



The Clinton Church of England School Newsletter | 1st April 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been wonderful seeing the sun come out and the days draw on longer. The sounds of birds around the school and the sun streaming in through the windows has certainly supported the continued, impressive development and learning taking place across our setting.

This week has been a busy week with some staff absence but the children have remained calm, polite and purposeful ensuring they are focused and engaged with whoever has been in class with them. I have been lucky enough to spend a significant amount of time with pupils this week looking at the work they have been producing and hearing of the phenomenal knowledge they have developed over a range of subjects since September - you should be very proud of all your children, we certainly are in school.

This week we had our Local School Committee Meeting where our members report the progress they have seen on visits and through monitoring they have completed over the term. Our team is a strong and successful group of individuals with backgrounds from teaching, educational psychology, leadership management, working for the Diocese and much more. We are very fortunate to have a group with such expertise to support the ongoing development of the school. I know that they will be sending a letter out in due course introducing themselves more.

Next week we have our Easter Service (Tuesday 5th April at 2pm) in church. We are looking forward to seeing you at this and welcoming you into school for hot cross buns and coffee after where the raffle will take place.



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Key dates:

5/4/22 - Easter Service (in the Church) 2pm

6/4/22 – Eden Project Trip (KS2)

8/4/22 – last day of term.

25-27/4/22 – year 3/4 residential

6-8/6/22 – year 5/6 residential

Character Virtues

Forgiveness

Finally, it is wonderful to hear of so many parents liaising and communicating with teachers through Seesaw. This is an exceptionally easy way of communicating together and we will be building upon this by increasing the amount we send to you through this platform after Easter. Please note that staff are very busy people who may not respond straight away, especially out of working hours, but they will endeavour to get back to you at the earliest opportunity. If your message is urgent then we ask that you make contact through the office.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.



Mrs. R. Sharpe

Academic Excellence

Little Otters: We are explorers and active learners ... This week we have been exploring different patterns in our indoor environment and outdoor we have used colours, size and numbers.

Kingfishers: This week we have continued to explore resourceful ways of measuring in our Maths, we are using vocabulary and concepts linked with capacity and volume. Perhaps you could look to see how much different containers hold at home? In our RE/English we have continued to explore why Easter is important to Christians. We have thought about all the signs of new life we see at this time of year and how the cross is a sign of new life for Christians.

Swallows: This week we have begun a new unit in maths on geometry. The children have been very resilient learners focusing on the vocabulary needed for the different terms involving shapes, angles and lines.

We have finished our non-chronological reports on the civil rights movements this week and began our new RE unit based around the Easter story. So far we have explored the events leading up to the crucifixion and the resurrection using drama to support our writing. We have started to unpick the incredible amount of forgiveness that Jesus showed people and the trust he had also.

Character Education

Little Otters: We are enjoying practicing our Easter service song. We are confident, passionate performers.

Kingfishers: This week we have started discovering the virtue 'Forgiveness'. We have made some great links with the Easter story and also created some art work to remind us about ways that we can show forgiveness to others. We continue to use the language of virtues all through the day in Kingfishers and it really helps us communicate our ideas and feelings, as well as make sense of different situations we deal with every day.

Swallows: Swallows have been exploring forgiveness as a new virtue this week. We have linked this to our studies in RE on Easter events in the Bible and also thought about why people seek forgiveness and how it feels to be forgiven. The children have been very reflective and are beginning to use this virtue in their friendship and playtimes! The children have shown good team work this week and cooperation when working in groups.

Community

Little Otters: We care for our world... We are still studying the changes in our tadpoles. We have been investigating what they eat and how to care for them but we are also planning for when they need to be released. We are having group discussions about their habitats and where they will be safe.

Kingfishers: This week Kingfishers have been #inspiringadventurers visiting Exmoor Zoo. They spent the morning looking for animals found in Uganda, cheetah, Guinea fowl, sititungas, black panther and lots of others. The afternoon saw us witness the feeding of the cheetahs and the African painted dogs followed by a hands-on session where the children were able to touch and feel a snake, spider and giant African snail. We can confirm that no children or animals were harmed or eaten on the trip. The zoo was a fabulous learning zone with lots of inspiring speakers and staff. The children were amazing and the staff were very complimentary about them.



Swallows: This week some children organised a fundraiser for Ukraine. We all dressed up in blue and yellow and donated money to support the people who have lost everything. The children were inspired to support and create change. We raised nearly £50!! And Mrs Sharpe has promised to match it, taking our total to £100! Well done Clinton!!



Digital and Innovation

Little Otters: We are creative and critical thinkers... Little Otters enjoyed being creative whilst making Mothers' Day cards, they could choose all the resources they needed. We also have been talking about the weather and how the weather helps our planet.

Kingfishers: In Wild Tribe this week Kingfishers have been thinking about ways that we can innovate ideas using natural materials. We have linked in our art and DT skills and thought of ways we can create things using sustainable materials which help our planet. We also linked in innovation with our science this week where we researched how people in Uganda grow and care for their plants.

Swallows: The children have finished their innovative DT moving toys projects with Mrs Clarke and this week they are evaluating them so hopefully they will arrive home in the next few days. We have also been continuing with our Jam boards individually and collaboratively.

COVID:

The DfE have produced revised guidance regarding COVID; we are waiting for clarification from Devon County Council but hope to put out some further information early next week regarding changes in isolation periods, etc.



Easter Service and Celebration:

Tuesday 5th April at All Saints (Merton Church) starting at 2pm

Everyone then welcome to come back to school for Hot Cross Buns and refreshments (to raise money for PTFA) and for an Easter Bonnet parade and Raffle.

Children can enter an Easter bonnet competition designing and creating a hat/bonnet that they can parade/wear with prizes for entries. Easter Bonnets to be brought in on 5th April.

Children are encouraged to look for Fairtrade products following from our learning earlier this term – and there will be a Fairtrade small treat for all who take part!

There will be no Gardening Club after school on Tuesday 5 April because of the Easter Service and Celebrations.



I am on a voluntary 9-month placement with Edukid. Here are some details about a fundraiser I am hosting.

The fundraiser is at The Big Sheep indoor play area on 09/04/22 from 6-9 pm. I will have homemade cakes, sweets, drinks and a raffle with some big prizes. The money raised will go towards my recent visit to Uganda and the continuation of a project I helped to set up out there. None of the money raised will go towards your supported child, however, it will be a great benefit to many other children that Edukid works with.

This should be a really fun local event and I would love to see as many people there as possible. I was hoping, for this reason, you would be willing to attach my flyer to your school newsletter or school Facebook page to help spread the word.

Thank you for taking the time to read this, I look forward to hearing back from you.

Kind Regards, Molly Gardner