



Rettendon Primary School

Newsletter

29th March 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

Let me start by saying how amazed I was at the talent of the children in Class 4! Last week we enjoyed, 'The Return of the Vikings,' and the show really highlighted the children's different talents. Some children threw themselves into 'drunken' slurring Vikings whilst others danced in time as female Vikings. In such a short space of time, they really did put on an incredible performance. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the adults that came along to watch the performances, the group of parents that helped put the stage up, create the back drop and take the stage down and to those of you who contributed materials for the props and the costumes.

"They all did very well, the school should be proud," Jack's Nanny.

"I thought they were very professional and the singing was great and so was the back drop." Amelie's Mum and Dad.

Creativity continued to flow throughout the school with Class 5 grilling skewers and Class 1 bringing me a beautiful bowl of porridge! On tasting the porridge, I was informed by Emily, "It tastes much better outside! That's where we made it."

The last two weeks we have focused on honesty as our school value. Children now understand the importance of honesty in school and in wider life. What has been lovely about this school value is that children have started recognising other children's honesty, many times I've had a child nominating another child for recognition that they have followed the school value. From the 1st April, our new school value focus will be, Fairness.

The importance of attendance and punctuality is still a focus within the school and I want to extend a huge congratulations to Class 2 who enjoyed an Attendance Afternoon Tea last Friday. They kept their title as the Attendance Winners for a second time; the other classes are desperate to beat them now.

Next week will be our last week of Spring Term, on Friday it will be normal school finish time. A few parents have asked about uniform moving into the Summer Term, just to clarify it will be parental decision as to whether your child wears shorts, dresses, the culotte style dress or trousers dependent on the weather. Further to this, as the weather starts to change for the better please can I ask that sun cream is applied to your child/children at the start of the day and then if the sun cream needs topping up staff cannot directly apply the sun cream to the children however, the children will be supported to apply their own sun cream. (Labelling of sun cream, hats and uniform would be greatly appreciated.)



Health School

I will be releasing a newsletter every other Friday, so please do check for key dates and updates on your child's learning.

Sloper

Kind Regards,
Mrs S Sloper
Headteacher



A glance through Rettendon's window

Class 1

This week in Class One we have been reading Goldilocks and the Three Bears. We have been making peg dolls of the characters in the story, they look great! Some of us built the beds from the story in the garden, we talked about the materials we used and described their properties. We enjoyed making porridge on our new camp fire, just like baby bear's porridge it was juuuust right!

William brought in a birds nest he found in the garden. We were fascinated by it and have been writing about how the nest may have come to be on the floor. We were inspired to build our own nests outside and have been practising our bird calls in the garden!

We have been busy baking a Mother's Day surprise, we hope all our mums enjoy it! We were able to learn about using scales to measure weight in grams.

Class One wish a very Happy Mother's Day to all our mums and grandmas!



Class 2

Class 2 have been continuing to learn about the History of Transport. We have been talking about the Wright brothers' first aero planes and George Stephenson's Rocket train. In maths, we have been partitioning numbers into tens and ones and in Literacy, we have been writing rhyming poetry in verse.



Class 3

Class 3 have been making prototype kites and practised flying them. They soon realised that their kites needed modifications which they will incorporate into their final designs.



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Class 4

The show has finished! What a fantastic class we have! They enjoyed it so much that some of them asked to perform it again and again! Maybe next year ...

After the show, came lots of independent writing. Handwriting, punctuation, grammar, spellings and much more. Next week, we are going to learn how to improve setting and characters descriptions.

Science has been smelly and weird. Those rotten teeth/eggs are making our class a little smelly. They have been shocked to see how a particular liquid changes the state of the egg. Have a lovely Easter break!



Class 5

Class 5 have thoroughly enjoyed designing skewers for a selected adult in the school; they have focused on meeting all areas of the healthy eating plate – demonstrating science skills, evaluative skills and design skills. After preparing and serving up their skewers, they evaluated their product. Next week, they will remake their skewers and cook over a fire (they are rather excited about this). The year sixes have worked extremely hard this week and have completed their Mock SATS, they coped so well and really demonstrated pure grit and determination.



Key Dates

01.04.2019	Easter Service at the church (just children as we are taking the whole school over)
01.04.2019	Class 1 and Class 2 Easter Bonnet Making 1.30pm Parents welcome
01.04.2019	Easter Bonnet parade 3pm on the playground
02.04.2019	Book Look 3.40pm
05.04.2019	Coffee Afternoon – led by School Council and FRS 2.30pm
05.04.2019	Break up from school
23.04.2019	Return to school

School Council and FRS

“Next week the School Council will be waiting on you at the Coffee Afternoon on Friday 5th April at 2.30pm, ‘Take a Break, Rest your MIND!’ 50% of the profit will go to FRS and the other half to MIND Charity. Throughout the Coffee Afternoon, there will be entertainment to be confirmed. We hope to see you all soon.

Also, our buddy system was a great success thank you to all the staff members who supported and helped us.”

Ethan Class 5
School Councillor

