

# Newsletter

## News from Mr Edwards-Grundy

This week in Collective Worship we have been reflecting on the Easter story.

Today we thought about the events not only of Good Friday, but also Easter Sunday. It was a great joy to listen to the Hallelujah Chorus together, to share in that atmosphere of celebration and rejoicing that is ours because of what Jesus has done for us.

We also spent some time reminding ourselves that we are all part of the ongoing Easter story. Every time we live by Christ's Values, every time we make a better choice (even when it is the hard choice), we continue to celebrate Easter.

We also had a wonderful time blowing bubbles....

## Easter Unwrapped - Rev Simon Kirby

Easter is a very special time for Christians all around the world. It's a time when we remember and celebrate the amazing things that happened a long time ago.

Many years ago, in a place called Jerusalem, there was a man named Jesus. He was a very kind and loving person who taught people about being good and helping others, he healed people who were unwell and he taught people about God.

But one day, something sad happened. Some people didn't like Jesus and they did something very wrong. They took him away and hurt him very badly. They put him on a wooden cross and left him to die. This might sound very sad, but the story doesn't end there.

You see, Jesus was very special. He was the Son of God, and he had a very important mission. He came to earth to show people how much God loves them. And even though he died, something incredible happened three days later.

On the third day after Jesus died he came back to life! This event is called the Resurrection, and it's the most important part of the Easter story. Jesus showed that he was stronger than the worst thing that could happen that he had defeated death and as a result there is always hope for new beginnings.

Easter is a time when Christians celebrate this amazing event. It's a time of joy, happiness, and hope.

During Easter, Christians go to church to pray and sing songs. We also tell the Easter story to remind ourselves of the incredible love that Jesus has for us. Some families also gather together for special meals to celebrate this wonderful time.

One special symbol of Easter is the Easter egg. Eggs are a symbol of new life and new beginnings, just like how Jesus rose from the dead. That's why we decorate eggs and give them to each other as gifts.

Another symbol is the cross. The cross reminds us of Jesus' sacrifice and how he died for our sins. It's a powerful symbol of love and forgiveness and is the reason for Hot Cross Buns.

So, as you enjoy Easter this year, remember it's not just about chocolate and treats, but about love, hope, and the amazing gift that Jesus gave us. Easter is a time to celebrate new beginnings and the joy that comes from knowing that we are loved unconditionally. Happy Easter, everyone!

## Values Certificates

Well done to all the children who this week received a Values certificate. As a staff team we are constantly humbled by the actions of your children and the way they are seeking to live their lives. Well done to all of them.



## Well done to the choir



Following their performance at the Chipping Norton Music Festival, we could not be more proud of Mrs Raven and the children who sing in our choir. The children performed brilliantly and their singing inspired and uplifted everyone who listened to them.

## School lunches

The vast majority of children are really enjoying our new spring menu. However, over the holiday it would be really helpful if you can go through the menu and talk to your children about what they eat in school. Younger children in particular are not always convinced by the choice that they have!

If you pay for your meals, don't forget that after Easter the cost is going up to £2.50 per meal. Meals for after the break need to be ordered by midnight on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April.

## News from Around the School

Our children in Reception have had a wonderful time this afternoon playing Tic-Tac-Toe. They loved the beautiful wooden pieces made by Mr Fuller.



Watching our children in Reception, we can see that they have grown up so much since they joined our school in September. They have already learned so much!



## More News from Around the School

The children in Years 3 and 4 this week put on a fantastic performance of 'A Lion's Tale'. The children looked amazing in their animal masks and worked together as a whole cast to create a really memorable show. Huge congratulations to the children who acted and sung, but also to those who played instruments, changed the scenery and worked the IT – a wonderful team effort.







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