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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

In assembly this week, we explored the theme of keeping everyone safe. We talked to the children about when a school might need to go into a sudden lockdown, using the analogy of a dog running around the grounds. The children were introduced to the procedure we would follow in a lockdown and they had the opportunity to listen to the sound of the bell. Following this, we carried out a practice lockdown on Friday afternoon so the children could practice what to do. They did a great job and as a first practice, we were very impressed. We will now practice school lockdowns once a term, like we do fire drills.

In other news, we are excited to announce that the new Keevill area has been completed. The area, which was the former EYFS classroom, looks amazing. Mrs Green, Keevill staff and pupils have all waited many years for this exciting new space. Our plan is to move everything into the new area at Easter so our Keevill pupils can enjoy their new classroom and therapy room after Easter. A grand opening is arranged for 26th April with Louise Sugden, a former Keevill pupil and now Paralympian champion, officially opening the building.

Enjoy the weekend.

Mrs J Lewry
Headteacher

Summer Term Dates

Summer Term 1:

25th April to 27th May 2022

Bank Holiday:

2nd May

Half Term:

30th May to 3rd June 2022

Summer Term 4:

6th June to 21 July 2022

at **12:00**

Inset Day

24th June 2022

Dates for
the Diary:

REMINDERS

Sponsored Read

Please add any sponsorship money to our
Just Giving Page.

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/speenhamland-outdoor-reading>

Thank you to those who have already donated.

Book Fair

The Book Fair continues next Monday and books will be on sale after school in the **Dining Hall** on **Monday 4th April 3.10 pm to 3.45 pm**

Year 6 Information Evening

Tuesday 5th April at 6.15 pm in the School Hall

We are looking forward to seeing all our Y6 parents to see our SATs presentation and also the residential presentation to include schedule of activities for the week and kit list.

This is also an opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

Parents of children not attending the residential may leave after the SATs presentation

Laal House Event

On **Monday 4th April**, Laal House will be busy raising money for their chosen charity –

Swings and Smiles.

Children are allowed to wear their own clothes to school that day with the theme, Express Yourself.

They could dress in sporty clothes, in their favourite colour, or a t-shirt of their favourite band and give a £1 donation.

Clubs

Clubs have now finished for this term.

Electronic booking form for Summer term clubs will be sent out after the Easter holidays.

School Meal Increase

As noted in previous newsletter, the cost of a school meal is now £2.35, which is still wonderful value for money.

End of Spring Term

School closes Thursday 7th April at 12 noon.

Remember!

This Week's Teacher Achievement and PSHE Awards

	ACHIEVEMENT	PSHE
Wisteria	Esmee Bejinariu	Matthew Tucker
Cherry	Elizabeth Collins	Heyansh Malavathu
Oak	Alex Wheeler	Sewal Findik
Ash	Chloe Flitton	Leah Fairchild
Hawthorn	Michal Jankowski	Logan Goddard
Juniper	Oscar Little	Evie Garnish
Maple	Tommy Lambourne	Francis Moisa
Acer	Mamadou Diallo	Caleb Rees
Redwood	Chloe Rubery	Cameron Smith
Cedar	Alex Thurstan	Jessie Murphy

HOUSE WINNER

The Dragon's Eggs results for this week are:

1st Zolty 281
2nd Azul 208
3rd Laal 201
4th Verde 154

Congratulations to Zolty!

Attendance

This week's attendance is 93.47%,
which is slightly up on last week
which was 90.66%.

This is a good improvement.

Keep up the good work!

FoSS News

Mother's Day Gifts

The wonderful sum of £296 was raised from selling Mother's Day gifts last week.

Thank you to everyone who supported this event. Vodafone will match fund, which is fantastic news!

Thank you to Mrs Waterfall for organising and also the following children
who gave up their lunchtimes to sell the gifts:

Poppy J, Theo J, Vraj P, Caleb R, Ayden M, Keira C, Chloe B, Bella McC, Loui B, Emily L, Alfie B and Flora T.

Easter Raffle

Raffle tickets will be £1.00 and will be sold in classes during the week of **4th – 7th April**.

All money raised will go to FoSS and we will announce all the winners in our final Newsletter of the term.

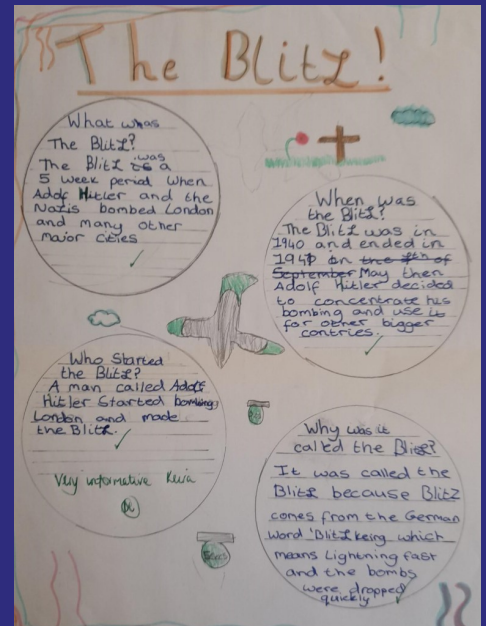
We recommend the money comes into school in a named envelope,
outlining which raffle/s the children wish to enter:

- A) **Class Easter chocolate/sweet raffle**
- B) **Class Easter craft raffle**
- C) **School Giant Easter Egg**

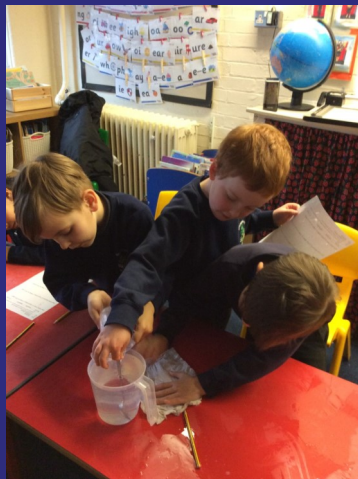


CHILDREN'S AMAZING WORK THIS WEEK

Redwood Class built some fantastic Air Raid Shelters for their homework and Keira from Acer Class produced The Blitz poster.



Year 1 this week have been learning about capacity and they showed excellent team work to measure capacity using cups, spoons and containers.



Year 2 have been learning to find a fraction of an amount. They used cubes to help us use the sharing method.

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Wisteria Class

This week, the children have loved watching their caterpillars continue to grow! They think, that this weekend the caterpillars will create their cocoons ready for their metamorphosis into a butterfly!



SPORT NEWS

Football

On Monday afternoon, 7 Infant children took part in a football festival at Park House School. Our team played four fixtures against Parsons Down, Cold Ash St Marks, St Finians and St Gabriels. We performed well in each fixture with our children working hard and scoring some fantastic goals. Every child represented the school fantastically showing great sportsmanship towards each other and the opposition.

Well done boys!



Newbury District Primary Schools Football Association 6-a-Side

Our Upper Junior Boys were in action once again, this time taking part in the Newbury District Primary Schools Football Association's 6-a-Side Competition, which was hosted at Trinity School. We were placed in a group with John Rankin and Lambourn and finished second in the group, having scored 4 goals (all scored by Jakub) across our two games. As a result of our second placed finish, we faced Sulhampstead in the first knock out round. We dominated the game creating some fantastic opportunities to score, however, we didn't open the scoring until midway through the game, when Mamadou danced through the oppositions defence before applying a close range finish. Jakub and Sam also added goals to ensure our safe passage into the quarter finals. In the quarter finals, we faced John Rankin for the second time in the afternoon.

This time we performed fantastically and dominated the game. The opposition goalkeeper was on fine form, keeping us out at every opportunity. When we did beat the goalkeeper, we saw a shot cannon back off the post to ensure that the scores remained locked at 0-0. John Rankin caught us on the counter attack and took the lead against the run of play. Our reaction was brilliant and Jakub scored an equalising goal less than 60 seconds later. We pushed on to try and find the winning goal and once again were caught on the counter attack by John Rankin, who took the lead with only a few minutes left to play and defended solidly to see out the rest of the game.

Well done to all the boys who represented our school superbly over the afternoon - they can be proud of their performances.



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