



A MESSAGE FROM THE CO-HEADTEACHERS...

Despite the recent flurries of snow, with the clocks having 'sprung forward', daffodils, primroses and green shoots aplenty, spring certainly feels as if it is just around the corner. The arrival of spring and the Easter message of the cross brings us all renewed hope. Our thanks to our KS2 children who delivered a beautiful and reflective Easter service on Wednesday of this week. We were particularly moved by Year 6's rendition of 'The Prayer' and the very apt words, at this time of such uncertainty for so many families, of this musical prayer of intercession:

'Just like every child
Needs to find a place
Guide us with Your grace
Give us faith so we'll be safe'

As we start April, our core value has changed to 'forgiveness'. We invite you to talk to your child about the following Bible passage linked to this value. *'Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit'* Acts 2 verse 38.



Sharon Saunders and
Hannah Browning
Co-Headteachers



GOLDEN BOOK CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to the following children who received Golden Book certificates last week.

YEAR R

Ayza U
Summer B
Sawyer T-C
Charlie F

YEAR 1

India B
Joshua C
Noah S
Grayson Y

YEAR 2

Lola B
Bertie L
Monty B
Orla O'P

YEAR 3

No names this week due to
Egyptian Day workshop



YEAR 5

Clemmie S
Stan S
Melba L

YEAR 4

Grace D
Austin S
Scarlett F
Lili-Elle A

YEAR 6

Elm Class—Excellent participation in the Easter Workshop
Billy McD
Penelope Y
Oak Class—reflective thinking the Easter Workshop
Hector H-B
Oliver T

COVID UPDATE

We currently have cases of COVID in School in Years 3, 4 and 5.

MUSIC SUCCESS

Congratulations to a couple of our talented musicians on their recent exam success.

Well done to Emilie B in Year 4 who passed her initial piano exam with merit.

In addition, congratulations go to Teddy A in Year 5 who passed his grade 1 piano exam with merit.



BOOK AMNESTY

Just a reminder that after Easter we will be running a 'Book Amnesty'. During the Easter holidays, please could we ask you all to have a search through your book shelves to see if you have any School books. After the holiday, please return any of these School books to the Book Amnesty box which will be situated outside the School Office. Thank you.

YEAR R—EASTER STORY

The Year R children have continued learning about the Easter story and have been talking about why Christians include a cross in their Easter gardens. They painted paper plates, to show the crucifixion scene and they made Easter biscuits, portraying the empty tomb and the stone that had been rolled away.



YEAR 2 PANCAKES

Year 2 had an exciting start to the week! The children are currently reading a book entitled 'Mama Panay's pancakes'. The book includes a pancake recipe, so Year 2 decided that it would be a good idea to make pancakes! This was followed with a lesson in which they wrote instructions on how to make the batter and how to cook and serve the pancakes.



'BREAK THE RULES' DAY



Thank you for supporting the PTA 'Break the Rules' Day. We look forward to sharing more photos with you after Easter, along with details of the funds raised.

WORLD AUTISM ACCEPTANCE WEEK

This week has marked World Autism Acceptance Week. This event aims to shine a light on autism and hopes to increase awareness about life for autistic adults and children. It is something that we have been considering in School this week. For more information about this initiative, click [here](#).

STUDENT TEACHERS

This week we bid farewell to student teachers, Miss Miles, Miss Paige and Mrs White who finish their placement with us. Our thanks to them all. We would like to wish them happiness and success for the future. After Easter we very much look forward to welcoming Mr Henry Bodle and Miss Lucinda Haslock back to School to complete their training with us.

LENT CALENDAR

With just over 2 weeks until Easter Sunday, we very much hope that your children have been using and enjoying the Lady Boswell's Lent Prayer, Love and Kindness calendar which was Parentmailed to you on 2/3/22. It certainly isn't too late to join in, so do take a look at our message if you haven't done so already.

EASTER EGG HUNT



Above are photos of our Year R enjoying an Easter egg hunt. They coloured their own Easter egg picture, which was then cut in two, with one half hidden in the KS1 playground. They then had to hunt to find a matching half.

Our thanks to the PTA and, indirectly, to you all, for providing every child with an Easter egg.

INTER-HOUSE HOCKEY TOURNAMENT



On Wednesday 23rd March Year 6 took part in their annual inter-house hockey tournament. The children were very lucky with the weather with the sun shining all afternoon.

The Sports Captains took responsibility for organising their teams and for planning formations and tactics. They also ensured that every member of their team had the opportunity to play. Warm-ups were undertaken and were specific to each team. Miss Harris has instigated the presentation of medals for the entire winning team in inter-house tournaments, as well as for those children who show great sportsmanship during these events. In addition, each house will now be awarded house points based upon their placing in the tournament.

Congratulations, on this occasion, go to McKinley who were the overall victors, but well done to every child who took part.



POND REGENERATION

This week, Mr Mepham strimmed back the bushes around one side of the School pond, leaving the other side undisturbed and in its natural state. Mr & Mrs Rands-Webb, Mrs Hunter-Brown and Mrs Smyth then spent a morning working hard to eliminate brambles from the gate to a semi-circular space around the pond so that children will be able to use the area (under close supervision). We have 14 nets, ready-to-go, for some pond-dipping fun a little later in the year. Thank you to the entire team for their hard work.

On the Tuesday of their clear-out, they managed initially to fish out several rugby balls and footballs, but on Wednesday their haul extended to eleven more! They were very careful not to disturb the resident wildlife and were thrilled to see several toads and a baby newt! Some of the material that was cut down was piled up to provide a habitat for minibeasts.

As a part of Green Week at Sevenoaks School, Alice H-B from Year 5 wrote a letter outlining the importance of ponds as a habitat. For her outstanding work, she was awarded a voucher to purchase some water lilies. These stunning plants play an important job in oxygenating the water and Alice kindly placed her lilies into the School pond this week. Thank you Alice!

LITTER PICK

Following last week's 'CleanUp Weekend', many of our children threw themselves into litter picking with some of them winning vouchers for their efforts. A big 'well done' to everyone who got involved! We hope that this initiative has inspired people across Sevenoaks to keep our beautiful countryside looking clean and litter-free. Please do take a moment to admire the anti-litter posters made by our pupils which have been posted at both the top and bottom gates.



CHANCE2DANCE



Well done to the members of our Junior Dance Club who took part this week in Chance2Dance at the Stag Theatre. They performed with confidence and poise; well done to them all. Our thanks to Miss Johnson for teaching them and choreographing the performance.

MOTHER'S DAY

We hope that you had a happy Mother's Day. We didn't want to ruin the surprise, but thought you might like to see an example of our Year 1's Mother's Day cards.



DIARY DATES

TERM 5—DIARY DATES	TERM 6—DIARY DATES
	Parent Prayer Meeting—2.30pm on 10 and 24/6 and 8/7. Meet at School Office
	Term 4 swimming—Copper Birch, Silver Birch & Hawthorn Classes
	7/6/22 First day of Term 6
18/4/22	9/6/22 Year 4—6 Swimming Gala
	11/6/22 PTA Summer Ball
18/4/22	13/6/22 Bentley Photographic—Club photos
18/4/22	13— Year 5 Transition Meetings—details to follow
19/4/22	14/6/22
19/4/22— 11/5/22	15- Year 6 to Overstrand
20/4/22	18/6/22
22/4/22	16/6/22 Year 3 Fun Swim
27 + 28/4/22	22/6/22 District Sports—more information to follow
29/4/22	22/6/22 Year 1 trip to Hastings
2/5/22	24/6/22 Own Clothes Day for 'Bring a Bottle'
4/5/22	25/6/22 PTA Summer Fair—more information to follow
w/c 9/5/22	28/6/22 Sports Day—more information to follow
w/c 16 & 23/5/22	1/7/22 Bentley Photographic—Whole School photo day
20/5/22	5/7/22 Reserve Sports Day
w/c 23/5/22	8/7/22 9.10am Friendship Service—led by Year R. Year R parents/carers invited to attend
24/5/22	12 & 13/7/22 Summer Production—more information to follow
26/5/22	18/7/22 3.30pm to 3.45pm Open Classroom
27/5/22	20/7/22 10.00am Leavers' Service—Year 6 parents/carers invited to attend. Year 6 parents/carers invited to refreshments after the service in the Undercroft
	1/4/22 1.30m School finishes for last day of

Easter 2022



Family Fun Days

FREE

Monday 4 April, 10am to 2pm

Eynsford Village Hall, High Street Eynsford DA4 0AA

Tuesday 5 April, 10am to 2pm

Behind the playground at Swanley Park, Swanley BR8 7PW

Wednesday 6 April, 10am to 2pm

Cricket Meadow, Green Court Road, Crockenhill BR8 8HF

Thursday 7 April, 10am to 2pm

Bat and Ball Centre, Crampton's Road, Sevenoaks TN14 5DN

Friday 8 April, 10am to 2pm

The Green, Leigh TN11 8QP

No booking required but children must be supervised by a parent or carer at all times

For more information, please call **01732 227000**

or email communities@sevenoaks.gov.uk

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SEVENOAKS CROWNS FOR THE JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Draw a crown for our Jubilee Banners!

Draw, paint, collage, knit, embroider a crown. They will all be printed onto the banners decorating the Vine Gardens



Here are some we've already received. Get your imagination going!

- Try to fit your work into a maximum size of 30cm x 30cm (smaller if you like).
- If you would like to include your name and age it will also be printed.
- We will do our best to return original artwork where possible so please write contact details on the reverse of the artwork

Drop off your CROWN artwork at

- the Town Council Offices (Bradbourne Vale Road Sevenoaks TN13 3QG)
- The Stag Theatre,
- The Vine Café or
- The Kaleidoscope Gallery in the library
- if you'd prefer to send a high resolution digital image of your design, please email it to: council@sevenoakstown.gov.uk with the subject CROWN

by **TUESDAY 19TH APRIL**

THANKYOU - WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING ALL YOUR CROWNS!
COME AND FIND THEM ON THE VINE BANNERS FROM LATE MAY

