

Ampney Crucis C of E Primary School
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Newsletter 12: Spring Term 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

This half term may have only been 5 weeks long but the trouble with a short half term is that everything is packed in even more! Lighter evenings and hopefully warmer weather should be on its way and it may mean that we get rid of some of the horrible illnesses going round.

The end of the term is a good chance to reflect on what has been achieved since Christmas and the different opportunities that the children have had.

Right back in the first week of January, myself, Mrs McKay and Mrs Chadwick took 25 children to the Young Voices concert at Resorts World in Birmingham. It was amazing and I hope an experience the children will remember for a long time.



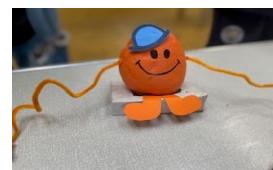
One of the highlights of this term has to be the IsingPop concerts that we held in the Church, a wonderful coming together of children and families singing and dancing in joyous enthusiasm!



Many children have taken part in different sporting events, from the Swimming Gala, to Cross Country Competitions, a Dance Festival at the Town Hall, Multi-sports, Netball and Panathlon. Three of the Year 6 boys qualified through to the District finals for Cross Country and the Panathlon team won the whole competition. This week the sports continues with Tag Rugby and there are many events lined up for the Summer Term.



We have welcomed Ralph, our Pets As Therapy Dog, to our school on a regular basis to hear children read and he seems to be a BIG hit with anyone who gets the chance to read to him.



World Book Day and the potato competition was a great celebration of all things to do with reading and books. The shoe box creations were particularly inspiring!

In the last 2 weeks I have had the pleasure of accompanying both Oak and Chestnut on their Class trips, to the Natural History Museum and Lyme Regis, for fossil hunting and more! It has been wonderful to take the children to these places and a BIG thank goes to all of you and the Friends for fully funding these trips. (There are lots of photos on the new website to see!)

Chestnut class continues to work on their Young Leadership project, helping in the community and taking part in litter picking. We are currently thinking about National and Global charities as well continuing to work on our challenges to change the world in a small way.

Maple Class were delighted to welcome Mrs Hopkins back and have had great fun taking part in Chinese New Year, Pancake races, upcycling clothing and putting on a fashion show for their mums for Mother's Day. They have all changed so much since September and it's hard to believe they are nearly at the end of their reception journey.

By the end of the week both Maple and Willow class would have taken part in some Easter Cooking which I hope some of you would have been able to sample and we would have held our Easter Service, to which all of you are welcome to join us. (Wednesday at 9:30)



And don't forget our Easter Bingo night on Wednesday, a chance to win lots of Chocolate.

Absence Reporting: Can we please ask that if your child is going to be absent, for whatever reason, to only notify the school via **ONE** form of communication only, preferably via School Spider or email. Please do not use Class Dojo. Thank you.

Finally, a goodbye. Mrs Tyler who has been working as a 1:1 Teaching Assistant as well as many other things, is leaving us this Easter for a role not in Education. We wish her all the best and thank her for all her hard work while she has been with us.

I hope you all have a lovely Easter holiday and I look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 17th April.

Mrs Wood and the Staff

Dates for the Summer Term (more to add when we start back.) Please also see the calendar on the website.

Chestnut Class will start Forest School on Wednesday 19th April for the first half term.

Monday 17th April		Children return to school
Monday 1st May		BANK HOLIDAY
Monday 8th May		BANK HOLIDAY
Tuesday 9th May to Friday 12th May		Year 6 SATS Week
Monday 3rd July		Sports Day – KS1 in the morning, KS2 in the afternoon.
Friday 7th July		Summer Fair