



1st March 2024

Dear parents / carers,

Prayer Spaces – City Mission

Prior to half term, City Mission came to offer Prayer Spaces to children across the school. Prayer spaces give children a way to explore personal reflection and prayer for themselves using a selection of engaging and creative activities. Children were able to explore six different activities all based on the themes of peace in the world, reconciling friendships and loving our neighbours. Some of the favorite activities included writing their name on 'God's hands' and thinking of who are the people within their family in the activity 'Little People'. During Lent, we have continued the theme of loving our neighbours by thinking about how we can show love to those around us.



Thank you PTA / FOCP

A big thank you to all who helped at the PTA Valentine's cake sale, book swap and uniform sale. Thank you to all who donated also.

An amazing £500 was raised as well as some additional funds via QR codes that we are yet to know. This money will go towards our Forest School renovations. Huge thanks.

For more PTA / FOCP fun, please see the end of the newsletter for posters about the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt that will take place on Friday 22nd March, after school and that is sponsored by Nicholas James Auctions and Lettings.



Chinese New Year

Reception enjoyed learning about Chinese New Year. Children learnt about the Chinese Zodiac story and how each year is named after a different animal. They enjoyed making dragon puppets and masks, writing Chinese numbers, writing names in Chinese, decorating lanterns and even tasted some Chinese noodles!



Year 3 Pedestrian Training

Year 3 have been taking part in pedestrian training. They have been learning how to cross roads safely, rules of the road, how to safely navigate driveways and how to be a considerate pedestrian. The trainers, from Brighton and Hove Council, shared top tips and important safety information. For example, if your child is under 135cm tall, they must still use a car seat or booster whilst travelling in the car.



Safer Internet Day Children are taught about online safety in a variety of ways at school, learning the necessary skills to keep them safe online. Online Safety is also discussed in whole school assemblies to ensure that children remember the skills that they have been taught. Safer Internet Day is also used as an opportunity to educate children about how to remain safe and how to make the correct choices. Children enjoyed a range of activities during this recently. Ways to keep your child safe online:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024/parents-and-carers>

Please see our Online Safety website page for some useful online safety posters regarding social media apps such as Whatsapp, Facebook, Instagram, Messenger, Snapchat etc – all of which children need to be 13 or over to use. It is vital that parents / carers keep to date with the risks children face.

<https://www.cottesmore.brighton-hove.sch.uk/page/os/>



Basketball Coaching

5 St Josephine had a fantastic basketball coaching session with some of the BTech students from BHASVIC recently. They were coached in small groups and focused on passing, shooting and dribbling. Children then had the opportunity to take part in some matches refereed by the coaches. The children had a brilliant time and learned lots of new skills. Thank you BHASVIC.



Thank you for your ongoing support and all that your wonderful children bring to our super school. As ever, do get in touch if you have anything you wish to discuss. Rachel Breen, Headteacher

Outdoors Project Winner

Message from ODP.

Luca sent in a drawing to us for our Patch Design Competition, and it's been selected as a winner. This competition has been running across the UK (we have 14 franchises around the UK now), and Luca is 1 of 2 winners. So a big achievement! He sent in a flower drawing, which we've turned into one of our patches. The children collect the patches at the club, and they're super popular with the kids. So children across the UK will be collecting Luca's design, to sew onto their clothing. All club members have the opportunity to earn unique and collectable patches when they attend our clubs. Earning your patch is an exciting moment and we are always creating new designs, so you will be able to collect new patches throughout your time with us. Our lovely patches are iron-on to make life easy, but we do suggest sewing them for extra security, especially in all weather outdoor action. They are good to sew onto our popular ROAM club member T-shirts, which can be purchased separately. If you are interested in purchasing a T-shirt, email info@theoutdoorsproject.co.uk



Recycle and reuse

Please save all your yoghurt pots (big and small), plastic fruit punnets and spray containers for an Eco committee project. Please drop any to Year 4 classrooms.

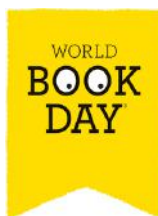


Health and Safety

A reminder that the path to school office, next to car park, is closed until further notice (the one that runs from the main school car park gate, not the one that runs behind the staff car park). This will remain closed until half term. Please access the main front door / office via the path that runs behind the staff car park, rather than via the path that runs from the car park main gates.

World Book Day

Next Thursday, 7th March, we will be celebrating World Book Day. We are inviting all staff and children to wear their pyjamas/ loungewear to school to promote reading as an enjoyable, comforting and relaxing activity. We would also like to ask staff and children to bring in a copy of their favourite book to school. This could be a book that they have read independently for themselves, a book that they read when they were younger, or a story that has been read to them. Each class will then spend time in the school day discussing the different texts that have been brought in. As always, book vouchers will be handed out to the children via their class teacher so that they can get their hands on a free book! We look forward to celebrating World Book Day across the school. Happy reading!



Lent and Easter

We will be continuing our collections for the Hangleton and Knoll foodbank and you can donate food in the KS2 shelter anytime. There is a collection box in the foyer of the office all year round so please do always drop off what you can.

As part of our Lenten preparations, we have the following events and services planned for KS1 and KS2 to help prepare the children for Easter. Please note that access to these events will be via the gate on Radinden Manor Road, see gate timings below. All welcome.

Monday 27th March

- 9:00am **Reception** - Assembly (Gates will open 8:55 - 9:05am).
- 2:00pm **Year 4 and 6** Stations of the Cross with Canon Colin (Gates will open 1:55 - 2:05pm).
- 2:30pm **Year 3 and 5** Stations of the Cross with Canon Colin (Gates will open 2:25 - 2:35pm).

Wednesday 29th March

- 9:00am **Year 2** Assembly (Gates will open 8:55 - 9:05am).

Thursday 30th March

- 9:00 **Year 1** Assembly (Gates will open 8:55 - 9:05am).



Hove Park Play Consultation

Currently, there is a consultation about play equipment at Hove Park. Have your say.

<https://consultations.brighton-hove.gov.uk/environment/hove-park-play-area-consultation/>



Amazing Football Jack!

One of our Year 2 children has been offered a pre-contract with Brighton Seagulls. This means that they are committed to offer him an U9 contract to join the Academy for at least 2 years. U9 is the earliest they can officially sign anyone up so it's really exciting news. To get a pre-contract so early is amazing. As a treat Brighton invited Jack to the Men's First Team open training, where he got to stand in the tunnel and high five all the players as they went out. What an experience. We're so impressed Jack and can't wait to watch you play!



Thanks to our kind sponsor Nicholas James

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SALES LETTINGS AUCTIONS

COTTESMORE ST MARY EASTER EGG HUNT

FRIDAY 22ND MARCH

Straight after pick up on the school field
3.05PM - 4.30PM

£3 PER TICKET
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Includes one milk chocolate easter egg
Dairy free options available
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Schools Singing Programme

CHORAL FESTIVAL



A celebration of singing and sacred music

Wednesday 13th March @ 6pm

Cardinal Newman Chapel

Year 4 children from Catholic Schools across Brighton and Hove are coming together for 'one night only' to perform a short programme of sacred and secular songs. This a wonderful opportunity for them to join their voices together and celebrate the joy of singing. Free Admission, one audience ticket per participant.



EASTER HOLIDAY CLUBS

"Childcare during the holidays they want to go to"
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COTTESMORE ST MARY - WEEK 1 THE UPPER DRIVE, BN3 6NB

TUE 2 APR NERF ADVENTURE GAMES
WED 3 APR CAMPFIRE COOKOUT: EASTER TREATS
THU 4 APR EXPLORE EASTER ISLAND
FRI 5 APR THE BIG WILD EGG DAY

COTTESMORE ST MARY - WEEK 2 THE UPPER DRIVE, BN3 6NB

MON 8 APR CAMPFIRE COOKOUT: EASTER TREATS
TUE 9 APR SUPER MARIO DAY
WED 10 APR NERF ADVENTURE GAMES
THU 11 APR EXPLORE EASTER ISLAND
FRI 12 APR THE BIG WILD EGG DAY

CAMPFIRE COOKOUT EASTER TREATS
We'll be making our own batch of Mini Egg armpit fudge, then gathering around the campfire to toast hot cross buns & marshmallows, before diving into bushcraft fire lighting skills for Easter adventurers

EASTER NERF: THE BUNNYNATOR & KIDS VS INSTRUCTORS
For all those Nerf crazy bunnies out there! Teamwork is encouraged, as we play our Golden Egg Battle Royale & Easter Bunny Rescue before taking on the instructors in the Kids vs Instructors shake down! Watch out for the Bunnynator, she wants her chocolate eggs back! "Hasta La Easter Baby!"

SUPER MARIO DAY: YOSHI EGGS & BOWSER'S FURY
Tech meets nature, in a positive spin on tech! A day inspired by our favourite Italian plumber, Mario & friends. The kids will build their very own Yoshi Egg, play Bowser's Fury, & take on the Super Star Cornhole Challenge

THE BIG WILD EGG DAY
This is the BIG ONE! Join us for eggciting Easter fun with our eggplosive egg drop challenge, a spring scavenger hunt, & the giant team egg hunt. Plus loads of fun high-energy games & laughter, to burn off the easter sugar in the fresh air

EXPLORE EASTER ISLAND & BIG HEADS
Step back in time & discover one of the world's wonders, as we go on an ecological adventure to this beautiful & strange land, Rapa Nui (Easter Island). Learn how to move mountains, build Moai 'big heads' with clay, replant an ecosystem, & celebrate Tapati Festival by making traditional headdresses

"BEST HOLIDAY CLUB AROUND"
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For more info on dates, locations, how the clubs run & to book: theoutdoorsproject.co.uk

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Easter Club!

Drama & Dance Holiday School

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Worthing 8-10 April

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Free School Meals

Adventure Activities
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including:
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Easter 2024 Junior - Adventure Camp

For Children aged 6-12 with parents paying by Childcare Vouchers /
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- Design their own Pet Super Hero
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- Fun Easter activity!



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MARCH	
MONDAY 4th	
TUESDAY 5th	Year 5 & 6 Girls Cricket Tournament, BACA Sports Hall pm - info to those attending
WEDNESDAY 6th	- Year 3 St Martin Forest School am - Year 1 St George Forest School pm
THURSDAY 7th	World Book Day (dress in pyjamas and comfy clothes)
FRIDAY 8th	International Womens Day
MONDAY 11th	
TUESDAY 12th	
WEDNESDAY 13th	- Year 4, 5, & 6 Swimming Gala, Prince Regent pm - info to those attending - Beach Clean trip for KS2 Eco Reps only. - Year 4 Choral Festival at Newman. Rehearsal during the school day. 5.45pm arrival for evening performance.
THURSDAY 14th	Year 3 & 4 Albion Cup Boys, Lancing am - info to those attending
FRIDAY 15th	- St Patrick's Day (Sunday 17th) - Year 3 School Trip To Cuckmere Haven
MONDAY 18th	Science Week
TUESDAY 19th	Reception school trip to Drusillas
WEDNESDAY 20th	- Year 2 St Patrick Forest School am - Year 3 St Cecilia Forest School pm
THURSDAY 21st	Year 3 & 4 Albion Cup Girls, Lancing am - info to those attending
FRIDAY 22nd	World Water Day
MONDAY 25th	9am Easter liturgy in hall for parents – Reception 2pm Stations of the Cross with Parents – Year 3 2.30pm Stations of the Cross with Parents – Year 6
TUESDAY 26th	2pm Stations of the Cross with Parents – Year 4 2.30pm Stations of the Cross with Parents – Year 5
WEDNESDAY 27th	9am Year 2 Easter liturgy in hall for parents - Honeypot Party - Year 5 Cross Country Sussex Finals am - info to those attending - Year 6 Cross Country Sussex Finals pm - info to those attending
THURSDAY 28th	9am Year 1 Easter liturgy in hall for parents - Reception Farm Day - PTA uniform sale after school – items between £1 and £2
FRIDAY 29th	Bank Holiday – school closed
EASTER HOLIDAYS Monday 29th March – Friday 12th April Outdoors Project Holiday Club on school field	
APRIL	
MONDAY 15th	INSET DAY – school closed to pupils
TUESDAY 16th	
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THURSDAY 18th	