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Easter Holidays

We hope that your children have enjoyed an early Easter. The school has had a spring clean and is feeling fresh again! I know some parents were unhappy with our holidays this term. Sadly, the dates to this holiday were out of our control. Leeds Council Schools take the first two weeks in April for Easter each year, no matter where Easter falls, which means that school will close this Friday for Good Friday and Monday for Easter Monday. Next year, the school will break up in line with other authorities, breaking up on Thursday 2nd April, returning on Monday 20th April, which includes the statutory days!

Some parents have requested the dates for 2020-21, these have not yet been published by Leeds City Council, however, as usual, we will be having a training day on Monday 7th September 2020, so school will be closed to pupils on this day. As soon as they are released, we will send them out via our app on School Jotter, and also add them to the school website. Paper copies of newsletters and holiday dates can be found in the main entrance of the school.

Please remember, we cannot authorise holidays in term time, but please still put in a request in advance to make us aware. Leeds City Council do issue penalties for holidays taken in term time.

Easter Service

On Thursday, we will be holding our annual Easter Services with Eucharist in Church, we hope that you can join us. The KS2 service will start at 1.15pm and the KS1 Service at 2.15pm. Communion will form part of the service for adults who wish to receive. KS1 children will be allowed to be collected from church. Following the service, children will be able to take a piece of blessed bread and a Palm Cross which will have been blessed at the service if they wish.

Easter Egg Competition

You may have seen this on our school Facebook page, so have had a head start to get your imaginations going! This week, we are having a 'decorate an egg competition'. All entries will be on display on the main corridor. The competition is free to enter...there will be two Easter Egg prizes per class. The competition will be judged this Wednesday! 😊 Thank you to staff who have donated the Easter Eggs! 😊



Sport – Going from Strength to Strength!

Aqua Festival

On Tuesday 26th March, children from KS2 took part in an Aqua Festival. This event was held at the John Charles Centre. Children took part in the following challenges: swimming 25m on their backs and fronts while carrying a beach ball and using a bodyboard. They also had to run, jump, hop, glide and blow a ping pong ball through the water. The aim of the event was to improve and develop confidence in the water in a safe environment. All children involved really enjoyed this event. You might just say it went swimmingly well for all!

West Yorkshire Finals

On Wednesday 27th March, 10 children from KS2 took part in the West Yorkshire Finals Disability Sports Hall Athletics Competition. The event was held at Leeds Becketts Park, it began with a huge opening ceremony to welcome all athletes taking part in a wide range of competitions which included: Hockey, Boccia, Netball, Cross Country and Sports Hall Athletics.

Our children were competing against 20 other schools from all over West Yorkshire, they took part in the following activities: Long jump, javelin, speed bounce, target throw, triple jump, high steppers, chest push, balance challenge and relay races. The team finished 2nd overall and received silver medals. The children were overwhelmed with the result. They all deserved a medal for their teamwork, effort and sporting spirit they showed throughout the competition.

Congratulations all of you, we are so proud of you.

Miss Kellett, Sports Coach

Diary Dates

Easter Service at St Mary's Church – Thurs 18 April
– 1.15pm – KS2 - 2.15pm – KS1 & Reception
Walkers needed – sign up on class doors 😊

SCHOOL CLOSED GOOD FRIDAY – 19TH APRIL
SCHOOL CLOSED EASTER MONDAY – 22ND APRIL
SCHOOL OPENS – TUESDAY 23RD APRIL

SCHOOL CLOSED - MAY BANK HOLIDAY -- 6TH MAY

STATUTORY TESTING PERIOD – NO HOLIDAYS TO BE TAKEN

Wednesday 1st May – Friday 24th May – Y2 SATS
Monday 13th May – Friday 17th May – KS2 SATS TESTS – Year 6
Monday 10th June- Friday 14th June – Y1 and Y2 Phonics Screen