjoying life with their friends.

They have loved playing with each other, watching chicks hatch and grow, planting and caring for our own beans, playing team games, singing and much, much more!

All of the Potter team wish everyone a lovely Easter Break!



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Nightingale Class Update



It has been wonderful to all be back together in the classroom.

We have completed lots of lovely activities based on friendship and kindness. The children particularly enjoyed our web of friendship that we made with a ball of wool.

We have been busy testing superhero costumes, designing comic strips and learning about pop art.

We are very much looking forward to a full term together after the Easter holiday to get stuck into lots of fun learning activities.



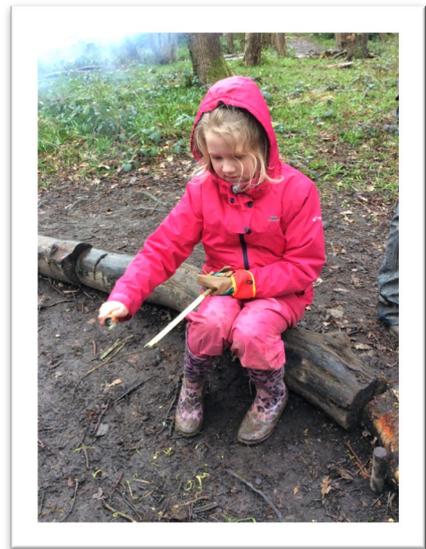
Darwin Class Update

Darwin have had a fantastic time back at school.

Their main highlight was being in Windmill Woods for their first two Wednesdays (regardless of the weather)!

The children really embraced forest life and got stuck in with all the activities such as going on the mud slide, using tools, making wands, going on bug hunts and making dens.

Darwin have also enjoyed other spring activities such as painting tree logs, paper mache Easter eggs and going on spring walks!



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Pankhurst Class Update



That's it ladies and gentlemen, so comes the end of my time in Pankhurst class. What a bizarre year as part of Sandhurst school it has been. I want to thank each and every student, every parent, every colleague that I have worked with in the past year. It has truly been a pleasure, and I know I will sorely miss you all. An extra special thank you to Ms Boriani for all her support over the last year, I could not have done it without you. The support I have been offered throughout my time here has been invaluable, whether in the classroom, or over lockdown(s)! This term we have been continuing to work really hard, focusing heavily on wellbeing, but still doing some fantastic maths, writing, science, art and more in between. The Forest School has been a brilliant experience for everyone, (myself included.)

I know that I will keep in touch with Ms Boriani, Mrs Bromfield, Miss Lett and Mrs Norman, and I will make sure they keep me up to date with what is going on with your families. I know that each student in Pankhurst class has the potential to do amazing things.

Once again, thank you, and I will miss you all.

For the final time, stay safe. - Mr Pickford.



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Shakespeare Class Update



It has been fantastic having all the children of Shakespeare Class back together at last. The children have loved reconnecting with their friends and getting back to normal life. As you can see from these photos, we have spent lots of time on wellbeing activities : enjoying lots of art, DT and group work,



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Churchill Class Update



Churchill Class have absolutely loved being reunited and, once again, enjoying each other's company.

Since we have returned, we have really focussed on our well-being and being as active as possible. To support this, we have enjoyed getting out, into the beautiful sunshine, for our Daily Mile, March Activity Challenge and using the play and exercise equipment. During golden time, we have been having great fun practising our dance moves on "Just Dance".

I have loved returning to school and seeing the children "Aiming High". Mrs Channon and I would like to wish everyone a very Happy Easter!



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Comic Relief

Comic Relief—Wear Red for the day

Thank you to everyone who donated. We raised an amazing £185.00.



PTFA



Thank you to the PTFA for their kind donation of an Easter Egg for every child in school today. Thanks especially to Sophie Willard who took the trouble to go shopping for all of the eggs.

The PTFA will be looking for more members after Easter and a chance to really get started again. Look out for news on a first meeting and plans going forward.

Breakfast Club

Our popular breakfast club starts again after Easter.

Children can arrive from 7.45am and breakfast is served between 8:00 and 8:20am. Please book online with School Money at a cost of £3.00 per day.



Shakespeare Hamper Raffle



Barnaby's mum very kindly gave Shakespeare Class a Jempson's Hamper as they missed their Christmas party due to needing to isolate. The staff and Nursery staff held a raffle and raised £80 for Shakespeare Class who had a lovely party this afternoon. Mrs Laura Reeves was the lucky winner who very kindly shared her hamper with the staff.

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Diary Dates

Term 5

Starts	Monday 19 th April 2021
Bank Holiday	Monday 3rd May 2021
Ends	Friday 28 th May 2021

Term 6

Starts	Monday 7 th June 2021
INSET	18th June, 19th, 20th, 21st July 2021
Ends	Friday 16 th July 2021

Next year:

School starts on **Thursday 2nd September 2021**

The new academic calendar is now on the school website.

