

Dear Parents, Governors and Friends,

As another busy term draws to a close, children, staff and yourselves I expect, are looking forward to the Easter break.

This term we have had our SIAMS religious inspection. We are still waiting for the final report to come through which we look forward to sharing with you. At this stage all I can say is that we were extremely pleased with the feedback that we received from the inspector at the end of the day.

E-safety is an issue I would again urge you to be aware of as parents. Many of the children have their own tablets and many of the older pupils have their own phones. Obviously, the online world is constantly changing and evolving and it is difficult to keep track of dangers that are out there. I would encourage you to keep an eye on your children accessing social networks. Sites such as musical.ly will have minimum age limits but are open to anybody. I would also recommend looking at the NSPCC website, www.net-aware.org.uk, which allows parents to check any sites that may cause concern, and outlines any identified dangers to children.

Finally, I would like to wish Mrs Couch well in her new post that she begins after Easter. She has been a fantastic teacher whilst at Fleckney and has taught many different year groups. The children and staff will miss her and wish her every success for the future.

Best wishes for a Happy Easter.

Mr Leah, Headteacher

Foundation Stage Carers' Assembly

Foundation Stage had a super week of performing their annual Carers' assembly to staff, school and preschool children this year, and did a final performance on Friday 24th March to parents.

The children all did extremely well and remembered the song words and individual



lines were said very well.

We had a mixture of songs, drama and special pictures.

The parents and staff all received daffodils at the end.

All in all a memorable afternoon!

Mrs Teear

Premier League Trophy

On Wednesday 5th April, we had a very special morning in school. We were extremely fortunate to be able to welcome the Premier League Trophy to Fleckney. Callum Kirkwood from Leicester City Football Club talked to us in assembly about the trophy and answered many questions from the children. He explained how Leicester City won the Premier League with hard work, dedication and a fantastic team spirit. Following the assembly we were able to take individual photographs of the children and staff members with the trophy. We will advise parents after the Easter break how we will make these photographs available to you.

Thank you to Ms Lander and Mr Bedford for facilitating this event and to Mr Heaney for taking all the photographs.



Easter Services

Our Easter services were special in many ways this year. We looked at the Easter story as part of God's big picture. We started with Adam and Eve and worked our way through the Bible to the resurrection of Jesus and the hope of eternal life. Our readers were from Year 1 through to Year 6 and all of them were a credit to our school. Many thanks to Miss Hamilton and the choir for their lovely hymn and to Mr Baum for playing. Well done to Alice for an accomplished piano recital. We were pleased to hear from Fr Philip, Fr Simon and Mr Robson who all took part in our services.

These were also special services for me as they are my last services at Fleckney School before I retire in the summer. These services have always held a special meaning for me and I hope have been a blessing to all the children who have attended them over the years.

Mrs Binczak

Creative Arts Week



We have had a wonderful week of weaving in Creative Arts week! Our week focused around the painting 'Penelope and the Suitors' chosen by The National Gallery for the Take One Picture project. The painting depicts Penelope who is sat at a loom weaving. Using this as a theme, each class was challenged to create a weave using cut up t-shirts and a hula hoop as a loom. Thank you to everyone who sent in old t-shirts for us to work with.

As well as weaving, children took part in many other creative arts activities, focussing on different aspects of the painting.

Miss Bennett

World Book Day

On Thursday 2nd March, we held our annual celebrations for World Book Day.

The staff and children dressed up as their favourite characters and showed off their costumes in assembly, where prizes were given for imaginative costumes.

Various activities were held throughout the day. All classes took part in creating an exciting class display around the theme of something 'Bookey'. Teachers also moved around to different classes and shared their favourite story. The extreme reading photos were very adventurous and are up on display for all to view.

A big thank you to all of the children, staff and parents for all of their enthusiasm and hard work on the day.



Mrs Headley

Year 1 Sea Life Trip

On Monday 27th February, Year 1 went on a trip to the National Sea Life Centre in Birmingham as part of our 'Under the Sea' Science unit. The children were very excited to see all of the animals they had been learning about, including a Bowmouth Guitar shark, jellyfish, clownfish and much more.



All children walked sensibly around the centre and we again received comments from members of the Sea Life staff about the children's wonderful behaviour. After our visit we discussed our favourite parts of the trip. The area the children were most enthusiastic about was the tunnel where green turtles and sharks swam over our heads!

We are very grateful to the FSA for the financial contribution that made this trip possible.

Year 1 Staff

KS1 Holi Day

Holi is a festival of colour and fun, to welcome in the spring time and is celebrated by Hindus.

Foxton Primary School kindly invited us to join in with their fun day.

Harliee, Josh, Molly and Yeliz from Key Stage 1 went along and enjoyed a day of Bollywood dancing, baking, diva lamp making, colouring and best of all ~ paint throwing.



After an interesting day of learning about Holi and sampling the food and the cultural activities we joined in with paint throwing on the field. We wore old clothes and ended up covered in brightly coloured powder paint.

Many thanks to Foxton for inviting us and to our 4 children who were a credit to our school on the day.

Mrs Binczak

Spelling Bee

On Tuesday 14th March, 2 children from Year 2 (Rachel and Henry), Year 4 (Tia and Hayden) and Year 6 (Rosa and Livvy) represented Fleckney Primary School in the first ever interschool Spelling Bee competition. Children travelled to St Cuthbert's Primary School in Great Glen where they were tested under great pressure to share their spelling knowledge of numerous challenging words.

All children performed amazingly under the pressure and we are very proud of our super spellers at Fleckney Primary School. So keep up your hard work!

Mrs Headley

KS1 Music Event

On Wednesday, 29th March, six enthusiastic Year 2 musicians took part in a fun-filled music workshop led by Mr Alan Kirkland, music teacher at Church Langton Primary.

Children were on their feet moving, clapping rhythms, playing unusual instruments and experiencing playing and performing as part of a big ensemble, alongside children from four neighbouring primary schools.

At the end of the afternoon, proud parents were able to experience the pieces that children had learned in a fantastic performance. Well done children!

Miss Hamilton

Gardening with Grandparents Club



Gardening with Grandparents has reconvened this half term. We have lots of members from all year groups who meet on Mondays after school, in the gardens behind the Year 3 mobile, working together until 4 p.m.

We have prepared the beds ready for planting seeds and bulbs and will be planting strawberries, potatoes, onions and lots of salads.

Our produce usually goes to the school kitchen and is enjoyed by all the children who take school dinners. Last year, the children in the Gardening Club enjoyed trying the produce and discovered they liked lots more of the fruit and vegetables than they thought! Grandparents and their grandchildren who would like to join us, are very welcome.

Mrs Fremmer

Dogs outside of school

Please can I remind parents to refrain from tying their dogs up outside of the school. Having small children constantly walk past is often very exciting for the dog but can be quite threatening for many children.

Mr Leah

Book Fair

At our latest book fair the magnificent sum of £633 commission was raised which will enable us to have even more books in classrooms and the school library. Thank you to everyone for your support.

Mrs Headley

Red Nose Day



We raised a total of £315.21 by holding a non uniform day. Several year 6 children held a cake sale and raised a further £59.65. Thank you to everyone who made a donation or bought a cake!

Class & Team Photos

The school photographer will be in school on Tuesday 16th May taking the class and team photographs. Proof copies will be provided for all parents but there is no obligation to purchase any photographs at all.

Oadby Sikh Gurdwara

On Tuesday, 7th March, Year 3 enjoyed a wonderful, informative visit to the Oadby Gurdwara. We were warmly welcomed by our host, Gurjeet, who helped the children to learn about the principles of the Sikh religion, its origins and customs.

The children showed the knowledge they had acquired during RE lessons as they asked thoughtful questions. They listened and behaved extremely well throughout the visit. We all learned a lot about Sikhism and its common principles with Christianity.

The spicy onion bhajias went down very well too! The children have written lovely letters of thanks to Gurjeet for this very rewarding trip.

Miss Hamilton

RE Children's Day Conference

On Friday 10th March, Isaac, Matilda, Zak, Isobel and Spiros from Year 5 joined me at this year's RE conference - 'Respect for All' - at Kibworth Primary School. We met with children and teachers from many other schools and took part in lots of exciting activities. We had

time to play games; listen and respond to true stories; think about our priorities and commitments; discuss British values and create an 'Arms into Arms' peace gallery.

The children were all touched by the events of the day and have returned keen to share their experience with the rest of the school.



Mrs Fremmer

Parentmail Tips

Mobile App. We would recommend that you download the Parentmail app to your mobile phone as it enables parents to see messages, make online payments, book parents' evening appointments and give consent for trips and visits. Please search for the free Parentmail PMX app in the App store on an iPhone or Play Store if you have an Android phone.

Dinner Money Payments. When you wish to top up your child's dinner money account, you will need to enter the amount you wish to pay. If you do not enter an amount the system will assume zero and so the account will not be topped up. Lunches for children in KS2 currently cost £2.20 per day and are free for children in FS, Year 1 and Year 2.

Additional Help. The school office staff are happy to help you if you are experiencing any difficulties with Parentmail.

Miss Copson, Mrs Jones and Mrs Sturgess

Edale Residential

On Wednesday 8th February Year 4 set off for their residential visit to Edale. On arrival, the children enjoyed looking at the beautiful scenery of the Derbyshire Peak district. After a brisk walk to the youth hostel and a quick stop off for lunch, we went straight into our activities. The next day was also filled with activities from start to finish. The children loved abseiling, weaselling, crate climbing and night hiking.



This year, for the first time, we visited a farm where we met the dairy cows and even sampled some homemade ice cream! Despite the chilly February weather and although hot chocolate was on offer, all children chose ice cream!

The Edale staff enjoyed working with our children and remarked on their excellent team work and determination to try new things. We were very proud of them and a good time was had by all.

Mrs Allen

School Council Event

The school council members took part in a Growth Mindset workshop at St. Cuthbert's. The event was thoroughly enjoyed and it was a fantastic experience for those involved. We looked at the differences between a fixed and grown mindset with lots of fun activities. It got us all thinking about the way we approach problems and how we react when we are finding things hard.

Mr Scranage

The Rotary Young Scientist of the Year 2017

On Thursday 23rd March four children attended Kibworth Primary School, to represent Fleckney in the Young Scientist of the year event. Nine other schools also took part. Spiros, Izzy, Alannah and Thomas had to complete 6 challenges across the afternoon, having 12 minutes to complete each challenge. Challenges consisted of a separation activity, molecules, circuits, ph testing as well as a written test.



The children from Fleckney showed great enthusiasm and maturity all afternoon. The winners were announced at the end and cakes and refreshments were handed out to parents and staff.

Fleckney Primary School WON!!! Mr Dodd from the Rotary Club presented the shield to the winners. What an achievement for all!

Mrs Tear

Trip to the Japan Embassy and SOAS University of London

On Thursday 23rd February, four children from Year 5 and 6, Killen, Matthew, Maddy and Alice, joined children from five other local schools on an exciting visit to London.

The day was supported by the Japan Foundation, providing a unique opportunity for 'able linguists' to

participate in a range of Japanese language and cultural activities.

The morning was spent at the School of Oriental and African Studies, SOAS University of London, . Children were taken on a tour around the University campus and given a presentation about 'learning languages at University'. This was followed by a 'kanji' (Japanese writing) master-class – the session finished with an introduction to Japanese 'manga' and animation.

Club Taishkan, the Japanese Embassy, was the final stop of the day. Children saw with their own eyes the high security measures needed to enter such a building. The afternoon consisted of an introduction into the geography and culture of Japan and the opportunity to participate in two, rather memorable workshops – Japanese calligraphy and traditional Yokaso dance.

All children, and adults, had a truly wonderful day; it was a great learning experience as well as being enjoyable. We now look forward to future ventures relating to Modern Foreign Languages. Minasan wa tanoshikatta desu!

Mrs Galpin



Sports Round Up

On Wednesday 22nd March, we took a Year 4 team and a Year 5 team to Welland Park Academy for a hockey tournament. Both teams performed brilliantly and grew with confidence with each game. There was a very strong selection of teams and both years represented the school excellently.

On Thursday 23rd March, we took a year 5/6 team to a tag rugby tournament at Church Langton Primary School. There were four very good teams and after a hard fought final, they were runners up to Church Langton.

The highlight for this term's football matches is that our Year 6 team has reached the semi-finals of the Rice Bowl. The semi-final will be played at 3 p.m. on Tuesday 2nd May at the Fleckney Recreation Ground. Good luck team!

Some of the Year 6 children wanted to start a table tennis club. This started this term with great success. We try to encourage children to take part in a wide variety of sports and if anyone wants to suggest a club that isn't currently at Fleckney, please contact Mr Scranage, the School Council or the Sports Ambassadors.

Mr Scranage and Mr Ager

Diary Dates

April

Fri 7th	Last day of term
Mon 10th— Fri 21st	Easter holidays
Mon 24th	First day of term
	First Yr 5 badminton session
	Final Yr 6 maths booster Session
	3.30pm Aylmerton meeting for Yr4 parents and children
Tues 25th	Choir to sing at Age UK
Weds 26th	First Yr 1 swim session
	First Yr 6 Cooking Club - Group 5
Thurs 27th	ASD support group
	3.30pm PGL meeting for Yr5 children and parents
Fri 28th	Quiz Club semi finals

May

Mon 1st	May Day—school closed
Tues 2nd	FSA meeting 7.30pm Queen's Head, Saddington

Fri 5th	FS West Lodge trip
Mon 8th	Yr 6 SATS week
- Fri 12th	
Tues 9th	Yr 2 Grendon residential
- Weds 10th	
Mon 15th	Yr 6 Animation day
Tues 16th	Class & group photos
Tues 23rd	Yr 5 to visit Sparkenhoe School
Weds 24th	Final Yr 1 swim session
Thurs 25th	ASD support group
	Final Yr 6 touch typing club
Fri 26th	Last day of half term
Mon 29th	Half term break
- Fri 2nd	

June

Mon 5th	Yr 6 PGL residential
- Fri 9th	
Tues 6th	FSA meeting 7.30pm Queen's Head, Saddington
Fri 9th	Sparkenhoe School to visit Yr 5

Stop Press! The staff v. Yr5/6 pupils tag rugby matches took place on Wednesday. They games were both extremely close with the scores were 5:5 and 4:4. Well done to everyone who took part.

School Terms and Holidays 2016—2018

Spring Term 2017

School Closes

Fri 7th April

Summer Term 2017

School opens

Mon 24th April

May Day

Mon 1st May

Mid Term Break

Mon 29th May—Fri 2nd June

School Closes

Fri 14th July

Autumn Term 2017

School Opens

Tues 29th August

Mid Term Break

Mon 16th—Fri 20th October

School Closes

Weds 20th December

Spring Term 2018

School Opens

Tues 9th January

Mid Term Break

Mon 12th—Fri 16th February

School Closes

Fri 23rd March

Summer Term 2018

School opens

Mon 9th April

May Day

Mon 7th May

Mid Term Break

Mon 28th May—Fri 1st June

School Closes

Fri 13th July