



*School finishes on Thursday
24th March at 1.15pm.*

Headteacher's Message

So far this academic year we have 5 children from Reception, 17 children from Year One and 11 children from Year Two who have achieved a wonderful 100% attendance since September.

As things stand we have 64 children who have achieved 100% attendance since the start of the Spring Term.

If their good attendance continues until the end of the term they will all be awarded a certificate in our Easter Celebration Assembly.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Cawson, Headteacher

Choir Club

There will be a Choir Club end of Spring Term Concert on Tuesday 22nd March. This will be at 3.45pm when you come to collect your children.

Year R children are welcome to join Choir after the Easter break. A letter will go home in book bags shortly.



Chick Basket

A template has been sent home for children to decorate a Chick Basket which they will then use to collect eggs at our Easter Egg Hunt on the last day of term. Please return completed baskets to school before 23rd March. A collection basket will be left outside of each classroom. Please ensure that your child's basket is named as the cutest one will be awarded an Easter Egg prize.

Reminders for the Summer Term

Please ensure that your child comes back to school on 11th April with the following:

- Named, clean P.E. kit including plimsolls or trainers
- Book bag and books
- Friday Friend if they took one home over Easter
- Any change of contact numbers or addresses
- Details of any changes to Free School Meals entitlements

Please note that we are not having an Inset Day on 11th April.

School Menu Change

New menu choice forms for the Summer Term are being sent home today in book bags and in order for the kitchen to have meal numbers for the first day back, please could you complete the menu choices with your child over the weekend and return them to the school on **Monday 21st March**. Thank you.

Easter Raffle

Our Easter Raffle this year is for a gorgeous, fluffy Easter teddy bear cuddling an Easter Egg. If you would like to enter the raffle, please put your child's name and class on a piece of paper and sellotape 50p to it and return it to the school office.

The raffle will be drawn on the last day of term. Good Luck!



Weekly Newsletter

eCigarettes

Please note that smoking eCigarettes is *not permitted* anywhere on the school premises. Please refrain from using them anywhere in our school grounds.



Year R Cake Sale

Our final cake sale for the year, other than for the Summer Fair, will be for Silver and Gold classes who will be holding a joint cake sale on **Thursday 24th March at 1.15pm** (end of term). All proceeds will be shared equally between the two classes.

Mufti Days

A Mufti Day is when children can come into school dressed in their home clothes.

On 15th April we will be doing a Mufti Day for donations to our bottle tombola in preparation for our Summer Fete. This could include a bottle of coke or wine, shampoo, bubble bath or something along those lines which you would be happy to win on a tombola.

We will be having a second Mufti Day on 29th April for toys, games and sweets.

On 20th May we will be having another Mufti Day for Rainbow Jars.

More details will follow regarding the second and third Mufti Day in the next newsletter.

Milk Bottle Tops

We are still collecting plastic milk bottle tops which will be donated to a charity. All tops must be 'milk only' in any colour.

We donated another sack of milk bottle tops this week and they were delighted with how well we are doing. Thank you for all of your support to date.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH

Good Friday 10-12pm @ St. Peter's Centre,
Ash

We would like to invite you to a children's craft workshop celebrating Easter.

£3.50 per child.

(Under 5s must be accompanied by an adult)

To book a space please contact Ceri on 07706
069991

or via email churcombe@ntlworld.com

Book Voucher Tokens

We were really impressed with some of the Book Voucher Tokens that the children designed during World Book Day so we have sent a few off to enter them into a nationwide competition. We will let you know in due course how they got on.

Parking

We would like to remind all parents that there is no parental parking on-site at any time unless you have been granted a parking permit. This includes the Junior School grounds. If you need to park in the local area, please park with consideration for our neighbours and local businesses.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers



We are still collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers. If you have any that you would like to donate to the school, please hand them in at the school office.

We are in need of someone to count our Active Kids vouchers for us. We are happy for these to be sent home and be counted there. If you are able to help please let Mrs Thorn know in the school office.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Science

During the Summer Term we hope to inspire some budding scientists and develop their love of science. Why not have a go at some experiments at home which will help support your child's learning journey at school. Here is a simple one for you to try.

Make an Egg Float in Salt Water

An egg sinks to the bottom if you drop it into a glass of ordinary drinking water (if it is fresh) but what happens if you add salt? The results are very interesting and can teach your child some fun facts about density.

What you will need:

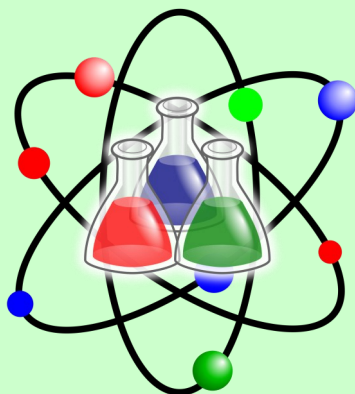
- One egg
- Water
- Salt
- A tall drinking glass

Instructions:

1. Pour water into the glass until it is about half full.
2. Stir in lots of salt (about 6 tablespoons).
3. Carefully pour in plain water until the glass is nearly full (be careful to not disturb or mix the salty water with the plain water).
4. Gently lower the egg into the water and watch what happens.

What is happening?

Salt water is denser than ordinary tap water, the denser the liquid the easier it is for an object to float in it. When you lower the egg into the liquid it drops through the normal tap water until it reaches the salty water, at this point the water is dense enough for the egg to float. If you were careful when you added the tap water to the salt water, they will not have mixed, enabling the egg to amazingly float in the middle of the glass.



PTA News!

Our Summer Fair this year is being held on Saturday 21st May 2016 from 12pm-3pm. Over the next month we will be putting out various appeals and we would be extremely grateful for any help you may be able to offer. This event typically raises around £3,000 for the school which goes towards buying new equipment and providing the children with new and exciting experiences. Here are some more tasters of what you may be able to help with or get involved in!

School Uniform Donations



We would be very grateful for any donations of used school uniform which we can sell at our Summer Fair. Last year we made nearly £70 selling nearly new school uniform and it made a huge contribution to the profit we made. We will be inviting our new intake to this event so we would be very grateful for YR size clothing too! Please pass any donations to the school office. Thank you very much for your support.

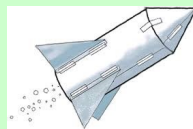
Competitions

Upcycled Robots



This competition is open to any children aged 4-7 (including 7 year olds). Children can use any products which are recycled in the home to make their own Upcycled Robots. This could include tin cans (be careful they do not cut themselves!), boxes, plastic bottles, anything that you would put in your recycling bin. If your child would like to enter, the entrance fee is 50p per Robot and the Robots need to be clearly labelled and brought to school before 20th May so they can be put on display in our Marquee ready for judging on 21st May.

Make a Family Rocket



We thought this would be a lovely activity for families to do together. The object is to make a Rocket which moves, without using gas or fireworks. The entrance fee is 50p per Rocket and you will be able to compete with other families on the day to see which Rocket travels the furthest. There will be a prize for the winning family.



Summer Fair - 21 May 2016

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time
	Spring Term 2	
21st March	Year R Trip to Bocketts Farm	9am-3pm
24th March	Year R Cake Sale	1.15pm
24th March	Last Day of Spring Term	1.15pm finish
	Summer Term 1	
11th April	First day of Summer Term	8.45am
14th April	Mufti Day for Bottles	All day
29th April	Mufti Day (more details to follow)	All day
10th May	Year One Castle Day (more details to follow)	All day
20th May	Mufti Day (more details to follow)	All day
21st May	Walsh Memorial Summer Fete— more information to follow	12-3pm
	Summer Term 2	
21st June	Year One Trip to Alice Holt (more details to follow)	9am-3pm
29th June	St Peter's Day Family Picnic— more details to follow	12.00pm-1.00pm
15th July	Sport's Day! More information to follow	TBA
18th July	Year Two Leavers' Assembly— more details to follow	TBA
20th July	Last Day of Term	1.15pm finish

Inset Days (School closed to children for staff training days)

3rd May
6th June
21st July
22nd July