

**"Growing and Learning Together with God."**

*Spring Term 2 Value : Love and Agape*

# Newsletter 8 Spring Term

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Dear Parents and Carers,

### Message from the Head

As we approach our Easter break and we see the beautiful signs of Spring everywhere I would like to wish you all a very happy family time together.

It has been wonderful to see school flourish once again since all our pupils have returned and there have been numerous exciting developments to enhance our provision for them.

The 'Activall' has proved very popular with the children and will help to develop their coordination and logic skills in a fun and active way.

Our school grounds have been mapped and the staff have undergone orienteering training this week in order to deliver numerous activities in the wonderful grounds of our school site. This will be an exciting cross-curricular experience for our pupils.

I have worked hard to liaise with other Headteachers, Diocesan Advisors and Ofsted Officials to ensure that we have current information and opportunities to access the very best for our children.

Staff have really enjoyed having full classes and being able to meet face to face with the children and, once again, I do thank them for their hard work, commitment, and dedication to our school.

Our FoFS committee have provided egg-cellent Easter packs for the children and our thanks go to them for their continued efforts to raise money for extras for our children.

On Tuesday the staff and children took part in a minute's silence to remember the start of Covid a year ago and to think about all those who have passed away, and their loved ones.

Next term promises to be full of hard work, fun, and community spirit as we endeavour to compensate for the impact of lockdown and offer excellence for all as 'We grow and learn together with God'.

Have a wonderful Easter!

## Easter Service

It was great to have the Reverend Helen Barnes lead our worship today with an Easter message. Remember that the Holy week box activity starts this weekend if you would like to take part (the leaflet was sent out last week).

We are working hard in school recording our Easter Service, which will be sent out next Wednesday (31<sup>st</sup>).

## Child of the Week

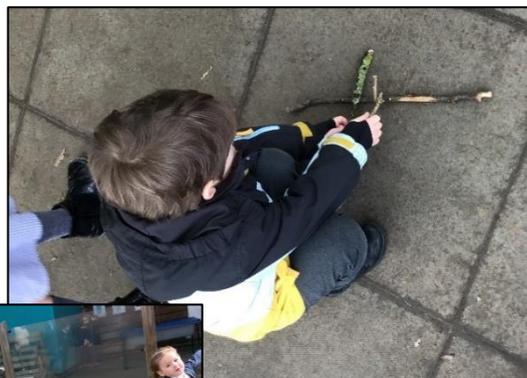
Certificates will be given out on Monday during normal worship. Well done to the following children for extra effort this week :

<b><i>Tiddlers</i></b>	Pippa C
<b><i>Minnows</i></b>	Poppy S
<b><i>Sticklebacks</i></b>	Olivia K-M and Madeleine F-R
<b><i>Seahorses</i></b>	Caleb B and Harrison T
<b><i>Stingrays</i></b>	Emily J and Josh S
<b><i>Sharks</i></b>	Charlie N and Xavi N



## Class Activities

The ***Tiddlers*** and ***Minnows*** have been very busy learning their song for the Easter Service. Miss Williams has been really impressed with how well they have managed to do so. They have also been hearing about why we celebrate Easter and the different ways we might celebrate this special holiday. The Minnows have done some super maths work this week and have all worked hard to learn their number bonds to 10.



## Class Activities (continued)

**Sticklebacks** really enjoyed their PE session on Monday where they learnt some new basketball skills. It was great fun.

They have also been finding out what Christians believe happened to Jesus after he died on the cross. They read the picture book 'Heaven' by Nicholas Allan to start with. The story was both sad and happy and they talked about how it made them feel. They have created some art work about the Easter story and they have discussed their own ideas about what they think happened to Jesus after he died.



This week the **Seahorses** have used a variety of art techniques to work in teams to create pictures of the garden of Gethsemane.

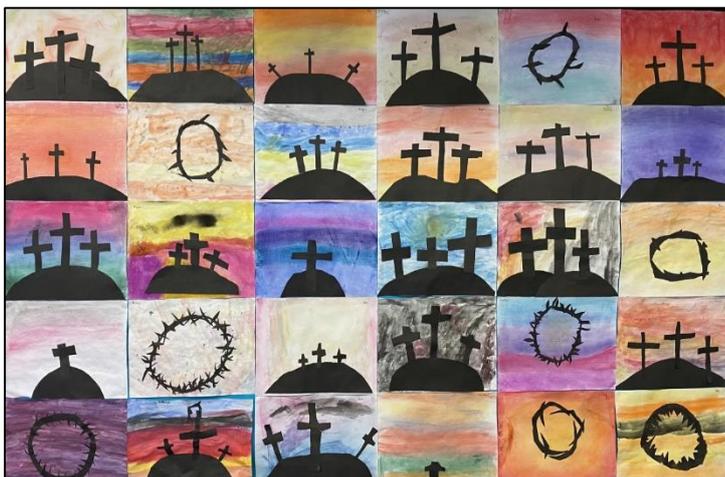
They have also imagined they were Peter, after denying Jesus three times, and have written letters to Jesus as an apology.



**Stingrays** have been very thoughtful and reflective this week as they have been looking at the Easter Story. They have been thinking about the story from the point of view of Mary, Jesus' mother, and considering how she must have felt.

The diaries that they wrote show great empathy and an excellent understanding of the meaning of the Easter story. They have also produced some very effective artwork to represent the crucifixion. Maths has been very active this week, with number trails to help them practise finding fractions of amounts and multiplying 2 and 3 digit number. It was also brilliant to see them all develop their ball skills and teamwork during the basketball enrichment morning.

They have also investigated Easter traditions around the world and, in particular, the Faberge designs. Be ready to see their own designs in a few days!



## Class Activities (continued)



This week the *Sharks* have been completing their Easter RE unit : what difference does the resurrection make to Christians? They wrote play scripts from the point of view of the women who discovered that Jesus' body was missing from the tomb and the disciples that he met after his resurrection, based on their reading of the Gospel of Luke. They used this as the inspiration for their Easter artwork, creating an empty tomb scene with a movable stone which rolls aside to reveal that Jesus has risen.

In Maths, they have been continuing their work on fractions, using bar modelling to help visualise how to find fractions of amounts and how to divide fractions by integers.

They really enjoyed their enrichment basketball on Tuesday, using their resilience to develop their skills when learning a new sport and showing great sporting attitudes in their mini-matches at the end of the session.



## Enrichment Day – Basketball

It was another active start to the week for all the children as they took part in our Basketball sessions led by the coaches from Premier Sports. This week the activities again helped them all develop new ball skills, as well as building up their physical fitness - they were certainly kept moving! Again, it was great to see them all working together as teams, encouraging and supporting each other as they faced new challenges. The photos certainly show how involved and focused the children were and how much they enjoyed the session. Their next sessions will be just after the Easter holidays (26th and 27th April) when the focus will be Athletics.



## Extra-Curricular Activities

Sports, clubs and face-to-face music lessons are all back next term!

Our Premier coaches will be offering an **Olympics Multisport Club** for **Years 1 to 3** on Thursdays and a **Basketball Club** for **Years 4 to 6** on Fridays. A letter with full details will be sent to you early next week. All clubs will be outdoors and class bubbles will be adhered to as far as possible.

Mrs Churchill's son, Richard, will be taking a **Cricket Club** on Thursday afternoons for **Stingrays** and **Sharks**. Places are filling quickly so do contact the office soonest.

Just a reminder for those taking up a club place: there are limited spots available so please do not put your child down for one if he/she is not keen. Attendance to a club has to be regular and continuous throughout the term.

### **Fresh Start**

Please remember to order your child's meals for next term on Fresh Start's Meal Manager, which is now open. Last orders are due in by midday on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April**.

### **Final Reminder**

As per Government guidance we have to be notified about any positive Covid cases for 48 hours after the end of the school day on Wednesday. So please do let us know if your child tests positive in the period between the close of school and Saturday the 3<sup>rd</sup> April. Self-isolation will have to be imposed.

Have a wonderful weekend and a relaxing Easter break.

Kind regards,

**Jonathan Hart**  
*Headteacher*

