

# Oak Hill Church of England Primary School



Newsletter Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022

## One Base

We have decided due to the continuing cases for both adults and children that we will stay on site all next week.

## Autism Awareness Day

Tomorrow is National Autism Awareness Day which is part of the Worldwide Autism Acceptance Week. In Collective Worship today, we spoke of young Eli's journey and the challenges that Autistic children can face at times. We shared Eli's poem;

*Some things that you find easy, like talking  
about your day,*

*I find quite hard, so sometimes may not  
answer right away.*

*And noises can sometimes hurt so much I  
cover up my ears,*

*So don't worry when I do this, it just helps the  
way I feel.*

*I see the world quite differently but that  
doesn't make it wrong.*

*The world would be so boring if we all sang  
the same song!*

*Autism makes me who I am, it's a special part  
of me,*

*And when I get my tricky days, I have my best  
friends in class to see!*

*And everyone is different, that so much is true.  
It's the little things in all of us that really make  
you 'YOU'!*

## Easter Service

We have pencilled in our Easter Service at Alderton Church for Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm. Please be aware that this may be subject to change and depends on case numbers so we are not yet sure what this will look like.

## Church Service

Services as follows and are being taken by Revd Robert Pestell

9.00am Great Washbourne

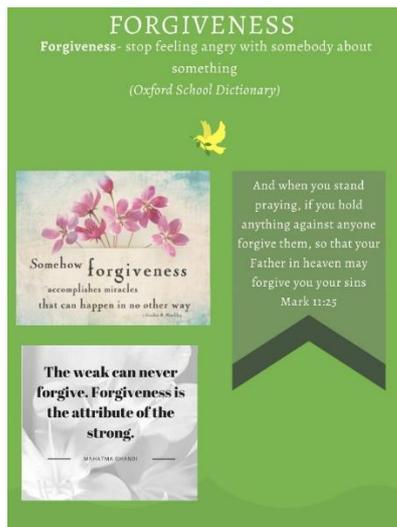
10.30am Dumbleton

## Easter 100 Square Competition

The House Captains will be visiting all the classes to collect entries for a 100 square competition from Monday onwards. 20p a square, with Easter chocolate prizes for the winners. Winners will be announced next Thursday (7th).

The money raised will go to a charity chosen by Year 6.

## Our Christian Values



## Internet Safety

With 2.9 billion users, Facebook, owned by the recently rebranded Meta, is the world's most popular social media platform. It encourages interaction with other people by (among other things) adding them as friends, reacting to or commenting on their content, sharing images and videos, posting status updates, joining groups and playing games. Facebook is free, and anyone over 13 can join – but with no age verification, younger children can easily create an account: it's likely your child is already familiar with the platform, even if they don't yet use it themselves.

In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as cyberbullying, strangers and the addictive nature of Facebook.



## Drama Workshops

Red Banana Drama is pleased to have been chosen as a service provider for the Gloucestershire County Council Holiday Activity Program (HAP) which is funded by a number of grant funds. This means that your child is able to enjoy a day of drama fun for Free - they will also have a hot meal provided! The drama workshops will be led by 2 professional theatre practitioners. It will be a day of drama fun, including games, imagination, improvisation, plays in a box and a search for the world's missing supply of chocolate!!!

**BISHOPS CLEEVE COMMUNITY BUILDING:** Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th April 10am-2pm

**DUMBLETON VILLAGE HALL:** Wednesday 13th April 10am-2pm

To find out more and to book a place:

Bishops

Cleeve <https://tewkesburydistrict.coordinate.cloud/project/29017>

Dumbleton <https://tewkisburydistrict.coordinate.cloud/project/29064>



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HOLIDAY ACTIVITY FUND

**This Easter**  
**FREE**  
**DRAMA WORKSHOPS!!**  
Ages 8-12  
10am-3pm  
Bishops Cleeve Community Building: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April + Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April  
Dumbleton Village Hall: Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April

**A DAY OF DRAMA FUN... With a hot meal!**  
Games, Imagination, Story making, Improvisation, Character creating,  
Props in a Box and a search for the worlds missing supply of Chocolate!!

Contact Kerry: [redbananadrama@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:redbananadrama@yahoo.co.uk)  
07719462555

Information to book through the councils web-site can be found at  
[www.redbananadrama.com](http://www.redbananadrama.com)

This workshop is for those living in Tewkesbury Borough Council area. The County Council will particularly like to promote to those on FSM



### Maple Class

Maple Class have started to learn about 3-D shapes this week. We explored their characteristics, tried to build towers with them and we explored which shapes the faces make when pressed into Play-Doh. We also started to look at repeating patterns using shapes.

In our English lessons, we continued our work on 'Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs' by taking our model dinosaurs on an adventure around the school, then we wrote postcards to describe what we had seen and heard.

We started our dangerous dinosaurs innovate journals this week, where we designed our own dinosaurs using the iPad, and made a fact file for our dinosaur. We also started to learn all about the meaning of Easter, creating artwork to represent the last supper.



### Willow Class

In Year One and Two this week, we have been doing some tests in the mornings, showing our skills in Maths and reading. In PE we did archery and on Wednesday we did some Easter crafts.

By Mark

Archery is a fun sport where you aim at a target, then fire an arrow at the middle of the target. You can get lots of points if you hit the middle. We loved learning how to play.

By Edward

We have learnt all about the story of Easter this week and how Jesus came back to life. We have made some Easter gardens, showing what happened in the Garden of Gethsemane.

By Miles

We used the iPads to design some dinosaurs with the Reception Class, using the 'Paintz' software. We used the spray paint, paint and fill tools.

By Arwen



We have been writing about the Dark Sky Park, wildlife, water supply, electricity supplied by the hydro-electric dam, water sports and artworks. The class have enjoyed this. We learned about this from The Dam, a story based on a true story about the flooding of a valley.”

Did you know that 50% of England’s red squirrels live in the Kielder Forest! (Betsy)

The lake itself is 11sq km. (Ellie B)

The dam produces enough electricity to power a town with a population of 11,000 people! (Henry)

In Science we have been investigating magnet strength. One group tested how many paperclips different magnets could attract whilst another group tested how many pieces of paper we could put between a magnet and a paper clip before it stopped attracting it. We discovered that the biggest horseshoe magnet was the most powerful but some of the smallest magnets were also really strong!

We are coming to the end of our topic on Rocks, Relics and Rumbles; this week we looked at the cause and effect of earthquakes and we will finish it next week when we look at tsunamis.



### Hawthorn Class

This week has been assessment week and I have been impressed by the way all the children have approached the tests with a great ‘can –do’ attitude.

Lottie has written about what we’ve been doing in English.

“This week in Hawthorn we have been learning about Kielder Water. We have been searching up facts and making reports about it.



### **Juniper Class**

This week in Juniper Class, we have had our end of term assessments. The children have really relished the challenge and have worked very well.

We have also continued our narrative stories based around the “Arrival” and have studied line graphs in Maths.

In our topic work we have been learning about climate around the world and using atlases to identify different countries and what zone they are in.

### **Stars of the Week**

#### **Maple**

Star of the Week: Louie for amazing spelling in phonics

Value of the Week: Lyla for always being considerate and compassionate to others

#### **Willow**

Star of the Week: Amber for brilliant effort and perseverance in your work

Value of the Week: Guy for demonstrating our values of courage and perseverance

#### **Hawthorn**

Star of the Week: Lottie for marvelous Maths and a great attitude!

Value of the Week: Harry B for always being polite and respectful.

#### **Juniper**

Value of the Week: Lily for her quiet perseverance with the challenges this week

Star of the Week: Charlie for his great focus during testing

### **Diary Dates**

Please be aware that these may be subject to change.

### **April**

7<sup>th</sup> Break Up for Easter

8<sup>th</sup> INSET Day