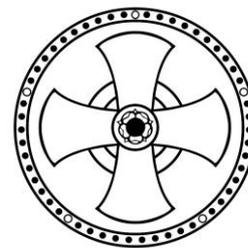




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Friday April 30th 2021

Re: Update on Teaching and Learning
Details of Spring 2 Report
Call Out for Gardening Tools - Trowels, Forks, Spades
Restarting of Sports Fixtures

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this letter finds you well and that the warmer weather has allowed you the feeling of emerging from lockdown; albeit with some restrictions still in place. Life at school remains busy and I wanted to write to keep you updated on what we've been up to and how we're making the most of being back together.

In terms of class time and teaching and learning; we're trying to get the balance right between focussing on the phonics, reading, writing, maths and perhaps the more creative elements of the curriculum. We started back from Easter with a whole school Art Celebration, where every child spent the entire day completing an art pastiche of a particular artist. I've put some pictures below to give you a sense of what was created. The walls of the school are now heaving with art and it was such a good way of bringing the children back after the holiday whilst also alleviating the stresses and anxieties that this can sometimes bring. Both Danny Dog and Penny have been in school on given days as well and some children have had the chance to spend some time with either of them - this looks set to continue into the remainder of the year.

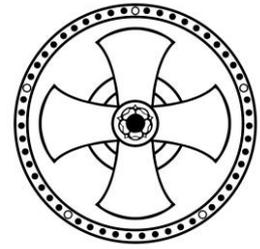


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The data from our benchmarking over the Spring Term will be shared with you all via a report next Friday. We'll be sending home details of how your child has done compared to where they would normally be at this time of year. We'll complete the exercise again at the end of the year so that you're kept up to date with the learning priorities for your child and how we can work together to help them.

Another aspect of our curriculum over the Summer Term will be the widening of outdoor activities. One of these will be gardening and tending our wooded area. In order to help with this, we'd like to put the call out for any old, unused gardening hand tools that the children can use. If they are broken, we can fix them, but please, no chainsaws or heavy implements! Please call the school office and they will help you with details of how you can donate these. Thanks in anticipation for anything you can donate, it will really help with our outside learning.

Lastly, I'm delighted to share that we are in a position to resume some sports fixtures. Ourselves, Saltdean and Rudyard Kipling Primary will be undertaking a range of very small fixtures over the next few weeks. Further details will be coming out in due course. Unfortunately though, we won't be in a position to allow parents and carers to spectate just yet, so please be patient on that front. Thanks in anticipation for your support in getting the children to fixtures, where this needs to happen. We're beginning with Year 5 and 6 Girls' Football and Mr. Hoad has already been preparing our team. It will be brilliant to finally get back to our sporting fixtures after school.

Enjoy your Bank Holiday Weekend,
Kind regards,

Headteacher