

Dear Parents, Governors and Friends,

As you will see from this newsletter it has been an incredibly busy term. The children have worked very hard and have enjoyed many fantastic enrichment and extra-curricular activities within 2 short 5 week terms since Christmas.

We are currently particularly pleased with the high standards in children's writing across the school. We are now able to compare our children's writing with thousands of other pieces from children across the country, via a new web based system. Our children have so far compared very favourably with their counterparts across the country.

As you know, it has been a long winter, with snow and ice causing disruption to us all. Hopefully we can all finally look forward to a much more pleasant and warmer Spring.

I wish all of you and your families a very Happy Easter.

Best wishes

Mr Leah, Headteacher

Easter Service – 16th March

What a lovely sunny day for our Easter services this year! We looked at the story of the original Palm Sunday and of Jesus' denial and trial. These were very well read and performed by Year 5 and 6 children and beautifully mimed by some of our Year 1 and 2s.

Our wonderful choir, led by Miss Hamilton, sang 'Were you there?' in such a moving way. Father Philip spoke to us about Jesus arriving in Jerusalem



as the people's hero, only to reduce to 'zero' on Good Friday and then becoming the world's superhero on Easter Sunday when he rose from the dead to save us all.

Many thanks to Mr Baum for accompanying our singing on the keyboard and to Mrs Binczak, Mr Ager and the many parents and helpers who assisted the children getting to and from the church.

Mrs Fremmer

Parking

We have again been contacted by a number of our neighbours regarding parking around the school. We ask that you park considerately and do not obstruct driveways of nearby houses. Please give careful consideration to where and how you park.

Year 4 Edale Residential

On Wednesday 7th February our Year 4 children and staff set off for their residential visit to Edale. Two of our Year 4 children have written below about their experience of both the residential activities and being filmed for the BBC1 show, Countryfile.

Edale Activities by Callum

Abseiling was amazing, it is breath taking. The thought of abseiling is scary but when you do it, it's the best. At the start crate stacking looks silly but when you actually do it, you have a lot of fun. You have to think of different ways to get the stack higher. Weaselling is very adventurous and you have to be brave and daring.

It was exciting staying in a room of boys, the beds were comfortable and I had a good night's sleep. The food was brilliant, for breakfast you could have a full English, toast, cereal and croissants.

Countryfile by Joseph

Being filmed for Countryfile was brilliant because all the time you were thinking that you would be on BBC1 and knowing that made the experience even more fun. We all now know how many times you have to repeat things for television as we kept getting it wrong!

Suprisingly, we weren't allowed to look at the camera because it wouldn't look natural. I loved watching the programme when it was shown on BBC1 as we could watch ourselves back!



Spelling Bee

On Wednesday 14th March, 6 children from Years 1 to 6 (Megan M, Angel B, Henry P, Jake E, Hayden J and Isobel R) represented Fleckney Primary School in the second interschool Spelling Bee competition.

Children travelled to St Cuthberts 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 Isobel R in Year 6 did exceptionally well and got through to the final 3 spellers and won the Year 5/6 spelling competition! We are very proud of our super spellers at Fleckney Primary School.

Mrs Headley

Foundation Stage Carers' Assembly

Foundation Stage performed their annual Carers' assembly to their parents and family members on Friday 9th March.

We had a mixture of songs, drama and special pictures. The children all did extremely well, remembering the song words and their individual lines.

The parents and staff all received daffodils at the end.

What a memorable afternoon. Well done to all the children.



Mrs Teear

Beyond 2020 Pupil Conference

On Friday 16th March, Fleckney was invited to take part in the launch event of a new initiative open to all Coventry Schools. This project is centred around the 2020 Tokyo Olympic and Para-Olympic Games. The pupil conference was aimed at Year 4 children who would go on to become ambassadors for the Beyond 2020 project.

Fleckney Primary has been involved in the initial planning of this project with the aim of setting up a similar project open to schools in Leicestershire.

Children attending this conference (Lachlan, Jake, Joseph, Callum, Ruth and Hannah) had the opportunity to take part in a wide range of cultural and sport workshops linked to Japan and the Olympic Games. Activities included; language, origami, ikebana, traditional dance and sushi making. The children then began to think about an action plan of sporting and cultural events that they would like to see implemented across the schools in Leicestershire.

The event began with a welcome speech from the Minister from the Embassy of Japan and Noel Thatcher MBE. There was also a live link to the Olympic Association in Tokyo.

A superb day was enjoyed by all. We are now looking forward to start planning a sequence of events to filter out across the Leicestershire schools in the new academic year.



Mrs Galpin

Year 1 Synagogue Visit

On Thursday 22nd February the Year 1 children visited a synagogue in Leicester to enhance their education on Judaism.

This was a fantastic opportunity for the children to learn about Judaism and experience first hand what a synagogue is like. During the trip the children had the opportunity to interact with artefacts, listen to stories and explore the synagogue. The children thoroughly enjoyed the day and learnt a lot.

Miss Pepper

KS1 Author Visit

On Tuesday 13th March the author Jane Clarke visited our school. She led an inspiring whole school assembly and workshops in the KS1 and FS classes throughout the day.

Many children bought signed books and all of the children enjoyed the day. They were fascinated to learn and witness the process a book goes through from idea to publication and all produced lovely work based on Jane's ideas.

Miss Baum

Able Linguist Japan Day

Four children from Year 6 (Rafa, Daisy, Jack and Isabelle) represented the school in a Japan Day at the Edward Monk Hall in Foxton. Seven schools were involved – Fleckney, Little Bowden, St Cuthbert's, Foxton, Hallaton, Billesdon and Church Langton.

Two workshops took place in the morning – Japanese Calligraphy (taught by Yasuko-sensei) and Japanese Language (taught by Kaori-sensei). In the afternoon, all children came together to carry out a Taiko drumming workshop with Simon-sensei.

It was a successful day; the children displayed such enthusiasm, maturity and creativity. Each and every child was certainly a true credit to their school. Arigato gozaimashita!



Mrs Galpin

Year 1 Thank You

The Year 1 teachers would like to thank the FSA for funding many of our exciting enrichment activities this year. We are grateful for the support you give us and the opportunities you provide for our children.

Miss Baum

Sparkenhoe Primary School visits Fleckney

Through teamwork, magic happens

In January, the Year 4 children from Sparkenhoe Primary School came to spend the day at our school. The 'theme' of the day was 'Through teamwork, magic happens'. The children got the chance to spend time, once again, with their Sparkenhoe partner(s) and enjoyed learning creatively together, partaking in a carousel of activities – Chinese knot making (friendship bracelets); exploring shared and common values through 'butterflies' and African Djembe drumming.

A DVD of the day has been compiled and will soon be available to watch through the school website.

Mrs Galpin

Book Fair

At our latest book fair the magnificent sum of £301.56 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.



School Reports

If you and your child's other parent do not live together, and a second report needs to be sent to the non-residential parent, please contact the school office to let us know the name of the parent and his/her address.

World Book Day

On Thursday 8th March- a little later than planned due to the snow, we held our annual celebrations for World Book Day.

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

Various activities based around picture books were held throughout the morning and children enjoyed working with a different teacher and group of mixed year groups to explore the fun activities.

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

Uniform Reminder

Thank you to all parents who make sure their children are in the proper school uniform. We are really proud of the school uniform and expect all children to wear it. We have noticed increasing numbers of children who are not wearing correct school uniform and would like to remind all our parents of the school uniform guidelines. It is important for all children to wear practical, sensible and safe clothing, therefore, we expect all children to wear school uniform as follows:

- Jade green sweatshirt or cardigan
- White polo-shirt—either plain or embroidered with either the ducks or school name logo (available from One Stop Schoolgear)
- Grey or black trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore dress.
- Green and white striped or checked school dresses can also be worn in warmer weather.
- Sensible footwear (ideally school shoes) with plain white, black or grey socks or tights.

The majority of our pupils do wear the school colours, a dark green or grey school cardigan or school jumper may also be worn.

Ensuring the children have a neat and tidy standard of dress helps us to promote a positive image for the school, and we thank you for your support with this.

Mrs Allen, Deputy Head Teacher

Year 3 Leicester Cathedral Easter Play

Year 3 enjoyed a trip to Leicester Cathedral on 22nd March, to see 'A Tale of Two Thieves' - an Easter play from the view point of the two thieves crucified either side of Jesus.

The play, which included several stories and characters from the bible, had just the right blend of fun, humour and gravity to have an impact on the children's reflections of the Easter story.

Mrs Fremmer



Diary Dates

March

Fri 23rd Sport Relief day
School Council Fundraiser pm
Last day of term

April

Mon 9th First day of term
3.20pm Yr 4 Aylmerton
meeting in 5JS classroom
First KS2 Gym club
Tues 10th 4.00pm Spring term Taiko club
demonstration to parents
Weds 11th 1st swim session 1JB only
Choir to music event at
Leicester Grammar
First Yr 6 group 5 cooking club
session
Thurs 12th Science Fair entries due in
Final Cheerleading club
Fri 13th Football tournament at RSA
Tues 17th 1st Taiko club for FS & Yr 1
1st Archery club group 3
Weds 18th 1st swim session 1BT only
Weds 25th 1st swim session for all of Yr 1
Fri 27th Quiz Club semi finals

May

Tues 1st 7.30pm FSA meeting at The
Golden Shield
Thurs 3rd Year 1 hearing tests
Fri 4th FS West Lodge trip
Tues 8th Year 2 Grendon Residential
to Weds 9th
Weds 9th Final group 5 cooking club
Thurs 10th Class photos
Mon 14th Year 6 SATS
to Fri 18th
Tues 15th
Fri 18th Final Taiko club for FS & Year 1
Mon 21st Final Archery club group 3
Year 5 Pentecost assembly
Year 6 Animation Day
Final KS2 Gym club
Final Year 1 swim session
Weds 23rd Year 6 trip to Leics County
Fri 25th Cricket Ground
Last day of half term
Half term break
Mon 28th
to Fri 1st
June
Mon 4th School reopens
Mon 4th Year 6 PGL residential
to Fri 8th
Tues 5th 1st Archery club group 4
Tues 12th 7.30pm FSA meeting at The
Golden Shield
Weds 13th First Year 6 swim session
Sat 23rd FSA Summer Fair

School Terms and Holidays 2018–2019

Spring Term 2018

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

Autumn Term 2018

School Opens
Weds 29th August
Mid Term Break
Mon 15th—Mon 22nd October
School Closes
Fri 21st December

Spring Term 2019

School Opens
Tues 8th January
Mid Term Break
Mon 18th—Fri 22nd February
School Closes
Fri 12th April

Summer Term 2019

School opens
Mon 29th April
May Day
Mon 6th May
Mid Term Break
Mon 27th May—Fri 31st May
School Closes
Fri 12th July

