## Colnbrook C. of E. Primary School

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# Newsletter

## 22nd March 2024

Be strong and courageous Joshua 1:9

Our focus value is: Responsibility

## A message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to see so many parents attend the Express Events this week for different year groups. Parents of Year 2 children joined in painting beach huts that the children designed and made in their DT lessons. Year 4 showed off their learning in an exhibition of their work to complete their 'Misty Mountain, Winding River' Geography project. Finally, Year 1 held a Royal Tea Party to mark the end of their 'Bright Lights, Big City' project. I hope those of you who were able to make these events enjoyed spending time in school and celebrating the great learning that has taken place.

Next week we have another busy week. Parents are invited to our Easter Bonnet Parade (2:15pm on Monday) and our Easter Church Service (2:15pm on Wednesday). I look forward to seeing you there.

Remember, term ends next week at 1:15pm on Thursday 28th March.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr T. Brunson Headteacher

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### Worship Section

Our build up to Easter through the season of Lent continued this week.

Join us at the Palm Sunday service at 11am and process around the church to remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem sitting on a donkey. There are children's activities and refreshments at all services.

We discussed on Monday the changing emotions of the Easter story. On Palm Sunday, celebrated this weekend, everyone was happy that Jesus had arrived in Jerusalem. On Good Friday, our emotions change as we mark Jesus' death. But, on Easter Sunday, happiness returns as Christians celebrate Jesus' resurrection.

How have your emotions changed before? What happened when you felt those feelings? What makes you feel happy again, if you are feeling sad?



Jesus arrives in Jerusalem. (Palm Sunday)



Jesus dies on the cross. (Good Friday)



Jesus is resurrected. (Easter Sunday)

Year 3	99.58%
Year 5	98.71%
Year 2	98.33%
Nursery PM	97.50%
Year 1	96.12%
Year 6	95.69%
Reception	95.00%
Year 4	94.20%
Nursery AM	93.10%

Attendance

Star of	th	<mark>e Week</mark>
Nursery	-	Reggie
Reception	-	Sachin
Year 1	-	Sophie
Year 2	-	lvy
Year 3	-	Chioma
Year 4	-	Mayce
Year 5	-	Rechah
Year 6	-	Tola

#### **Church Section**

Sunday 24th March - Palm Sunday







#### **Express events**

We have had a busy couple of weeks of Express events, leaving only Year 3 to host theirs next week.

Year 1 - on Wednesday the children hosted their very own 'Tea Party' to celebrate their learnings on the topic 'Bright Lights Big City'. The children dressed to impress. Whilst parents and carers enjoyed a sweet treat and cup of tea whilst they looked at workbooks, art work and models the children had made. Thank you to all the parents that donated cakes & biscuits.



**Aarav said** "It was good, Iliked the food, the chocolate cake was my favourite!"



Year 2 - yesterday in the Hall the children showcased their Design Technology creations which are based around their learning topic 'Coastline'. The hall was full of parents and carers who came to help the children decorate the beach huts the children designed and built in class. There was paint all around, looks of smiling faces & great fun had by all!



Zawadi said "I enjoyed making my beach hut. My Dad came to help. I made my beach hut colourful."



Year 4 - on Tuesday the children invited their parents and carers into the Hall for a busy session. Art, Design Technology, making models of Ross Robot, building nests as well as showing painted landscapes with perspective & shading. They finished off with a spot of Drama. Impressive stuff!



Lilly said " It was wonderful to do and I loved both my parents and others to talk to."



Year 5 - today saw parents and carers walking in their children's very own Art Gallery. The masterpieces on display were made with mixed media as part of their topic in Art.



Leonard said "We had to act smart & show the parents around. We got to speak to all the parents."



Year 6 - on Friday last week, parents and carers came to the classroom to hear the children's stories about Ernest Shackleton's journey to Antarctica. The atmosphere in the classroom was amazing! Showing off their learning from their topic Frozen Kingdom prompted discussions on animals that live in Antarctica.



Naylor said "Shackleton went to Elephant Island. It was really terrifying!"



#### Year 2 visit the Quiet Garden

The children visited the Quiet Garden at St Thomas's on Wednesday and what a beautiful afternoon they had. They got to explore all the Reflective walk has to offer in the sunshine.



Faith said "I felt fresh and relaxed at the Quiet Garden. It felt nice and lovely. It made me feel happy."

#### Easter Bonnet parade

Don't forget your Easter Bonnets for the Parade this coming Monday 25th March. We invite parents to watch the parade from 2:15pm in the school playground. The entries will be judged by our Easter Bunny judges & will win we have our Easter Bonnet Parade. The children will show their entries and one child from each class will win an Easter egg for the 'Best Bonnet in Class'. We can't wait to see your creations.



Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 2:15pm join us to celebrate our Easter Bonnet Parade with the children. Entries will be judged during the parade and the winners will receive an Easter egg.

DIARY DATES		
25th March	2:15pm: Easter Bonnet Parade- parents invited	
26th March	2:45pm: Year 3 Express Event - parents invited	
27th March	2:15pm: Church Service - parents invited Nursery end of term	
28th March	End of term—pick up 1:15pm	
29th March - 12th April	Easter Break	
15th April	School opens	
16th April	Nursery opens	
17th April	Year 4 trip to Henley Museum	
18th April	PTA clothing collection	
24th April	Year 5 visit St Thomas quiet garden	
1st May	2:30pm: Year 5 Trumpet concert— parents invited	
6th May	Bank Holiday—school closed	
7th-9th May	PTA Movie nights - details to follow	
10th May	Year 1 Class Assembly - parents invited	
13-17th May	KS2 SATs week	
24th May	End of term	
27th-31st May	May Half term	
3rd June	School opens	



## Our school is raising money by collecting reusable clothes.

Please help us by donating your unwanted reusable clothes and accessories. Donated items become affordable clothing and accessories.



Please use the clothing bag provided. You can also use any additional bag if required.