

Friday 18th March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been a busy week full of fun for the children. With Science week underway, children have been focussing on growth with lots of practical activities happening across the classes. Today is also Red Nose day where it has been a pleasure to see all the children wearing red – in assembly today we talked about the purpose of our fundraising and where the kindly donated money goes.

We also shared with the children the amount of goods that have been donated for the Ukraine appeal which we mentioned in last week's news bulletin. We have been so touched by the amount of items brought into school and how the children are so keen to be involved in this! We are now arranging to make our first trip to the local drop off point to ensure the packs of goods reach those in need. Please continue to bring in any spare items if you can – and a huge thank you to all our families for supporting both causes. Below is a picture of some of our older children with just some of the products donated!

Finally, a huge well done to our boys football team who won their Shropshire FA Village Schools Cup semi-final. We are very proud and look forward to seeing them in the final!

Samantha Hill
Headteacher



UPCOMING EVENTS

Eco School Update:



Biodiversity

We have been busy making some fat balls to encourage birds into our school grounds. We have several bird feeders around the school – have you seen any? If you want to know how to make a fat ball for your garden then follow these simple instructions.

Ingredients

One part vegetable fat (lard or suet)
Two parts bird seed mix

Method

- 1) Melt the fat in a pan.
- 2) Add the bird seed mix.
- 3) Wait for the fat to cool down and then stir them thoroughly.
- 4) Spoon into a mould or mould with your hands into a ball shape.
- 5) Leave to cool on a tray- either in the fridge or freezer.
- 6) When the ball has set, it is ready to put into your bird feeders in the garden.
- 7) Watch the birds enjoy their food!



What type of birds have you got visiting your garden?

Hopefully our fat balls will encourage more bird life into our school. We have researched what they like to eat and have found that they like a variety of nuts, sunflower seeds and cereals. We would like to see more:

- Great tits, blue tits, long tailed tits
- Sparrows
- Starlings
- Robins
- Blackbirds
- Blackcaps
- Chaffinch

<https://www.ecokidsplanet.co.uk/blogs/news/handy-little-guide-to-the-uk-s-top-10-garden-birds>

Upcoming Dates:

25th March – 10th April – Great Big School Clean

March 2022	
Monday 21st March	KS2 Squash– Shrewsbury Racketball club
Thursday 24th March	Year 6 parents SATS information workshop
Monday 28th March	KS2 Squash– Shrewsbury Racketball club
Tuesday 29th March	Severn Trent Assembly for KS1 and KS2
Wednesday 30th March	Easter Disco!
Thursday 31st March	Year 4 Pioneer assembly and parent meeting -3.15pm in School Hall.
April 2022	
Monday 4th April- Thursday 7th April	Year 6 Final Mock SATS
Monday 4th April	KS2 Squash competition– Shrewsbury Racketball club
Monday 4th April	EYFS, KS1 and KS2 Heads Afternoon Tea
Tuesday 5th April	Year 3/4 Easter Performance in Church 2pm-3pm
Tuesday 5th April	Parents evening
Wednesday 6th April	Year 3/4 Easter Performance in Church 2pm-3pm
Wednesday 6th April	Parents evening
Friday 8th April	Break up for Easter Holidays!
Monday 25th April	Back in School
Monday 25th April	Year 4 Pioneer Trip
Wednesday 27th April	Year 4 returning from Pioneer Trip
May 2022	
Wednesday 4th May	Tempest in for class, sports teams, Nursery individual/ siblings and year 6 leaver photos
Monday 9th May - Thursday 12th May	Year 6 SATS week

Values and Worship:

This week we have considered our value of Honesty and Integrity and how it is a key quality of a good leader. We looked at a variety of world leaders in politics, religion and business to discuss how honesty can build trust.



REMINDER & NOTICES

- Parents Evenings will be running on the last week of this half term on Tuesday and Wednesday 5/6th April. Appointments have been sent out to parents/carers.
- Ukraine Appeal: These are some of the fantastic donations brought into school so far. We will continue to leave the donation box in reception if you would like to bring in items to send to Ukraine.
- Grasshoppers and Bumblebees are planning an Easter singing performance for parents in the last week of this half term. A date and time will be sent out to parents for this next week.



Internet Safety:

We understand in the fast-developing world of technology, it is difficult to keep up with how our children are navigating the internet safely. Our IT and PSHE curriculum educates our children to use age appropriate technology safely and responsibly. To safeguard all children, we appreciate this message continuing to be reinforced in the home.

It is recommended devices are monitored regularly for appropriate usage, age-appropriate apps, platforms and games and when in use, these are supervised accordingly.

We have been made aware of, and we have noticed an increase in, issues arising with a number of pupils on various platforms such as Roblox and WhatsApp.

Please follow this link to our school website which will provide you with essential and useful websites to help you ensure your child is using technology appropriately and safely. We hope you find this helpful. <http://www.oakmeadowprimary.co.uk/website/e-safety/388169>