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Growing Together, Learning for Life

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Fryern Federation News #12

Spring may be upon us but nobody seems to have mentioned that to the weather... thank you to all those parents and grandparents who came to support our Easter Bonnet parade today and accommodated the last-minute change in organisation to move the event inside. Thank you also to those of you who were able to make it along to our Easter services – another really lovely community moment of celebration and sharing. That's not all we have been getting up to this week, though, so please read on for more updates about what we've been up to and what is still to come in the future...

Friday 29th March – Friday 13th April 2024 EASTER HOLIDAYS – BOTH SCHOOLS CLOSED Monday 15th April – First Day Back

- **Easter Celebration** – It was lovely to see so many parents and relatives joining us at our Easter Celebration at the Methodist Church this week. The children had a great time preparing for Easter with so many wonderful songs. Thank you to Mrs Langston and Miss Parfitt for the Choir performances and to those who helped walk the children to Church.
- **Easter Bonnet & Egg Hunt** - Well done to all the children who made Easter bonnets for today's parade, they were all wonderful. The children looked fantastic in their creations and the winners are listed below.
The children also had a trip from the Easter Bunny!



Easter Bonnet Winners

Elf Harlee & Desmond
Pixie Charlie & Summer
Dragon Felicity & Sofia
Griffin Shannon & Scarlet
Yeti Eliza & Charlie
Kelpie Arliya & Lucas

Amarok - Seb & Becca
Hippogriff Wesley & Lola
Werewolf Bailey & Holly
Thunderbird Bonnie & Nyla
Pegasus Mabel & Seb
Sea Serpent Olivia & Evie

Phoenix Sofia & Elise
Leviathan Bella & Freya
Faun Sophie & Dolly

- **Thank you** - We would like to say a big thank you to the PTA for providing the school with prizes for the Easter Bonnet Winners and also giving each child an Easter treat. Thank you!
- **Year R** – To start their Easter celebrations, year R made some delicious Easter cakes. They poured, mixed and followed each step to create a scrumptious masterpiece!



- **Governors** – The Full Governing Body met on Tuesday at which we were pleased to be able to welcome Daniel Boyes as the new Staff Governor. The meeting approved the Schools Financial Values Standard (SFVS) for submission to Hampshire County Council. The SFVS helps the Federation and the local

authority meet basic standards for good financial health and management. We also discussed the Federation Absence and School Sickness policies agreeing with the SLT that the main focus was on student and staff welfare.

- **'Understanding and Supporting your child with Low Mood' workshop** - Further to a successful pilot of their parent workshop, our regional Mental Health Support team are looking to roll this opportunity out further as part of their Whole School Approach offer. As a service they will be offering this workshop digitally once per term for any parents/carers who feel they may benefit. The workshop will be mostly informative, with some optional opportunities for discussion, input and questions via the digital chat function. (You will not need to have your video-camera or microphone on for the workshop). The workshop aims to upskill parents and carers to understand low mood and depression, the signs and symptoms of this in young people, and provide some simple skills and strategies for you to take away and use to support your young person who may be struggling with their mood. The workshop details and zoom link are below:

Date: Tuesday April 2nd 2024

Time: 9am-10:30am

Duration: 1.5 hours

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://spft-nhs-uk.zoom.us/j/94454415114?pwd=ZjNDNVZmb1orVTdaS3ZZcTBJQWd3UT09>

Meeting ID: 944 5441 5114

Passcode: 790525

- **Year 2** – Year 2 earned their acorn treats! Yeti class enjoyed their acorn treats! Yeti class enjoyed bringing in their teddy and watching a movie and Kelpie class enjoyed a computing day. Well done Year 2!
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- **Near Miss accident** – Earlier in the week one of our children walking to school very narrowly avoided being hit by a car that was parking pulling up onto the kerb on the road outside. We know that it is congested and that the roads are harder to navigate at the start and end of the day, but if your children walk to school please remind them of the dangers and ask them to stay on the inside of the pavements, and if you are driving, please take extra care and time so that we never have to deal with an incident like this in the future. Thank you.

And that, as they say, is that! It's time for an Easter break, a long weekend for some of us, and a full two weeks for others. A chance to breath and reflect and perhaps enjoy some more quality time with those around us who we love and cherish. I'm going to leave you at the end of this term not with my words, but with the words (the poem) I shared in the Easter services. A number of people kindly came to say thank you and reflect on my 'speech' and there were a couple of requests to be given the author or title of the poem. As I said, this poem reflects some of those very human and personal challenges that can impact all of us at any age. Trying to compare your life and experiences against the Facebook or Instagram displays of other people's lives in particular is an easy route to that self-doubt or feelings of not being good enough. BUT – 'I am me, I am special and I am more than good enough' is something I would like us all to take away and believe in, because we all play a part in the rich tapestry of our community. Have a great Easter, next stop, SUMMER – woohoo!!!

Breathe - by Becky Hemsley

She sat at the back and they said she was shy,
She led from the front and they hated her pride,
They asked her advice and then questioned her guidance,
They branded her loud, then were shocked by her silence,

When she shared no ambition they said it was sad,
So she told them her dreams and they said she was mad,
They told her they'd listen, then covered their ears,
And gave her a hug while they laughed at her fears,

And she listened to all of it thinking she should,
Be the girl they told her to be best as she could,
But one day she asked what was best for herself,
Instead of trying to please everyone else,

So she walked to the forest and stood with the trees,
She heard the wind whisper and dance with the leaves,
She spoke to the willow, the elm and the pine,
And she told them what she'd been told time after time,

She told them she felt she was never enough,
She was either too little or far far too much,
Too loud or too quiet, too fierce or too weak,
Too wise or too foolish, too bold or too meek,

Then she found a small clearing surrounded by firs,
And she stopped...and she heard what the trees said to her,
And she sat there for hours not wanting to leave,
For the forest said nothing, it just let her breathe.

With my best wishes,

Jeremy
Executive Headteacher

#fryernfamily
#rainraingoaway
#nextstopsummer

Workers of the Week

YR: Harlee, Florrie,

Y1: Jessie, Ruby, Oliver, Lewis

Y2: Charlie, Miyah, Jihoon, Maci

Y3: Katie, Alannah, William, Abbie, Sebby, Isabella

Y4: Ruhi, Josh, Evie, Khloe, Kacey

Y5: Harry, Dexter, Ashton, Charlotte, Joseph, Nathan, Finlay, Lily, Liela

Y6: Oli, Layla, Kayla, Isabel, Harry, Khushi, All of Faun Class

Head Teacher Awards

YR: Alexis, Alexa, Delilah, Ruby, Millie, Remi

Y1: Chloe, Bethany, Scarlett, Eddie, Harrison, Grace, Elaina, Trystan, Felix, Jacob, Karolina, Olivia, Priscilla, Harrison

Y3: Austin, Niamh, Ethan,

Y4: Evie, Josh, Holly,

Y5: Billie, Daisy, Millie, Jamal, Hannah, Lara, Edward, Autumn, Freya, Katie, Mabel, Chloe, Sam, Zeke, Seb, Harley, Skye, Sophia, Eddie, Harrison, Addie, Grace

Dates For the Diary

April

15th Monday Return to school
16th Tuesday Year R Hilliers trip

May

3rd Friday Year 1 trip to Arundel Castle
6th Monday Bank holiday – school closed
6th Monday Maypole dancing for Fryern Funtasia
13th Monday SATS week
~~22nd Wednesday~~ ~~Choir show – 6pm~~ (date moved to June below)

June

3rd Monday Return to school
5th Wednesday Year R Church visit – 9am
7th Friday Year 1 Church visit – 9am
10th Monday Enterprise Week
12th Tuesday Choir Show 6pm
17th Monday Year 5 residential to Stubbington
25th Tuesday Toynebee Induction Evening - 5.30-7.30pm
24th Monday Y6 Residential – Little Canada
26th Wednesday Toynebee Induction Evening - 5.30-7.30pm

July

1st Monday Toynebee Induction Day – full school day
11th Thursday Year 2 end of year show – 9.15am & 2pm
11th Thursday Year 6 show - 1.30pm
12th Friday Year 6 show - 1.30pm
15th Monday Year 6 leavers party
19th Friday Whole school picnic – 12pm, parents welcome (weather permitting)
19th Friday Last day – school finishes at 1pm. BOOM!!
22nd Monday INSET day – school closed
23rd Tuesday INSET day – school closed