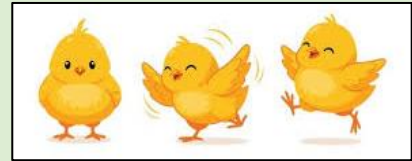


Reception Newsletter: 2.4.26



Spring Assembly



This week, our reception children delighted their families with a joyful Spring Assembly. They have all been working incredibly hard over the past few weeks to practise their songs, lines and poem, and their dedication truly shone through on the day.

It was wonderful to see just how much the children have grown in confidence since their Christmas performance. Their speaking was clearer, their singing was stronger, and their enthusiasm filled the room. From our adorable little chicks and the proud mother hen dancing to "Spring Chicken," to the brilliant tractor, farmer and sheep characters performing their energetic routine for "I'm a Clever Tractor," every child gave 100% effort.

The EYFS team could not be prouder of each and every one of them.

A big thank you to all the families who came along to watch, support and even join in with our hand jive! We hope you enjoyed the performance as much as the children enjoyed putting it together.

We wish all our families a very happy Easter.



Change of PE Days for Reception

We are very lucky to have been invited to join Gail for gymnastics sessions on Mondays from next term. Therefore, our new PE days will be **Monday and Tuesday**.

Please can children come to school in their PE kits on these days from Summer Term 1.

Children who attend the Sporty Games after-school club on Wednesdays may also come to school in their PE kit on Wednesdays for this club.

Thank you for your support.



Phonics, Reading and Writing

The children have been working incredibly hard in their phonics sessions this term, practising new sounds and applying them confidently to help them read and write. Our most recent assessments show they have made tremendous progress, and we are all extremely proud of their hard work.

Over the holidays, please continue to read and practise the sounds and green words already sent home. We have also provided new reading books and ditty sheets so the children can continue to build on their amazing reading skills and maintain the fantastic progress they have made this term.

Following our assessments, we will be reorganising phonics groups next term to ensure all children continue to move forward with their learning and that any gaps are identified and supported.

In writing, the children have been practising their pencil grip and using their Fred Talk to help sound out and spell words independently.

It would be wonderful if they could continue applying these skills in their yellow journals over the holidays.

To support writing at home:

- Say the sentence together and count how many words it has.
- Use Fred Fingers to help segment each word.
- Encourage phonetic spelling using the sounds they know.
- Remind children to use a capital letter, finger spaces, and a full stop.

Why not have a go at writing some simple sentences about your Easter holidays in your yellow journals? We can't wait to share them during the first week back. 😊



Wetsuits and Wellies

As we prepare for the start of the Summer Term, we will be sending wetsuits and wellies home over the Easter break. Please could these be washed and checked for size before they are returned to school.

If you are thinking about purchasing a new wetsuit, you might like to consider a thinner wetsuit for the warmer months. We will continue to use wetsuits throughout the summer to help protect school uniforms during water play, Forest School sessions and activities in the garden area.

Please ensure that all wellies and wetsuits are clearly labelled with your child's name and returned to school on Monday 20th April.

Thank you for your support.



Important diary dates and information

2.4.26- School closes for Easter Holidays.

20.4.26- School Open for Summer Term 1

22.4.26- Reception Dental checks

24.4.26 - Fun Run

4.5.26- Bank Holiday Monday

8.5.26- Reception Stephenson Railway trip

21.5.26- School closes for May Half term holiday

22.5.26- Teacher training day

Reminders:

- **Home learning Journals-** Thank you for all the lovely journal entries this week. We will be collecting the journals in on Monday 20th April after the Easter Holidays.
- **Reading folders-** Please ensure your child's reading folder is in their book bag every day. We change books usually on a Monday and Friday, but we sometimes get a chance to read with your child through the week too. **Please can we remind parents/ carers to record in their child's journal when you have read with your child at home too.**
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- **Labelling items of clothing-** Please can you ensure all items of clothing including hats, gloves, scarfs, shoes, jumpers/cardigans and coats are labelled clearly with your child's name.
- **Cool Milk.** Please remember that your child/ children are not eligible for free school milk after their 5th birthday. If you would like your child to continue having milk at school, you must contact Cool Milk directly at least two weeks before their birthday.



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Thank you for all your support this term.

Have a lovely Easter break.

The Reception Team 😊