

Newsletter

April 2022



Oak Class

Hello from everyone in Oak class!
As always, the children are working really hard. This half term they have especially enjoyed the creative subjects. In music lessons, they had great fun listening to and discussing lots of different rock songs – by Queen, Deep Purple and Status Quo! They learnt a rock song written for children and had fun improvising on glockenspiels as part of their performance to the whole school in celebration assembly one Friday. They have also listened to reggae music and learnt and performed a reggae song – this time using glockenspiels to play an accompaniment. In art, they have been creating collages and printing. The collage work started with an outdoor session, working cooperatively to create circles like the British artist Richard Long does.
Well done everyone.

Ash Class

This half term Ash class have enjoyed:
Making book characters for World Book Day,
Making pancakes and having pancake races on Shrove Tuesday,
Making surprise Mothering Sunday gifts,
Learning about animals and playing in our vet role play corner,
Looking for signs of Spring.
And of course working hard at our phonics, reading, writing and number work.
Continuing to work hard on our phonics and Maths

Chestnut Class

Our main project this half term has been learning how to sew in DT. Everybody created their own cushion and learnt all about cross stitch, running stitch and applique. These cushions have been sent home and can also be seen on the Chestnut class page. We've also had lots of excellent PE sessions, we've enjoyed art and music with Miss Ashcroft on Wednesdays and learnt plenty in Maths and Literacy too.

Dear Parents & Carers,

Another half term done, with all the hopes of doing full school things again, playtimes and assemblies, very quickly dashed by several covid cases. Thank you all for your help in keeping our cases under control with the regular and quick testing at home, and keeping children away if they're ill. Let's just hope our Summer term sees more of us all being together! Enjoy the Easter break.

Sports and Teams

This half term the school have competed in the Basketball and Orienteering competitions. The basketball team played very well against difficult opposition and we finished fifth. The orienteering team finished fourth in their event, they worked very hard and got 39 out of the 40 clues correct. Well done everybody.

We have also had a cricket taster session across the school. This was great fun and the children enjoyed developing their skills. Next half term, we are looking forward to more competitions including cricket, tennis and netball. Thank you to all of the parents who have supported us by providing lifts for their children.

Collective Worship

We have focused on the values of TRUST and FORGIVENESS this half term. We did manage a short time of having whole school assemblies but have gone back to class assemblies for now. Rev'd Philip will be leading an Easter service for us on Wednesday 6th April.

Birch Class

This half term, Birch Class learnt about the Mayans in their History topic. They learnt about their religion, foods, houses, buildings and much more. They also thought about how the Mayan civilisation compared to others periods of history. We have also learnt about faith in RE and enjoyed National Science Day by learning about trends in data. The year 6's have been working hard in their revision sessions and the year 5's have enjoyed their swimming lessons.

Mon Apr 25 th	Back to School
Thurs Apr 28 th	PSA Zoom meeting 8pm
Mon May 2 nd	Bank Holiday
Fri May 13 th	School Disco!
Thurs May 26 th	Whole school/class photos
Thurs May 26 th	Jubilee celebrations
Fri May 27 th	Enrichment Day -Quidditch
Mon May 30 th – Fri 3 rd June	Half Term
Mon 6 th June	Additional Jubilee Bank holiday
Fri 10 th June	KS2 trip to Warner Bros Studios
Mon June 13 th	Enrichment day – International Dance
Sat June 18 th	Summer Fayre / Elmsett football tournament
Thurs June 23 rd	Crucial Crew at the Mix – Year 6
Tues July 12 th	Debenham Induction Day
Thurs July 21 st	End of Term!

Homework

We will be slightly changing homework across the school so that children have some RE homework to have a go at each week. Look out for more information in the new term.

Reminders:

Children will (hopefully) need sun hats after Easter, please ensure your child brings one in if it is a sunny day!

Arrival Times

Just a reminder of the arrival times for all classes.

Birch 8.30

Chestnut 8.35

Oak 8.40

Ash 8.45

PSA – Spring Market

Thank you so much to everyone who attended, donated, contributed and enjoyed the afternoon! It was so lovely to have so many people in school again. We raised around £200 and this is without the raffle money too, so a really fantastic amount. Big thankyou to all the volunteers and staff members who helped run the event.

Next up...the School Disco! This will be in the school hall, on Friday May 13th. This will be 2 sessions, one for each Key Stage. More details to follow soon.

Parking reminder

Thank you to those who are consciously making safe parking and driving decisions. We appreciate that you are putting the children's safety first. There is always more parking behind the village hall.

Back to school

MONDAY
April 25th

Swimming

Our 10 weeks of swimming are now complete, having missed one due to a bus mishap and another due to all the swimming staff being off with COVID, we have fewer lessons but the Year 4 and 5 children have been amazing and shown so much progress. Certificates will be handed out at the end of the term.

A special mention to our group of non and less confident swimmers who have come so far in their progress with many of them moving up. They have embraced their learning and been so receptive to feedback and our help and have just kept trying and trying each week! We are so proud of you, keep it up!

Ms Knights, Mrs Morton and Miss Crockett

Easter Egg Donations

Thank you so much for all your generous donations of eggs for the Stowmarket Food Bank. We have received so many, pictures will be added to the website soon.

Eco Committee litter pick

On that beautiful sunny Friday in March the Eco Committee, plus Ms Knights and Mrs Friar walked through the village collecting any rubbish we found. We've got some great bits of kit from the Coop which were generously donated, which helped us pick up all the little bits of plastic, paper and wrappers that we found. We got a full bin bag between us, and this was only in a half hour walk through a very clean and tidy village! Litter picking equipment can be borrowed to use over the weekend or holidays, please just speak to the office.