



**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

We have had a lovely week in the sunshine with lots of outdoor activities taking place. Our Eco Club have begun their herb planting in the allotments and once again our pupils have attended sporting events - a squash competition and U11 Football have taken place this week. Two of our Year 6 pupils went to The Grove School in Market Drayton to attend a trust pupil voice session where they were able to discuss and express their wishes for the school and the trust moving forward. I was incredibly proud to attend the County Training Apprenticeship Awards this week where Miss Renouf and Miss Robinson won Apprentice of the Year Awards. They were nominated for their commitment to their training and completing the course sooner than anticipated through a turbulent time with the pandemic. Mrs Fletcher and I were also so pleased to be called to accept Employer of the Year Award on behalf of the Oakmeadow team! We continue to support training and professional development of our staff team and are very grateful for the recognition from County Training.

Have a lovely weekend,  
Samantha Hill  
Headteacher



## UPCOMING EVENTS

March 2022	
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
Monday 9th May - Thursday 12th May	Year 6 SATS breakfast – more information to come.

## Eco School Update:



Community Garden

Luckily the sun shone for us this week and we were able to get outside and start planting! Eco Club have planted a range of herbs and salad leaves in the two raised beds at the front of the garden. We have also started to plant some vegetables in the larger bed to the rear of the community garden (beans, strawberries, beetroot etc.) Thank you to Mrs Marston and Mrs Lea (parent volunteer) – who were able to offer us some help and expertise this week. Thank you very much for your time and patience! We look forward to seeing what will grow in the next few weeks. Please can you remind your children to stay off the allotment beds when walking past in the morning and after school. We want to give the plants the best possible start they can get – thank you.

### Upcoming Dates:

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



## Values and Worship:

This week we have focussed on an appreciation of diverse world faiths and have looked at Holi, the Hindu Spring festival. The children have learned about how stories of Hindu Gods have influenced events and customs during the festival.



## REMINDER & NOTICES

**Parking:** please remember to park correctly and considerately around the school site and to keep speed down for the safety of the children. Thank you

**PE Kits:** Please can we remind parents that the PE Kit for school is black or navy joggers, leggings or shorts. These should have no patterns on - t shirts should be white and school jumper or cardigan should be worn if needed, not hoodies or jackets of any other colour or style. Thank you.

**Covid Update:** Numbers of positive cases in school have been rising and this has been putting a strain on staffing. Staff are remaining away from school if unwell and have been testing. Please can we ask parents to be vigilant for symptoms and for children to take a test if unwell. This will help slow transmission and ensure staff are at less risk of having to be absent. We would very much like to be able to staff some of the events at the end of this half term, so we appreciate your support with this.

### Healthy Activities and Food Government funded Programme (HAF)

All children in receipt of benefit related Free School Meals are eligible under the HAF programme to receive 4 hours of free childcare per day for 4 days during the Easter holidays. A voucher will be sent to you shortly with further information.

Tara Thomas from Bayston Hill Holiday Club is offering places from 9-1pm Mon 11th -Thursday 14th April. Contact her at [baystonhillafterschoolclub@gmail.com](mailto:baystonhillafterschoolclub@gmail.com) should you wish to book a place during the Easter holidays.

If you believe your child could be eligible for Free School Meals, please contact our admin team.

**Autism Pilot:** As part of the exciting Autism in Schools Project ongoing in our school, we are continuing to work alongside PACC to support the parents and carers of our SEND children and young people. On the dates below are online sessions available to parents and carers to learn more about the options available to you and your child:

Friday 1st April – EHCPs – exploring the EHCP and annual review process in Shropshire  
Monday 4th April – Out of school activities & SEND – what is available and how your child can participate  
Wednesday 6th April – An Introduction to Autism West Midlands – what support they can offer to families

All the sessions will be via Teams and will run between 11am and 12pm on the dates above. If parent carers would like to join, please email: [enquiries@paccshropshire.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@paccshropshire.org.uk) for the link. There is also a specific Facebook group specifically for SEND parent/carers which can be found here:

Oakmeadow:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/349608476698727> simply request to join!