



# NEWSLETTER

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## **Technology Week**

It has been a busy week in school with gingerbread houses, sling-shot cars, cards with moving parts and kites all being designed, constructed and evaluated. A number of children have worked particularly well on these group projects and collaborated well with others. Each class were able to show their projects to another class in the hall this afternoon. Thanks must also go to the teachers for their careful planning, creativity and patience throughout the week.

## **Easter**

St James' Church will hold an Easter Service for the children via Zoom on Thursday. There could well be some fun and games and Easter activities happening on Thursday too...!

## **After School Care and After School Activities**

We have decided that after Easter we will be in a position to start our after school activities again. These activities run from the end of school until 4.30pm and incorporate after school care. They are open to all children from Reception to Year 6. Further information and a booking form will have come home with your child.

## **Before School Care**

This is available to all pupils and takes place in the hall each morning. Further information and a booking form will have come home with your child.

## **PE Days**

PE Days will continue next week as normal. Enjoy-a-ball is not on, but the staff will run alternative PE sessions on those days.

We have decided that we would like to continue with PE days after Easter and for the foreseeable future. It saves time getting changed and reduces the amount of lost property considerably. However, after Easter we would like children to just wear the school PE kit. This would be: White T-Shirt (either a school one, a plain one or one with a small logo), navy blue shorts and trainers. The school jumper should be worn on top with blue (preferable) or black jogging bottoms worn if necessary. Whilst some children may not have the jogging bottoms at the moment, hopefully in time they can be purchased as part of the school uniform.

If your child is attending an after school club not on their PE day, they should bring kit to change into.

## Reception Reminders

Mrs Graham has asked me to politely remind Reception parents if they can:

- Bring in a change of clothes, including underwear and socks, which will be left on pegs just in case
- To return any spare clothes children have used to school
- To bring book bags in daily so words, books can be changed
- To label all clothes – especially jumpers and cardigans

## Big Pedal and Cyclewise

From the 19<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> April, the school are taking part in 'The Big Pedal'. This is an incentive to encourage children to cycle, scoot or even walk to school. Each class competes against each other and each school competes against others locally and nationally to see how many journeys can be made. Hopefully, the fairer weather will encourage a few to dust off their bikes.

On 17<sup>th</sup> May, children in Y5/6 will be taking part in 'Bikeability' run by Cyclewise. Children will receive training on bikes going out on local roads during the week. Further information and a consent form has been sent home with the relevant children. If anyone requires a helmet, these can be ordered at a discounted price via school.

## Pupil of the Week

This week's **Pupil of the Week** is **Sofia Milburn (Y1)** for trying really hard in Read, Write Inc and taking great care whilst cutting out in Technology. **Mrs Vickers Kindness Cup** this week goes to **Sophie Reay (Y6)** for great teamwork during technology week and **Jayden Johnston (Y6)** for the same reason, but also being very keen to share his own sweets to improve the look of other gingerbread houses.

## Fantasy Football

It's international week this week, so no fantasy football for a while. Will 'I O County' still be top by the time we return after Easter? Several team managers still have wildcards, free hits and bench boosts to play so there could be a few changes in the final 8 weeks of the season.

## Dates for the Diary

1/4/21	Finish Term (15.00 – 15.15)
19/4/21	Term begins
3/5/21	Bank Holiday Monday
17/5/21	Y5/6 Bikeability
28/5/21	Finish for Half Term