



8th March 2024

Dear parents / carers,

New Life

As part of their All Creatures Great and Small topic, children in Reception have been learning about animals and their young. Eggs were delivered, in an incubator, and children waited and watched them hatch into little chicks. Children wrote names, wrote a chick diary and learnt all about the life cycle of a hen. They have loved having them in our class and watching them grow.

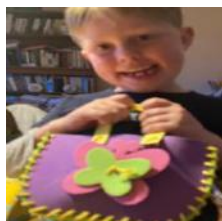


During assemblies, we have remembered how we are preparing to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus who came to give us new life. Children recalled their Lenten promises and recalled how we traditionally take 6 weeks to fast (give something up), give alms (share what we have) and pray.

- Have you thought about what fundraising you might do or contribute towards?
- Are you giving anything up? It doesn't have to be chocolate - it might be an unhelpful habit or an unhelpful emotion?
- What could you take up in a prayerful way? There are lots of great apps you can listen to on the way to work. For example, 'Pray as you go', 'Hallow' or just the daily readings on 'Universalis'.

Celebrating young artists

We have been impressed with all the budding and ambitious designers and artists we have in the school. Lots of children have been inspired by the work they have been completing in lessons and have decided to complete projects at home. Thank you to those who for brought in projects for us to celebrate.



International Mother Tongue Day

Report by Zoe.

Recently, a group of us in Year 6 led an assembly about the languages we speak. When I first heard that we were going to do an assembly, I was excited yet scared at the same time. I wasn't really sure how to say 'multi-lingual' and 'mother language' in Greek so I asked my dad. I was originally going to speak Lingala until I heard that I had to introduce myself, which I found really hard, so that's when I decided to speak in Greek instead. There were 17 of us and we all had a part to play. We talked about how people have moved from their native countries and had to learn the new language of the country they move to. Our mother tongue is the first language that we learn to speak when we are



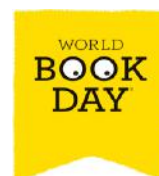
little. We taught the other children how to say 'hello, my name is...' and 'I am multilingual', in our own languages. When we asked the other children what they had learned, they said, 'to be respectful and don't judge others if they don't speak the same language as you.' We were all very proud of what we had achieved. I really hope the assembly will teach them that everyone is important and valued.



World Book Day

On Thursday, we enjoyed celebrating World Book Day. All staff and children wore their pyjamas/loungewear to school to promote reading as an enjoyable, comforting and relaxing activity. Everyone also brought in a copy of their favourite book to school and enjoyed sharing these with their class or their buddies during Buddy Time. Year 3 said, "In year three, we loved sharing our favourite books with one another in the sunshine. We found out what books our friends love and why. We also enjoyed listening to class stories too. We wondered if Mrs Breen would let us wear PJ's every day to school, but we think she'd probably say no! We had a great time for World Book Day and can't wait for next year"

Book vouchers have been handed out to the children via their class teacher. These can be exchanged, in a range of bookshops, for a free book. Thank you for all your efforts in making the day special. Keep reading and sharing stories with each other.



Eat Them To Defeat Them

We recently launched the 'Eat them to Defeat them' campaign. This aims to encourage children to eat more vegetables, both at home and in school. Every child was given an envelope containing a sticker chart and stickers to mark how many vegetables they've eaten. In the dining hall, the staff are rewarding children with stickers who clear their plates or finish their vegetables. We have had many proud children displaying their stickers and saying 'Eat them to defeat them.' Please support this campaign at home and send photos of the children eating their veg in for our Eco display.



Sending many thanks to all mummies out there and wishing you all a lovely Mother's Day. Rachel Breen, Headteacher

Parking

In order to ensure safety of all, please refrain from pulling in on the zig zags when dropping children off or picking children up. Even if just asking children to jump out of the car. Please park in a designated place. This is the same for both Radinden Manor and The Upper Drive.

Please also kindly park with respect to our neighbours, in Radinden Manor, not to mention not parking on double yellow lines. In the past, we have had emergency situations where local residents were unable to get out to vital appointments, not to mention the danger for pedestrians that some parking causes.

A neighbour recently contacted the school to say that she had asked one of our parents move out of the way of their drive but that their answer was that they'd only be a minute. In future, could that person please just park in a designated space and not over a drive.

Finally, a reminder that the staff car park is for staff only. It is not for dropping off for Breakfast Club or for drop off for before school booster sessions. If your child attends a booster, please park on The Upper Drive. Children will then walk down the path that runs behind the staff car park and buzz in through the Breakfast club gate (other than Year 1 phonics children who walk down the path behind the staff car park, with parents / carers, and then across the top of the car park to the main office entrance). Families who consistently use the staff car park for booster drop off, despite reminders, may be asked to no longer attend booster sessions as the pulling into the car park increases risk of car park accidents when additional cars are manoeuvring to park and then get out etc.

Your support with all the above is greatly appreciated. Please do always email the school with any items that you wish to be discussed or raised or if you have any unhelpful parking to report. Many thanks.

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.

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).



Catholic Governors

The **Bosco Catholic Education Trust**, which exists to serve Catholic schools in Sussex, invites you to **consider taking on the wonderful role of being a Governor**. You could do this to help your local Catholic school or support the strategic development of the Trust itself. To register your interest, join our 'talent pool' and find out if this could be the role for you, please

visit www.boscocet.org.uk/become-a-governor/. You have something unique to offer and they'd love to hear from you! Equally, we are in need of some Foundation (Catholic) Governors ourselves at Cottesmore. If you attend church and feel that you have some time to give to helping further develop our school, please do get in touch without on Chair of Governors, Suehollow@cottesmore.brighton-hove.sch.uk

Thanks to our kind sponsor Nicholas James

COTTESMORE ST MARY

EASTER EGG HUNT

FRIDAY 22ND MARCH

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

£3 PER TICKET
SIBLINGS WELCOME

Includes one milk chocolate easter egg
Dairy free options available
Please specify when booking

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WWW.TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/SOCSEVENTS

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EASTER HOLIDAY CLUBS

"Childcare during the holidays they want to go to"
Fresh air. Fresh activities. Fresh attitude.



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 Bunnnynator, 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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"NO SCREENS, JUST GOOD FUN OUTSIDE"
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For more info on dates, locations, how the clubs run & to book: theoutdoorsproject.co.uk

Easter
2024

HAF - Adventure Camp

FREE for Children aged 6-16 on Benefit related
Free School Meals

Adventure Activities
from Archery to Zorb
with some Climbing
in the middle.

Lots more to do
including:
Sports, E-scooters,
Campfire, Art



Fun
Friendship
Adventure

To book follow the links on our FACEBOOK page or SummerAdventureCamp.co.uk

Cardinal Newman School in Hove
Weekdays 2-5 April & 8-12 April
East Grinstead Sports Club
Weekdays 2-5 April
The Mill Primary Academy in Crawley
Weekdays 8-12 April



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 - Year 6 going to Hove fire station from 9.30am – 11.30 am
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 - Easter Egg Hunt – Ticketed event
MONDAY 25th	9am Easter liturgy in hall for parents – Reception 2pm Stations of the Cross with Parents – Years 4 and 6 2.30pm Stations of the Cross with Parents – Years 3 and 5
TUESDAY 26th	
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	
WEDNESDAY 17th	
THURSDAY 18th	
FRIDAY 19th	Year 5 Swimming
MONDAY 22nd	
TUESDAY 23rd	
WEDNESDAY 24th	
THURSDAY 25th	
FRIDAY 26th	Year 5 Swimming
APRIL/MAY	MAY – MONTH OF MARY
MONDAY 29th	Bank Holiday – school closed