



'When I am afraid, I will trust in You'
Psalm 56:3



Chair of Governors Newsletter – Summer Term 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you all had a wonderful Easter break! It was lovely to see everyone this week and to welcome Mr Cooper to our school. He has already told me how impressed he is with our children's good manners and politeness. We begin to take these characteristics for granted and it's only when new staff or visitors comment that we are reminded how truly blessed we are to have such well-behaved children and such a special school. Our expectations are very high and we are rewarded with outstanding behaviour and attitudes throughout our school.

The children all looked happy and glad to be back with their friends. It was a joy to see Year 5/6 practising their May Day dances: Year 3/4 were enjoying their PE class on the playground with Mr Cooper and Year 1/2 were also having a PE lesson in the hall when I was in school this week. My Wednesday afternoon with Reception Class is always a delight and they were eager to tell me how many Easter eggs they had left. I was very impressed with their reading this week and also the recent reading assessments across the whole school, so thank you to all for encouraging our children to embrace a love of reading.

Although we were only in school for three weeks last term, we managed to fit a lot in. We celebrated National Science Week with a morning dedicated to Science: Reception Class enjoyed investigating whether objects would float or sink, dissolve in water and the properties of magnets; Year 1/2 looked at the impact on the environment of plastic pollution and the waste of misshapen fruit; Year 3/4 had a fun morning learning about vaccines and playing 'Herd Immunity Jenga'; Year 5/6 looked at selective breeding as one activity and Entobots (robot insects, for those of you, like me who hadn't heard of them) as another. Mrs Hankins has put together a lovely scrapbook, recording the event, in the foyer if you would like to peruse. Our World Book Day was a huge success with Teachers inspired by 'The Day the Crayons Quit' and all the children looking fantastic as their favourite characters. It was a sunny but windy morning as we all set out on our Easter Bonnet parade around the village and such a pleasure to see Villagers, standing outside their houses or stopping on their walks, to admire all the hard work Parents and Children had put into their creations.

Governors have been busy with on-line training and zoom calls, but fully intend to resume our schedule of visits into school this term. Mr Jones and I attended the Headteachers' Conference (virtually) and joined in the following prayer:

Heavenly Father, we pray for our schools, our staff, governors and parents, and most particularly our children, regardless of creed or religion, colour or gender, advantage or disadvantage, physical, mental, social or spiritual need. Help us to help them to grow, like the young Jesus, in wisdom and stature and in favour with God and people.

I hope you all find as much comfort as I do, in knowing that we are part of our Diocesan Family and we are always in their prayers. My very best wishes to you all for an uninterrupted Summer Term!

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