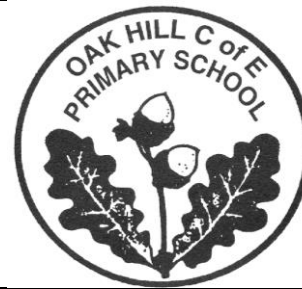


# Oak Hill Church of England Primary School



Newsletter Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2021

## **Covid Testing**

### **Rapid lateral flow testing for households and bubbles of school pupils and staff**

Around 1 in 3 people with coronavirus (COVID-19) do not have symptoms but can still pass it on to others. Regular testing of people without symptoms (asymptomatic testing) is important to help stop the virus spreading. As lockdown restrictions gradually ease, we all need to play our part to help protect each other. The Department of Health and Social Care have announced that households with primary school, secondary school and college age children, including childcare and support bubbles, can test themselves twice every week at home. This applies only to the adults and older members, not primary aged children.

Households, childcare and support bubbles of primary, secondary and college staff can also be tested. Twice-weekly testing will also be offered to adults working in the wider school community, including bus drivers and after school club leaders.

The twice-weekly test kits can be accessed:

- via employers if they offer testing to employees
- at a local test site
- by collecting a home test kit from a test site
- by ordering a home test kit online

To order test kits: <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

We would urge all our families to take up this offer from the Government.

## **Paediatric Training**

Next week, Miss Gunter, Mrs Galpin and myself will be updating our Paediatric First Aid training as part of our ongoing commitment to safeguarding the children.

## **Parents Evenings**

Our current plans are to have virtual Parents Evenings on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April and Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April. Further details will follow.

## **School Lunches**

After Easter the cost of school lunches will be rising to £2.34 each.

## **School Swimming**

We are currently in the process of trying to sort out the resumption of school swimming for Years 5/6 for after Easter. Swim England have given the go ahead for school swimming lessons to resume and our intention is to restart lessons subject to any further alternations to Covid restrictions. Further details will follow.

## Job Vacancy

### OAK HILL C. OF E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

(Alderton base)

#### Lunchtime Supervisor

Grade 2 Point 2 - Point 3 (£17,711 to £18,065 pro rata)

1 hr 15 mins per day

We are looking for a lunchtime supervisor to join our existing team at Alderton on Thursdays and Fridays.

Please telephone the school office 01242 620448 for further information.

Please pass this on to anyone that you think may be interested. Your support is really appreciated.

## Comic Relief

On Friday the children took part in a non-uniform day to support Comic Relief. A fine selection of noses in Hawthorn Class.



## Wildlife Camera at Dumbleton

The staff at Dumbleton started chatting with the next-door neighbours after school this week, and the family mentioned that they had found a badger set in their garden. So Miss Tarling asked them if they would mind setting up the wildlife camera and lots of fantastic wildlife was captured, including an amazing video of a hare digging in the soil, a cat

chasing a mouse and some badgers walking past! Thank you to the Kennedy family for putting the camera in their garden.



## Church Service in Alderton

Topic: Morning Prayer for Lent

Time: 10:00 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting for Morning Prayer on Sunday

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79812573605?pwd=V0w2MEhPcDZYQTJpajR1bm90dmUzUT09>

Meeting ID: 798 1257 3605

Passcode: EJ8WjH

It is planned to celebrate Easter Day in all four churches – adhering to Covid regulations. Further details to follow.

9.00am Great Washbourne

9.00am Wormington

9.30am Alderton

11.15am Dumbleton

## Maple Class

This week, Maple Class have been learning all about money! We set up a vegetable shop and have been using real coins to buy the vegetables, write receipts and give change. In English, we continued with our work on the Enormous Turnip and have learned the story by heart, so we have been able to act it out with character masks on. The children have been busy outside all week, planting up all the seeds we purchased with the Greenfield's Trust funding and exploring what plants need to grow. We also tasted some delicious hot cross buns in our RE lesson this week, as we continued our work on Easter!



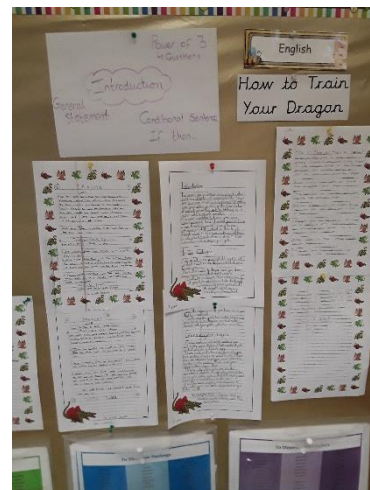
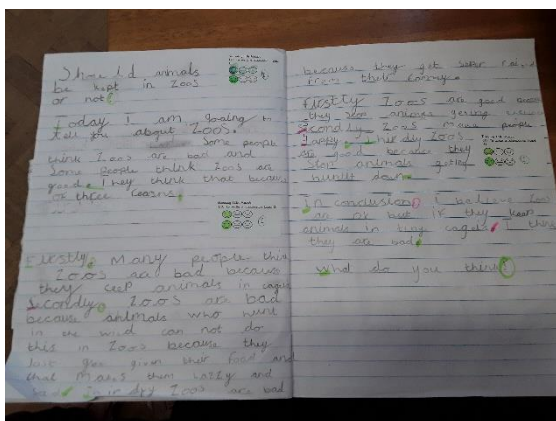
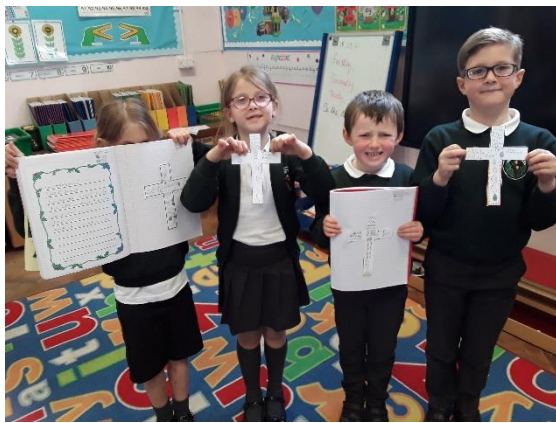
## Willow Class

This week in Willow Class we have been very busy! In Maths, we have begun a new unit on fractions and have been exploring halving. In English, we have finished our unit on discussion and the children did a fantastic job at writing up their own discussions on whether animals should be kept in zoos. They included an introduction, arguments for, arguments against and a conclusion where they shared their own opinion! In RE, we are continuing to learn about the special Easter stories and this week we have focused on the story of Good Friday. We talked about why the cross is such an important symbol to Christians and thought of words to describe Jesus. In topic lessons we have been investigating the similarities and differences of seascides in the past. We found out about bathing machines, Punch and Judy and what Victorians used to wear to the seaside! In Art this term, we are going to be using a range of materials to design and make products and this week we began with using clay to sculpt a natural object.



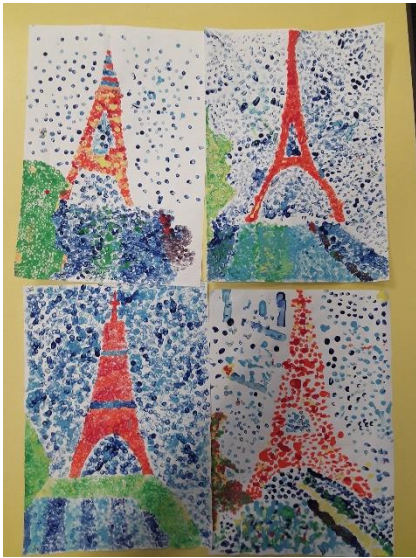
In Maths, the children are continuing to explore fractions and decimals. We have been focusing on our reasoning skills this week, understanding how to 'Prove it', when explaining their answers.

In Science, we looked at condensation and melting. The children are developing a very good understanding of changing states and how to identify it in the real world! During art, the children created pointillism style paintings of the Eiffel Tower and we have been locating capital cities of European countries. In PHSCE, the children were working as a team and understanding how to collaborate even when we have very different opinions!



**Hawthorn Class**

In English this week, the children have been writing instructions on how to tame and train a Dragon. They have done a fantastic job creating detailed and precise instructions. Should we ever come across a dragon we know exactly what to do now!



### **Juniper Class**

The children have had another great week back in school. In English we have been studying a variety of Michael Rosen poetry and we have created our own poems about what makes them happy based on Michael Rosen's poems. In maths Year 6's have been learning about volume of 3-D shapes, whilst the Year 5's have been focusing on unit conversion.

This week the children really enjoyed learning more about the different aspects of the rainforest and started a research project around their topic. We have also been learning about habitats of plants and animals in science and

will be moving onto recapping different parts of a flower.

In PE the children got the chance to use the playfield to practice and develop their rugby skills during their second Project Touchline session. They also had another netball session where they focused on shooting and passing skills which all of the children enjoyed.

### **Stars of the Week**

#### **Maple Class:**

Value: Ollie, for super perseverance in all of his work.

Lila, for fantastic retelling of the story, remembering all of the details.

#### **Willow Class:**

Value - Jack - For always be respectful and having good manners.

Edward - Working so hard to improve your handwriting and keeping your work neat

#### **Hawthorn Class:**

Value - Alana for recognising how humility can help us work better as a team.

Harry E. For a wonderfully written set of instructions.

#### **Juniper Class:**

Finn - continuing to work hard in English and creating a funny poem inspired by Michael Rosen.

Value - perseverance - Aiden - for working really hard to create a positive poem.

