

# Rackheath Primary School

## Newsletter

HAPPY  
*Easter*

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021

**The last week of a very unusual term has been a really good one. It has been lovely to see all the children playing on the field for the first time in months.**

**Horstead Day Trips** - This week we had the brilliant news that Year 3 and Year 4 will be able to go to Horstead for 2 activity days each in May. Year 4 are going on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May with Year 3 going on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> and Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May.

### **Bikeability**

This week 3 groups of Year 5 and 6 children have been taking part in cycling proficiency training with the Bikeability organisation. Over 4 days the children took part in activities and drills on the roads around Rackheath. The Bikeability staff were really impressed with all the children that took part. They were very complementary of the way all the children listened and concentrated. Thanks also to the staff that went out with the group to support the children.



**Field Use** - As mentioned it has been lovely that the children have been able to get out on the field this week. We very much hope that after Easter the children will use the field almost every day. The children will still need a change of shoes when on the field.

**Swimming and Mandarin** – After Easter swimming and Mandarin lessons will both re-start. Year 4 will start swimming on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April and Mrs Song will be working with Year 3 and 6 from Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April.



**Optional Parent - Staff catch up** - As we were in lockdown in February we did not hold our usual second parent teacher evening of the year. With the year being so different we do not plan to re-schedule parents evening especially as most children have only just returned to school.

Instead we have put aside some time where parents have the option for a quick catch up meeting with the class teacher. The idea being that if a parent would like a chat with staff, to share information, or ask questions about topics such as remote learning or the transition back into school they can.

We are not expecting that everyone will book a slot but wanted to give you the option to have a catch up with your child's teacher, if you feel that would be helpful. Initially we have earmarked Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April between 4pm and 6pm for this. Appointments will be on Zoom and will be 5 minutes long. Booking will be done via SchoolPing and we will send out details of how to book soon.

Staff will be writing detailed annual reports as usual at the end of the year. For those new to the school they will be sent out in early July.



### **Bombers**

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We are pleased to announce that Jasmine is now proud mummy to baby Leo who was born on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March weighing 6lb 14oz. Many congratulations from all of us to her and Alex.

We have been sent the following link to pass on: [www.norfolk.gov.uk/familylearning](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/familylearning) There will be a series of Easter Themed family activities over zoom during the Easter holiday!

### **Reception**

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We can't believe it's the final week here in Reception. What an usual and eventful half term. This week we have had five fun packed days of learning. In maths we have been doubling. Each day we have enjoyed many different practical experiences to help us to understand what doubling a number is. For example, if a ladybird has 4 dots on one wing, can we double 4 to find out how many dots she has altogether?

In phonics this week we have been learning all about the ou sound. We have been writing words and sentences to help us to remember this sound. For example, I can shout it out.

In topic we have been learning all about the meaning of Easter. We have been finding out about why Easter has hot cross buns, eggs and palm crosses. We have sequenced the Easter story and even had an Easter egg hunt.

I think the children and adults are ready for a break to recharge and come back excited and ready to learn for hopefully a 'normal' Summer term.

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Another fabulous week in Year 1! This week has been all about Easter. We have continued to learn about why Christians celebrate Easter, and moved on to thinking about how people celebrate. We talked about customs that we have at home (it mostly involved chocolate!) and then found out how Easter is celebrated around the World. One of our favourites was that in Poland on Easter Monday, people pour water over each other!

In Phonics we compared the 'air' and 'are' sounds, and the 'ir', 'ur' and 'er' sounds. We also did some Easter maths activities this week, and made Easter wreaths. A highlight of our week was our Easter Egg Hunt on Wednesday!

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The children in year 3, have had a fabulous week to end this rather crazy spring term! In English, the children have been working incredibly hard on their fables and have all produced an AMAZING piece of writing, which included fronted adverbials, expanded noun phrases and direct speech. The children are all very proud of their work and couldn't wait to take a copy home to show their grownups. On Wednesday in maths, the children blew my socks off at how well they were able to solve a fractions word problem called 'A Bowl of Fruit' and were rewarded by finishing the week off with some fun Easter themed maths challenges. The children also had a brilliant PE lesson with Mrs Pulford earlier in the week; it was wonderful to hear them all cheering and supporting each other. We finished the week with some Easter arts and craft and a movie afternoon 😊

I hope everyone has a relaxing and enjoyable Easter break and I look forward to seeing you all next term! Miss Hornagold x

## Year 4

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Well done Year 4 on completing an incredibly challenging term. This week we have been looking at dividing by 10, using decimal place value which has been challenging but we have loved it. In English this week we have been writing poems using rhyming couplets and we produced some incredible pieces of writing. We have loved learning about the true meaning of Easter and we are very much looking forward to celebrating with our families and eating lots of chocolate. We hope you have a wonderful holiday and well deserved rest. We are looking forward to starting our Mayan topic in April.

## Year 5

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This week has been a lovely end to a very long term – the sun has been out (if only for a moment) and we have been on the field as a class! I must start by saying a big thank you to Theo O as this week he organised and set up races on the field for the class. He used a clipboard to keep a chart and then declared a winner; he even organised prizes. What a lovely thing to do!

In maths this week we continued our work with % - it has certainly been tricky at times. It would be amazing if, over Easter, you could ask the children some questions linked to this. For example, "what is 50% of this amount?" or "I'm only giving you 25% of your pocket money this month unless you do all of the chores so how much will you get?"

We have also been studying what Easter is to Christians which made us realise where Easter eggs come from – ask the children to see if they remember! In English, we have been writing poems by imagining that we are comets with some amazing results. Here is a sample of Olivia's poem:

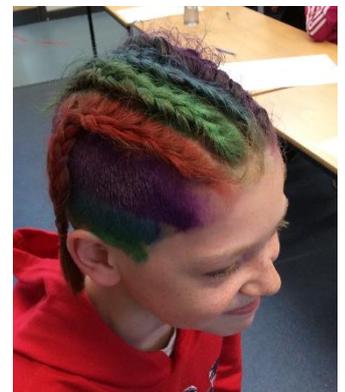
### What I Did Today

*Going round in circles is what I did today,  
Swishing my tail gloriously is what I did today,  
Dancing round the planets furiously, is what I did today  
Whinge and whine to the sun about how they hate me is what I did today  
I crash and bash, play and dash that is what I did today  
I am a comet, racing through space today*

*By Olivia Chandler*

In the afternoons, whilst the cyclists have been out, we have been looking at the size of space which has led to some deep questions. We scaled down the sun, and then worked out the size and distance of the planets based on our scale. Did you know, if the Sun had a diameter of only 1m then planet earth would be only 0.8cm big and would be over 100 meters away! The furthest planet in our solar system (Neptune) would be OVER 2KM AWAY!! We couldn't comprehend it!

To finish the week / term, we have had one final Funky Friday where we dressed up in bright colours. Today we have done some Easter art, had an Easter quiz and looked at the phases of the moon using Oreos biscuits. As you can see from the photographs, it went down well!



### Year 6

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This week has been a very busy one for the Year 6 children but lots of fun activities have taken place. Firstly, on Monday through to Thursday, two groups of Year 6s took part in Bikeability where they went out onto the roads to learn essential and practical cycle skills. The instructors were extremely complimentary about the children and said they should all be very proud of themselves. We also had our James 'Egg' Bond challenge. Last week, the children came up with a design to stop their egg from breaking when thrown off the school's roof! On Monday and Wednesday, we tested their designs. A new record was set during Wednesday's session because ALL of the eggs survived! Afterwards, the children were brilliant at evaluating their designs to say which aspects worked well and which things they would do differently next time. In Maths lessons, the children have been solving problems linked to multiplication and in Literacy, the children finished their final instruction text before moving onto producing some very imaginative and descriptive writing! I was also impressed by their enthusiasm in our R.E lesson on Thursday. The children researched and discussed the true meaning of Easter and found out why eggs are a symbol of Easter. Yet again, I am amazed by the enthusiasm of the children and I hope all of you have a brilliant Easter Holiday. Well done Year 6...you are all superstars!



# Attendance Bear

Well done to Reception class who  
had **100%**  
Attendance last week for the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
week running!

Have an amazing Easter break. We look forward to seeing you all on Monday April 12<sup>th</sup>.

Chris Ashman

