



# School Newsletter



**Returning our decorated Easter Eggs to St Mary's**

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## Easter message

First of all, apologies for this newsletter coming out on a Saturday, I'm afraid that the end of the week was simply too busy to get this publication out as well. We've had a great term with lots of wonderful events happening around school, on Wednesday I had the pleasure of accompanying some of our fabulous Year 6s in their inter-school orienteering day, which was superb. Above you can see a group of our children returning decorated eggs to St Mary's after enjoying two days of Easter activities there during the week. We aim to create many more opportunities for your children in the next term. Year 4 children will be putting on a performance of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory next half term and there are trips planned to the zoo for Year 2 and a truly brilliant end of year trip to London for the Year 6s. We've also plans for other events too, of which more later in this newsletter.

Your children continue to make progress which remains really important to sustain. To this end can you all please make sure that your children continue to read regularly and daily during the Easter Holiday (alongside the necessary consumption of chocolate). We've important national assessments coming up in May for several year groups and it would be a shame if things dipped during Easter.

Staff at the school all wish you all a very happy Easter with your children and look forward to creating another wonderful term in the summer. We also said goodbye this week to Mrs McCloskey, and we all wish her well in her new job after Easter.

If you were hoping to be able to come into school tomorrow (Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April) to assist with painting the school, I'm afraid that this event is unable to happen due to my personal circumstances tomorrow. Sorry if you had planned to help out, I will look for another date when we can carry on with this job.

Have a truly peaceful and happy Easter, and remember your children return to school on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April.

## Office update

There is a lot of lost property in the school foyer at the moment. Can parents please come and look through it all and reclaim items before we become overwhelmed.

Can you also please remember to update the office with any changes to personal circumstances and contact details as soon as they happen. Thank you.



**The Year 6 Orienteering team**

## Cosmati Pavement

To commemorate the coronation of King Charles III in May, we have been inspired by the restoration of the Cosmati Pavement, a medieval mosaic in Westminster Abbey which will be used for the first time in 150 years during the coronation ceremony as the King is crowned.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-65027039> - see also the pictures above.

The actual mosaic is made of thousands of pieces of stone, tile, pottery, glass and metal and we are hoping to create our very own Guildhall mosaic which will include our school logo and some of the unique designs in the Cosmati Pavement including tessellating diamonds and squares. We are also hoping to include fragments of medieval and roman pottery excavated from our site during our archaeological dig when the new building was built. Each of the children will be able to place pieces onto the mosaic which will be displayed in school. We hope it will be a unique way to mark this historic occasion.

However, we need your help! We are looking to collect pieces of pottery and tile that could be used to create our masterpiece! If you have any small bathroom mosaics, or craft mosaic tiles, pieces of pottery, wood, metal or stone that could be used to create our mosaic we would love your donations. They can be brought to the school office for the attention of Mrs Thompson anytime from now until the end of April. Small pieces and squares and especially diamond shapes are especially needed. All colours are useful, blue would be particularly helpful.

## Bury in Bloom Design Competition

We will be participating in the "Bury in Bloom Young Green Fingers Awards" in the Summer term with the theme of The Coronation. We would like any child in the school to design a garden that we could create in the garden area at the front of the school in front of the school hall and Master's House.

This year's theme is of the Coronation has an emphasis on bright and colourful displays rather than a particular colour scheme. You can, of course, do whatever you like linked to the Coronation including fruit and vegetables as well as flowers but in particular there is a focus on recycling, using containers such as tyres, wheelbarrows or wellies or other recycled objects.

All entries should be designed on a landscape piece of A4 paper and the closing date for designs is Monday 24th April. The winning design will be used to help create our entry to the Bury in Bloom event and the winner will also receive a small prize. All designs should be handed to Mrs Thompson via the school office.

We look forward to seeing the amazing creations! Next term we will also have a gardening club who will help to make the design come to life. More details will follow after Easter.

## House Points Trophy

We must congratulate the Emeralds house for winning last week's House point trophy. We should also say a huge well done to the Rubies house for winning the termly contest.



Pictures of the Cosmati Pavement

## Music Tuition Survey

Hopefully you have seen my letter asking whether you'd be interested in The school arranging individual or small group music tuition from September. So far I've received 50 responses. 22 children wishing to learn Guitar and 22 wishing to learn piano, 2 each for violin, trumpet and flute. We will likely need more than two children to make this viable for us to pay for a day of a staff member from Suffolk music. Below is the link to the Google form, so that you can add your child to the list if you've not already done so.

<https://forms.gle/1F8cyrhtZSQaNhZ7>

## Big Walk and Wheel



Thank you everyone for assisting in this event. We have averaged 70% of the school walking and wheeling to school, putting us in 32nd place in the East and Midlands region and second in Suffolk.

Whilst we are mentioning cycling, I must also say well done to our Year 6s who completed their Bikability training recently too.

## Board Games and Puzzles

Due to the popularity of Board Games Club and The Mix, we would love some donations of board games and puzzles for the children to use. Games suitable for 5-11 years would be helpful and can be handed into Mrs Thompson via the office at any time.

## Friends of Feoffment News

Thank you to everyone who attended Easter Bingo on Wednesday evening. It was a great community event and another excellent fundraiser for the school.

## SEND News

(As well as the young people's mental health for parents/carers courses Charlotte shared on Dojo today which I think are worth re-highlighting - not sure if there is a webpage or if Charlotte had this only as a document) I think it would be worth sharing as a regular feature SEND information. We'd like to recommend that parents read the Suffolk SENDIASS (Information, Advice and Support Service) <https://suffolksendiass.co.uk/> Lots of great information to support families of children with SEND in Suffolk. It is impartial and has useful webpages, blogs and links to support and training including understanding the EHCP process.

Key Highlight this month include: Supporting Transition into Year 7

### Preparing for the transition to high school for pupils with SEN

Booking is also open for this popular online session helping families prepare for the **transition to high school for pupils with SEN**. This relaxed session was coproduced with parents and is supported by a specialist teacher from Suffolk's Communication and Interaction service.

### Preparing for the transition to high school for pupils with SEN

#### Online session

**3<sup>rd</sup> May 10am – 11:30am**

[Click here to register](#)

## Parenting Support

I'd like to ensure that you've all seen the Dojo that Mrs Atwell sent out a couple of days ago which highlights a range of NHS courses to support specific parenting issues. If you've not seen this, please take a look.

I'm also sharing again these courses run by the county council. New courses will be starting in April online or in person. If you are interested in taking part in the parenting programmes you can book directly through Suffolk Parenting Hub.

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/childcare-information-and-support-for-parents-and-providers/parent-hub/parenting-programmes-overview>

## Easter Trips to St Mary's

On Wednesday and Thursday last week the wonderful people of St Mary's laid on a great Easter experience for our KS1 children. The children worked their way around 7 activities in the church and from this they would have gained a very detailed understanding of the Easter story. At the end of the session the children too paper eggs away to colour in and return to the church in time for the Easter service.

Here are some great images from the days.



## Year 6 Accumulator Challenge



### Upcoming diary dates

17	APR, MON	● All day	Staff training day (all staff)
18	APR, TUE	● 6 – 6:30pm	SATs meeting online for Year 6 parents (Zoom)
19	APR, WED	● 9:20 – 11:20am ● 3:15 – 4:15pm	Yr 4 Violin Lessons Lego club Year 3/4
24	APR, MON	● 3:15 – 4pm	Benjamin Britten Choir Hall
26	APR, WED	● 9:20 – 11:20am ● 3:15 – 4:15pm	Yr 4 Violin Lessons Lego club Year 3/4
1	MAY, MON	● 3:15 – 4pm	Benjamin Britten Choir Hall
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