



Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back! I do hope that you all had a restful and fun-filled Easter break and that the weather was kind to you. I have enjoyed hearing children's stories of where they have been and what they have got up to over the holidays.

Taking time out is important. There is a rhythm to life. In the Bible, it says *to everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven* (Ecclesiastes 3:1). There is a time for working, but definitely a time for resting. Judaism's concept of the Shabbat, or Sabbath, is a weekly day of rest, which God instituted at the beginning of creation- resting on the 7<sup>th</sup> day. He didn't do this because He was tired, but to set in place the concept of the importance of resting and enjoying the world. I hope you had time to enjoy time with your children.

There are seasons for coming and going too. Next Wednesday will be Mr Osmond's last day at Pilgrims' Cross. I wanted to remind you all of this, so you can wish him all the best when you drop off and collect your children this week.

Now that we're back, there's also a lot to do! Our Year 6 children will be sitting their SATs in the week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> May. Our teachers have recently been reviewing the progress of the pupils in their classes too- and celebrating the progress that has been made. Learning Plans for children with SEN have also been reviewed by class teachers- parents/carers, please do look over these and find your child's class teacher if you have any questions.

Our older children have been competing in a football match (see Mr Osmond's match report below). Lastly, on Monday, the NSPCC will be in, to deliver their *Speak out, stay safe* programme- we are looking forward to this.

Here's to a busy summer term!

Jim Cascarini – Headteacher

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### Vision Awards

Congratulations to all our children who received a Vision Award this week...	Love	Courage	Trust
<i>Oak</i>	Emilia H-P		
<i>Willow</i>	Philip D		
<i>Sycamore</i>			Theo W
<i>Maple</i>	Noella R		
<i>Hazel</i>	John H-B		
<i>Lime</i>		Hooria M	
<i>Chestnut</i>		Drishya R	
<i>Elm</i>		Abdul M	
<i>Ash</i>	Emma W		
<i>Beech</i>			Jack S
<i>Pine</i>	Lola P		
<i>Hawthorn</i>		Harley G	
<i>Aspen</i>		Lincoln C	
<i>Juniper</i>		Scarlett M	

## *What we have been learning this week...*

### **Willow & Oak**

We hope you all had a wonderful Easter holiday. The children have come back calm, happy and ready to learn which is fantastic. They have been talking about all the fun, adventures and chocolate they had over the break and we have loved listening to their stories. We carried on with the Easter theme from last half term, making cards, Pom Pom animals, writing about animals and counting.

In phonics we have been learning to read CVCC (barn) or CCVC (ship) words - C is consonant and V is vowel.

In maths we have been looking at numbers higher than 10, specifically how, for example number 13 is made up of one ten and three ones.

In PE they are beginning to learn some ball skills for sending and receiving balls.

It is a very short half term but we are hoping to pack it full of fun and exciting learning.

Well done Oak and Willow for coming back ready for your learning we are very proud of the little learners you are turning into.

Mrs CK, Mr Edgington and Mrs Treasure

### **Sycamore & Maple**

It has been a wonderful first week back after the Easter Holidays. The children have really engaged with the start of our new Learning Journeys!

In English we have begun exploring poetry. The children have learnt about rhyming and alliteration and have even written their own senses poem. I wonder if you could use alliteration for your family names - Marvellous Mummy, Great Grandma etc.

In Maths we have moved on to counting in 2s and 10s. The children have worked hard on this new skill. I wonder if you could count all the shoes in the house in 2s or even try counting all of the toes in the family in 10s?

You may have already noticed the investigation we have completed in Science this week to launch our new Learning Journey about plants. The children have placed a bean inside a food bag with a wet paper towel so that they can observe it grow. One bean has no water and one is hidden in the cupboard without any light! I wonder which will grow the best?

Art has to be a highlight of the week for us though. The children have painted their own Jasper Johns piece of art using the primary colours and numbers. We are delighted with the results!

We look forward to seeing you next week.

Miss Miners and Mrs Edgington

### **Lime & Hazel**

Year 2 have had a fantastic start to the summer term. We started with our launch day where we learnt all about the seas, and oceans which surround the UK, painted pebbles collected from the beach, made a beach themed tuff tray and looked at stop motion and created a beach ball flip book! This week in English, we have started exploring the story Stella and the Seagull looking at characters feelings, answering questions and clarifying the meanings of words. In Maths, we have started to learn about fractions learning what equal and unequal mean and recognising a half. In science we looked at what seeds need to grow, we planted plants and gave them different conditions to grow in to see which one grows the best. In RE we have learnt about why some people talk to God. Looking forward to another great week.

Miss Lavin and Miss Samuel

## **Chestnut & Elm**

Chestnut and Elm have had a very busy first week back! We've planted seeds for our science lesson on growing plants, identified big cities and other features of a map of the U.K. For our Geography topic of 'Settlements', worked really hard on our multiplication to help multiply two-digit numbers in maths and started our new class text, 'The Wild Robot', making predictions about the story - I think it may turn out to be lots of children's favourite book we read this term. It really hasn't felt like only four days!

Miss Dewsbury and Mr Spiers

## **Beech & Ash**

What a fantastic start to the summer term!

We have started our new learning journey in English where we are learning to use persuasive language to save our ocean. We have continued our learning in Maths developing our understanding of decimals and how to partition them. We enjoyed our launch day learning all about rivers and the water cycle. We learnt where rivers start and finish, how the water cycle fits into the journey of a river, and where different rivers are around the world. In science we have loved exploring the features of different animals and how to classify them, as we begin our new learning journey all about living things.

Year 4 participated superbly during the cricket experience, well done for trying a new skill. Keep up the good work year 4!

Miss Collier and Mrs Allison

## **Pine & Hawthorn**

It has been great welcoming all the children back after Easter! We have not wasted any time getting back into the swing of things in Year 5 this week; we have begun our new Learning Journey in English of creating a non-chronological report about the Yellow Spotted Lizards from our class book 'Holes'. We have identified our target audience and purpose for our report, as well as researching the information we are looking to include. In Maths, we have blown away the cobwebs gathered over Easter and practiced using protractors again to measure angles in polygons. Finally, the children had a great time playing cricket in the 'Time to Shine' opportunity led by Hampshire Cricket on Wednesday and represented the Year group brilliantly! Well done to all in Year 5 for a successful first week back!

Mr Childs and Mr Dookheran

## Aspen & Juniper

Year 6 have returned to school refreshed from the Easter break and ready for their final term at primary school, which promises to be an exciting and busy one. They have already risen to the challenge of some varied revision this week as we make our final preparations for SATs.

In English, we have been researching the life of Robert Falcon Scott in preparation for writing a biography. This has included reading about the ill-fated Terra Nova expedition, in which Scott and his team lost the race to the South Pole and ultimately lost their lives. The children have taken a great interest in this fascinating story told through our new class read, *Into the White*, a narrative based on Scott's diaries. We have finished the week by reading an example of a biography and analysing the ingredients that make it effective. This will support us when we begin to craft our biographies next week.

Mrs Cocks, Mr Osmond and Miss Howick

## Sports Day- save the date!

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July will be our Sports Day. If the weather is not great on the day, we will reschedule this to the following Tuesday.

## Spring Fair!

Not long until our school Summer Fair! Let your family and friends know...



### *Summer weather advice*

Parents/carers, now that the weather heating up (hurrah!) please ensure that children are provided with sunscreen with a high protection factor, suitable head wear, such as wide brimmed hats and a water bottle every day.

### *Football match report...*

#### **Pilgrims' Cross 0 Anton Junior 0**

On Tuesday afternoon, we entertained Anton Junior in a local derby that was played in the best competitive spirit and was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

The scoreline doesn't truly reflect the excitement and endeavour displayed by both teams and if it wasn't for stout and resolute defence from both sides and excellent goalkeeping, the scoreline could have been very different.

Pilgrims', in a game of two halves, fielded 18 players from their recent after-school football club, and all of them performed superbly.

The first half was tight, with chances at both ends. James B made a couple of crucial saves for Pilgrims', with Immie C and Luke W holding our defence together with some committed defending. Lacie Lock, our captain for the first half, led with aplomb and Harry S always looked dangerous upfront with Cephias L acting as the perfect foil. The Anton goalkeeper (Jamie) made a number of incredible saves as we pressured in their half. Deadlock at half-time...0-0.

The second half saw the next crop of Pilgrims' players run onto the pitch, with Robin T between the posts, Zack U upfront and Isabelle C marauding down the right hand side. Once again the match was evenly fought, with tackles being timely and fair and both sets of players asking after each other and helping each other up if tough challenges ensued.

A post was struck, Pilgrims' had numerous corners, Anton pressed, there was ebb and flow until the final whistle sounded and then both teams, without direction from adults, sought each other out to shake hands and congratulate polished performances all round.

Squash and biscuits followed and healthy discussion about the game and an agreement that the return leg will take place in May.

Thanks must go to Anton Junior for making the kindly journey to and from our school, and of course to our Pilgrims' squad, who were fabulous. Oliver C decided on our *Player of the Match* for each half and after much deliberation and careful consideration Cephias L (first half) and Isabelle C (second half) were selected.

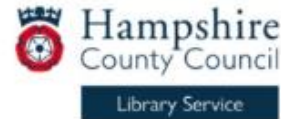
#### Pilgrims' Squad:

James B 10/10, Bobby C 10/10, Immie C 10/10, Oliver C 10/10, Isabelle C 10/10, Leo H 10/10, Coby K 10/10, Cephias L 10/10, Lacie L 10/10, Scarlett M 10/10, Emme P 10/10 Elliott R 10/10, Troy S 10/10, Harry S 10/10, Robin T 10/10, Isabella T 10/10, Zack U 10/10, Luke W 10/10 and Lacy L 10/10.

Mr Osmond

### *Parent/carers seminars*

To book a course please visit our online shop: <https://shop.hants.gov.uk/collections/learning-in-libraries> or e-mail [learninginlibraries@hants.gov.uk](mailto:learninginlibraries@hants.gov.uk) to be added to a course waiting list.



## Free\* Courses for Parents this Summer Term

Course	Location	Date	Time
Positive Parenting	Online	Tuesdays 22 April - 20 May	7:30pm - 9pm
Emergency First Aid	Alton Library	Saturday 26 April	9:45am - 4:45pm
Emergency First Aid	Tadley Library	Saturday 3 May	9:45am - 4:45pm
Emergency First Aid	Basingstoke Discovery Centre	Saturday 10 May	9:45am - 4:45pm
Raising Resilient Children	Online	Mondays 2 - 30 June	7:30pm - 9pm
Emergency First Aid	Andover Library	Wednesday 11 June	9:45am - 4:30pm
Introduction to Paediatric First Aid	Online	Tuesdays 17 June - 8 July	6:30pm - 9:15pm
Emergency Paediatric First Aid	Bridgemary Library	Friday 20 June	9:15am - 4:30pm
Emergency First Aid	Waterlooville Library	Saturday 28 June	9:45am - 4:45pm

\*Free tuition, some courses may have a certification or materials fee

### *Cleaning position*

We have a position for a Cleaner, to join our wonderful existing team.

15 hours a week- 3.00pm till 6.00pm

Hourly rate £12.26.

Term time only, but will be required to attend INSET days (where relevant) and do deep cleans during the holiday period as and when needed. Hours will be agreed in advance for these deep cleans during the holiday periods.

Please contact the school office for more details- **closing date 2<sup>nd</sup> May.**

### *Attendance*

Let's hope the chicken pox, which has been sweeping the school, is over now. Our school attendance currently stands at 95.4%

If you require any support with routines or wish to discuss any barriers that you need help with to improve your mornings please do get in touch with me on [familysupport@pilgrimscross.co.uk](mailto:familysupport@pilgrimscross.co.uk) and I will be very happy to chat – Mrs Hathaway

### *Safeguarding- Collection of children*

As we go into the last term of please make sure that you have updated the contact details of those you are happy to collect your child at the end of the day & your emergency contact numbers.

Also, I have attached our Late Collection of Children Policy, as we have had a few children picked up late from school. Please note, your child may be put into after-school club and you will be charged for late collection.

### *Key dates*

- Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May- Summer Fair
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 parent/carer Hooke Court Information session, 5pm
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May- House Colour non-uniform day (wear your House colour all over!)
- w/b Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June-Year 6 residential, Hooke Court
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June- INSET day 5
- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July- Sports Day
- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July- Year 6 leavers' disco
- Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Graduation @ The Lights
- Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July – Year 6 Leavers Worship – 1.45pm
- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July- non-uniform Hawaiian summer day

Please check out our website calendar for all relevant dates:

<https://www.pilgrimscross.co.uk/calendar/?calid=1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8&pid=8&viewid=1>