



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have all thoroughly enjoyed the last three weeks here at St Mary's. It has been so great to have all the children back here with us and we have been so impressed by the way in which the children have embraced the transition back to school. Today in preparation for Easter, the children enjoyed a much deserved Easter Egg hunt around the school grounds. Thank you to the PFA for providing chocolate treats for the Easter Egg Hunt! Children searched for Golden Tickets cunningly hidden around the school grounds, which they exchanged for chocolate at the end of the day. Excitement levels were running high and this was a real highlight of the last day of term.

It leaves me to say that I wish you all a restful and enjoyable Easter break and look forward to continuing to work with you all and welcoming the children back on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April.



## Class News

Orchard Class have worked together on a class poem today in preparation for Easter.

## *Easter Poem*



Easter is full of river of chocolate, family and friends who enjoy.

We hope for everyone to have lots of love and sky-high mountains of happiness so they can have an amazing life.  
(Jack & Vinny)

Easter is about delicious chocolate and spending precious time with family,

We hope for peace and joy to come, (Belle & Rosie)

Easter is all about gorging on sweet hazel chocolate with friends and family,

We hope for happiness, for Covid to disappear and chocolate eggs,

Easter is a good time for being thankful and for peace for all others even if you don't get on with them.

We hope for this year to be remembered for the right reasons and not for the wrong reasons (Cameron & Coby)

Easter is about chocolate eggs, loving families and Easter egg hunts. Easter is about cute baby animals like chicks, lambs and bunnies,

We hope for excellent celebrations and a new beginning, (Evie G, Helena & Evie V)

Easter is a sign for new life and Easter egg hunts,

We hope that everyone can be safe and we get delicious chocolate, (Maisie, Abigail & Elsie)

Easter is about the beginning of a new life, chomping on chocolates and laughing with our loved ones.

We hope for love and new life and for us to see our loving families, (Evie T, Jenna, Agnes)

Easter is a long relaxing holiday,

We hope for some Easter eggs and to go to the play park, (Roman & Jobey)

Easter is hope and new chicks

We hope for joy, love and the pandemic to be over. (Danica & Kara)

Easter is a happy time to get chocolate and to see friends and family,

We hope for COVID 19 to settle down and wonder back to normal, (Dylan & William)

Easter is a time for hope because Jesus arose from the dead,

We hope for joy and peace. (Millie & Lilly-May).



Pippin Class have been working hard to create and debug simple programs in their computing lessons. They have become really familiar with the new Chromebooks, which is great to see! They have been looking at performance poetry and have created some Easter poems that they have performed.

The children have discovered a class love for Michael Rosen and have been exploring lots of his poems this week. The class topic this term has been the Great Fire of London. They started earlier in the term by baking bread and ended the topic by creating their very own houses, inspired by the Tudors.



The next topic in Pippin Class is 'Let's get growing' and it would be great to see some learning at home over the holidays to be displayed when we come back to school. Details of this will be sent home with your child today.

#### Pick up Arrangements (Pippin)

Please could we kindly request that parents and carers of children in Reception ensure they come up to the top of the car park when collecting their children so they are supervised when walking.

#### Uniform

For the last few weeks, as part of our post-lockdown reintegration back to school, we have made exceptions for children wearing items of clothing which are not part of our uniform policy. Following the Easter break, we would like to request your support in keeping expectations high by ensuring children wear correct uniform. This is in line with government guidance. A copy of our uniform list has been sent alongside this newsletter and is also available on our website.

## Golden Apples

Congratulations to Winnie, Joey, Isla and Dylan who were all awarded Golden Apples this week.



## Fitness Challenge

In the daily circuits session with Miss Smith, children have discussed setting an Easter Challenge for themselves to continue to improve their fitness levels over the Easter holidays. We will send an Easter Challenge sheet so that they can record their chosen challenge and how they met it over the holidays. This is optional - please ensure that you supervise your child during any activities they undertake as part of the challenge.

## Important: Track and Trace Information

Thank you for all your support so far this term in order to keep school as safe as possible. As we enter the Easter holidays, please ensure you are aware of the following information so that we can continue to play our part in keeping everyone safe.

**In the event that your child develops COVID-19 symptoms and has a positive test result during the Easter holiday period, there are steps which we must ask you to take.**

- If your child develops symptoms (a high temperature, a new, continuous cough or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste) please arrange a test immediately.
- For the first 6 days after teaching ends, if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, please inform us by emailing [thorncombeoffice@acornacademy.org](mailto:thorncombeoffice@acornacademy.org) This email address will be monitored daily for the first 6 days of the Easter break and will allow us to take the necessary steps.
- If a test result is positive and symptoms began after 48 hours of being at school, please follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.
- If your child has to self-isolate due to contact with a positive case after the first 6 days following the end of term, you do not need to inform us until the first day of the new term. In our case this is an INSET day on 19<sup>th</sup> April.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school for the start of the new summer term on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April.

Best wishes to you all,

Miss Smith

Head of School