

NEWSLETTER

INSPIRING ALL TO SOAR TO NEW HEIGHTS

CHALLENGE - CREATIVITY- CRITICAL THINKING-
COLLABORATION - COURAGE



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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week, our hearts have been full of love for Coco, Milo, Popcorn, Fluffy, Bob, Fuzz Ball, Tiddles and Buttercup. They have been cuddled, played with and read to so much and we will miss them terribly, but we look forward to receiving updates from their new families! Last Saturday, we had a super day in the sunshine at the Ghyllgrove Community Cup. Also yesterday, boys and girls from Years 3 and 4 completed in a football tournament at Mayflower School. We are so proud of ALL the children who have represented our school at sport this week, but especially the girls football team. We definitely have the Lionesses of the future! The service at the Cathedral on Wednesday was absolutely incredible. The children performed beautifully and I have been inundated with positive feedback about the event. We wish you ALL a safe and restful break and look forward to seeing you all on Monday 13th April - ready for the opening ceremony of our new playgrounds! The Mayor will be here to officially cut the red ribbon at 9am!

Ms Walker, Executive Headteacher (NPQEL) & Miss Bailey, Executive Deputy Headteacher (NPQH)

PE REMINDERS

All children are expected to take part in PE, unless you have written a letter to their teacher to explain the reason for the withdrawal.

Earrings must be removed before the PE lesson. If you are planning on getting your child's ears pierced, please consider doing this at the start of the Summer holidays.

All children must have a PE kit in school.

After Easter, PE days will be as follows:

EYFS - Monday

Year 1 - Thursday

Year 2- Wednesday and Thursday

Year 3 - Monday and Wednesday

Year 4 - Tuesday and Friday.

Year 5 - Thursday and Friday (swimming)

Year 6 - Tuesday and Friday



Harry with Popcorn!

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

EYFS - 97.7%
Year 1 - 97.7%
Year 2 - 94.9%
Year 3 - 93.7%
Year 4 - 98.3%
Year 5 - 96.4%
Year 6 - 94.0%
Total - 96.0%



WELL DONE KINGFISHERS!



IMPORTANT DATES:

13 April: First day of Summer Term
13 April: 9am: Grand opening of our new playgrounds with The Mayor in attendance
15th April: Team GB athlete visit (pm)
17 April: Y5 swimming lessons begin
24 April: PTA Break The Rules Day
27 April: Y4 Mighty Oak at Anglia Ruskin University
27th April: 2.30pm Meeting in hall about Year 6 residential
1 May: INSET Day
5th May: 9am EYFS Class assembly & presentation of Bibles
11th - 14th May: KS2 SATs
14th May (pm): KS2 SATs treat
18th - 22nd May: Sports week
20th May: 9am Year 4 Class assembly
20th May: 10am Year 1 Class assembly
20th May: 12pm Sports afternoon/family picnic
1st June: Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check this week
8th June: Year 1 Phonics Screener Check this week

HEADTEACHER'S CUP

This week's Headteacher's Cup goes to Zaya in Year 1. Zaya made a fantastic model of our school using Lego. The attention to detail she used showed real creativity and critical thinking! Well done, Zaya!



COMIC RELIEF UPDATE

Thank you all for your generous donations for Comic Relief last Friday. We raised the grand total of £205.69!



OUR DOWNHAM 5C AWARD WINNERS FOR THIS WEEK:

EYFS - Oliver for Collaboration
Year 1 - Ronnie for Creativity
Year 2 - Arthur for Critical Thinking
Year 3 - Rosie for Collaboration
Year 4 - Amelia for Courage and Challenge
Year 5 - Theo - for Challenge and Collaboration
Year 6 - All of Year 6 for Courage

