



March



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A message from Mr Dunn

Hi everyone,

I hope that you have had a good week!

To those people who will be celebrating the festivals of either Eid or Easter over the holidays - have a fantastic time and I hope that things go really well! It was great being able to learn about both festivals in assembly on Monday and explaining why certain things happen and how differently they are celebrated!

Have a lovely holiday everyone, keep safe and I look forward to seeing you all bright and early on Monday 15th April!

Mr Dunn

A message from Mrs Bower

We said goodbye to Mrs Taylor this term. After working for many years at AJA, Mrs Taylor is relocating and starting a new adventure with her family. Mrs Taylor will be missed and we send our best wishes for her exciting new journey ahead!

After Easter, we welcome back Mrs Boerder who will be returning mornings only for the first week then gradually building up the afternoons as well, returning full time within a few weeks. We are looking forward to Mrs Boerder's return and I know she is excited to be back with the fantastic 5CB Determined Dragonflies team.

We are running a science competition over the Easter holidays and if you want to enter take a picture of anything physics related that you see and add a small description of what it is. Mr Williams posted a useful power point last week that shows some good examples. Send your photo to your class teacher via Dojo or alternatively air drop them directly to your teacher after the Easter break. Mr Williams will then send them to Mr Crean at Noel Baker Academy who is judging the best pictures. The closing date for the competition is the 26th of April.

Finally, a reminder about PE kit. I have noticed that the standards of PE uniform is slipping in some areas of the school. A reminder please that all pupils should wear a **plain** coloured t-shirt to match their year group: **Y3 red**, **Y4 yellow**, **Y5 green** and **Y6 blue**. For bottoms, please wear black or navy shorts, joggers or leggings with a pair of sensible trainers. Year 3s are welcome to wear their AIS red hoodie. Pupils in the rest of the school can wear their usual blue AJA school jumper or cardigan to keep warm.

Wishing you all a happy, safe Easter. See you after the break!

Important Dates

Monday 15th April

Start of Summer Term

Monday 6th May

Bank holiday

School closed

Thursday 23rd May

Last day of term

Friday 24th May

School closed

INSET day

Monday 3rd June

Start of term

Spelling Shed

4LT have smashed it this week and are the class winners.

School spelling champion is **Jack Carman (4LT)**.

Second is **Harley Lloyd-Jones (4LT)** and third is **Georgia Sutton (5RS)**.

Well done!

Attendance

This week's attendance
93.49%

Highest class attendance
Spectacular Scorpions
98.33%

What's been happening this week?

Year 3



We can't believe how quickly the year is going...and your wonderful year 3's are still motoring along! This half term has been a short one, but still jam packed! We had a Mayan day, we made chocolate in DT, wrote an advert for our new chocolate, grew a plant, wrote a story about Charlie and Chocolate factory and created an exploding book in our history and English lessons! On top of this, we also learnt about how to keep safe on the internet, visited the church - twice - to link to our festivals topic AND we did quite a lot of maths too! Quite amazing to think we did all that in 4 weeks and 4 days!

Next half term: New topic of Egyptians - we have a workshop booked for 11th June - please log on to parent pay to pay if you have not already. (Thank you if you already have!) PE days have moved to Wednesday and Friday. Uniform on PE days - black or navy-blue clothes on the bottom half, red t-shirt - no brandings please and a red jumper or hoody. If you do not have a red jumper/hoody - wear your normal school jumper. If you do not have a red t-shirt, please wear a normal white school t-shirt.

Finally, have an amazing and well-deserved Easter break. Thank you, Year 3 Team.

Year 4



Year 4 have had a busy week, with great results! We have completed our persuasive letter to a logging company to stop chopping large areas of land in the Amazon, with some truly heartfelt letters written by the cohort. Maths has focused on reading and drawing bar charts, and what data is appropriate for this type of graph. Geography has taken us around the world with our map reading skills, using grid references and compasses to locate hidden spies around the globe! In science, we have been investigating the parts of the digestive system further, finding out what happens in our stomach. Thank you to year 4 for all your hard work this week. We wish you a relaxing Easter break. The Year 4 Team.

Year 5



The final week of Spring term has finished!

What a fabulous week we have had! In reading and French, we have focussed on the Easter Story and have learned how Easter is celebrated in France. In English, we have been working hard at our non-chronological report all about France and illustrated these beautifully! In Maths, we have looked at capacity and how to measure this in cm^3 , ml, cl and l. In DT, we have prepped, cooked and tasted our ratatouille and it was delicious! The children worked hard and sensibly during this lesson.

Reminder - iPads must be in school and charged! We use them every lesson.

A big thankyou from all the staff and children in Year 5 for the brilliant work Miss Greasley (5CB cover) as done over the past term.

Lastly, have a lovely Easter half term and we will see you all in 2 weeks time!

The Year 5 Team 😊

Year 6



It has been a short but intense term as we enter the final term before SATs. The pupils have made progress and are aware of their targets and what they need to improve. They do need to rest this holiday and take time to have fun and enjoy life and family time. We are posting SATs papers on Purple Mash blog if they wish to have a go - we thought a family arithmetic competition - or reading test!? We will post answers towards the end of the fortnight.

We have seen incredible writing under our theme of writing a suspense paragraph, focussing on 'show not tell' technique. It may only have been an extract but the quality of vocabulary and techniques for suspense is something to be proud of. We have discovered a future generation of mystery and horror writers! The weaving is progressing well and a number of the finished plates can be seen hanging as part of our mountain display. We wish you all a very happy Easter break, and look forward to seeing you in just over 2 weeks time!