

# Oak Hill Church of England Primary School



Newsletter Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021

## **Covid Testing**

We have been advised that all lateral flow testing should continue over the Easter holidays.

## **Covid Testing Support Payments**

Changes to the Test and Trace support payment for parents

Parents and carers of children who have been advised to self-isolate by their education setting or by NHS Test and Trace are now able to apply for a [Test and Trace Support Payment](#) or discretionary payment of £500, if they meet the eligibility criteria. The extension of the Test and Trace Support Payment scheme, which is administered by district and unitary local authorities in England, ensures that parents receive the financial support they need if they are unable to attend work due to childcare responsibilities.

Parents and carers should apply to their local authority to receive a payment. Applications for the Test and Trace Support Payment scheme are made via the local authority in which the parent or carer resides, not the local authority where the setting is situated, if these are different.

To be eligible applicants must meet all of the criteria that:

- they are the parent or guardian of a child or young person in the same household and need to take time off

work to care for them while they self-isolate. This is limited to one parent or guardian per household for the child or young person's self-isolation period

- they are employed or self-employed
- they cannot work from home while undertaking caring responsibilities and will lose income as a result
- they meet all the other means-tested eligibility criteria for a Test and Trace Support Payment or locally determined criteria for a discretionary payment

That their child or young person:

- is aged 15 or under (or 25 or under with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHC)) and normally attends an education or childcare setting
- has been told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace or by their education or childcare setting because they have been identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19)

## **Paediatric Training**

On Tuesday and Wednesday, we spent two days training in Paediatric First Aid. This was a very in depth course with lots of great new ideas and techniques. We even learnt about the uses for cling film as a sling!!



### **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. Hot lunches will be available after Easter and a new menu will be sent home to each family this week.

### **Palm Sunday Service**

We all joined together, with Rev Hook for a Palm Sunday service this week. All the children were given a Palm Sunday cross,



### **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. Closing Date 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

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

### **Church Service in Alderton**

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

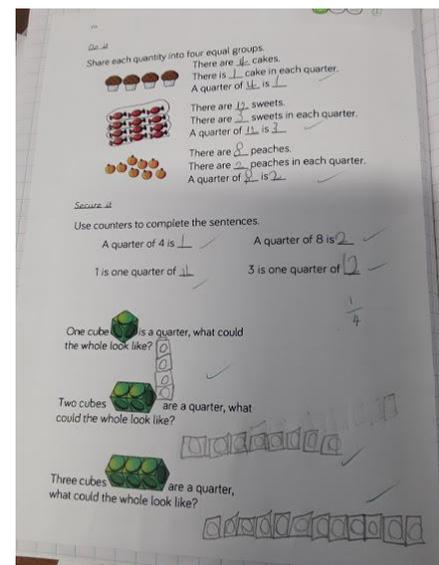
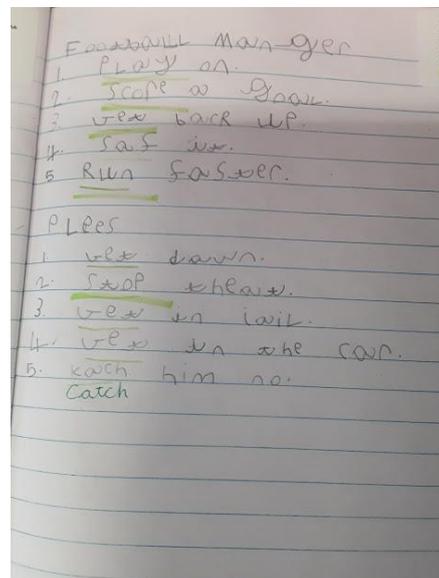
### **Maple Class**

We have had such an exciting week in Reception, as more of the outdoor classroom equipment arrived, so we have been on lots of mini-beast hunts and making wonderful creations in our mud kitchen. We have been making sure to water the seeds which we planted, and have continued to learn more about how plants grow. We have been practicing using our sounds to write our version of 'The Enormous Turnip', using some

fantastic verbs in our English lessons. In Maths, we have been practicing our addition skills and using these skills to help us in games such as snakes and ladders. We also caught a glimpse of the robin in the nest, protecting her eggs!

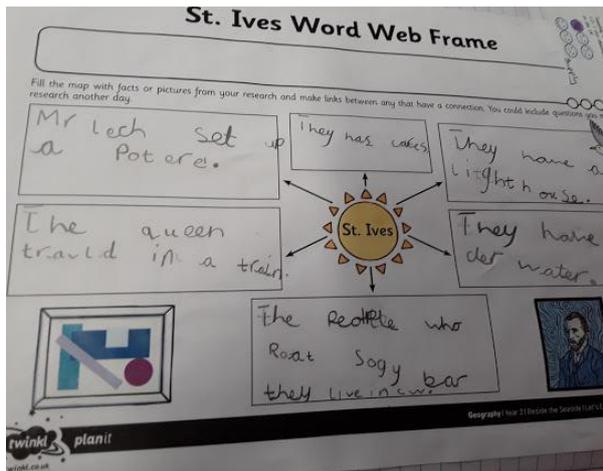


Maths, we have continued our unit on fractions with Year 1 exploring quarters and Year 2 being introduced to thirds. In English, we have begun a new unit on instructions and we have been learning about imperative verbs and using these to write some command sentences. We have also been looking closely at the layout of instructions ready to write our own sets of instructions next week. In our Topic lessons this week, we have taken a trip to St Ives to explore a seaside town and then on to Orkney Islands to look at similarities and differences between where we live and living on a small island.



### Willow Class

In Willow class, we have been thinking about the run up to Easter and have loved learning about the special Easter stories. This week we have learnt all about Easter Sunday and how Jesus's disciples must have felt. In



### **Hawthorn Class**

In English, the children have been performing poetry by John Lyons. They have also spent some time analyzing the poems and explaining the meaning and tone of John Lyons' poetry.

In Maths, we have revisited statistics, collecting data and presenting it in pictograms and then answering questions about bar charts and tables.

In Science, the children planned an investigation on evaporation. They will be carrying it out on Monday. They are investigating the effect of temperature on how long a tea towel will take to dry.

In Art, the children learned about Frida Kahlo and created 'Day of the Dead' inspired art work. In P.E, the children were developing their hockey skills and rugby skills over the two lessons.

In R.E., the children have learned the meaning of Good Friday and why Christians refer to it as Good Friday.



### **Juniper Class**

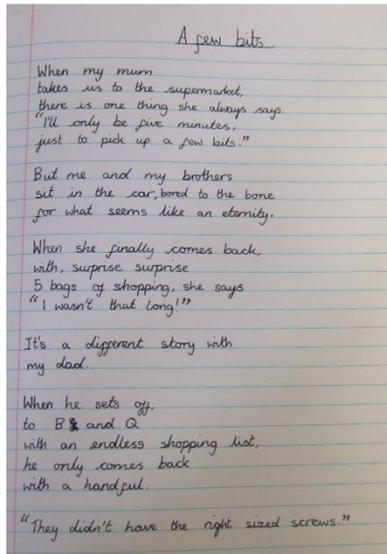
This week in Year 5/6 we have been continuing our poetry unit. The children have really enjoyed writing their own poems in the style of Michael Rosen and have written some great free verse poetry.

In Maths, the children have completed their unit on measurements and we will be moving onto position and direction next week. On Friday the children played a game of battleships in partners to recap how we can read and understand different co-ordinates.

In Science this week, we have learnt about branching keys and how they can be used to identify a range of plants and animals in the rainforest. In ICT, the children continued their work on creating vector drawings using

Google drawings. As part of our PSHE unit we have discussed resilience and how this can be applied to everyday life.

The children are very excited for our rainforest day which will take place next Wednesday. The children have the chance to take part in a range of engaging activities linked to our rainforest topic and can even come dressed up as an explorer or a rainforest animal.



## **Stars of the Week**

### **Maple Class:**

Guy Deacon, for super effort and enthusiasm in phonics.

Value: Ava Castle, for being a good friend and always helping others

### **Willow Class:**

Value: Penny, for being such a kind and compassionate friend!

Charlie, for working so hard on finding halves and quarters in maths this week!

### **Hawthorn Class:**

Value - Lottie for being a great friend and offering support to her friend when they were stuck in Maths.

Phoebe for excellent expression and confidence in performing a poem.

### **Juniper Class:**

Ewan - for creating a fantastic poem about his favourite character

Value - Jude - for working really hard to improve his poem and for his consistent perseverance in English.