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**Thursday 1st
April**

NEWSLETTER 12

Dear Parents/Carers,

This term has been another busy one and we hope that our school community can enjoy the upcoming Easter break. With some restrictions lifted gradually and more in the coming weeks, hopefully we will be able to make the most of this wonderful weather (although slightly colder today!) and spend time with family and friends in outside spaces.

This term has seen a mixture of remote learning for many and having everyone back in school. We have been so impressed with how well the children have done throughout.

We would also like to thank our PSA and FHDJS for providing an Easter gift for all of the children. I am sure that these went down well today! Have a lovely Easter break and we will look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 19th April.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Rhodri Hopkins



Thank you!

Across both schools, we raised £822 for Comic Relief. Thank you for your wonderful support!

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Junior Library News



A huge thank you to The Friends for funding the purchase of over £600 worth of wonderful books for our library, which easily towers over two of our Year 6 pupils.

We have one of the best junior school libraries in North Somerset, stocked with wonderful books by new and popular authors. We can only provide our pupils with these quality books, not only with the continued financial support of The Friends but also the pupils caring and returning their borrowed books. Sadly, since the lock down periods many books have still not been returned to the school library. Unfortunately, the school cannot maintain this loss in its stock and ultimately families will be

required to pay for lost and damaged items. We always remind the children of their responsibility in looking after and returning their library books so others can share the enjoyment of them.

New Junior School Nature Area

We are fortunate to have some fantastic outside space with spectacular views. During the Autumn term, some of our Year 6 children wanted to design a nature area for the school to enjoy and really make the most of our environment. Over the last few months, as we moved into Spring, our site team used these designs to develop a superb space for the children to enjoy and appreciate. Classes will use this area to connect with the environment around them.



Year 4

Many of Year 4 have enjoyed exploring a variety of cycling skills as part of the Bikeability programme Level 1. Excited children, brought in their bicycles and parked them carefully before taking part in a two-hour activity programme on the playground. Everyone was rewarded with a certificate, badge and cycling manual. Well done all-may you enjoy many happy hours of safe and enjoyable cycling exercise now that you have acquired these skills and look forward to developing your knowledge in Year 6 at the next level.

Pride in Play with Mr Stephens-Year 4 like other years have really gained many communication and team skills whilst having fun outside developing their bank of games which they can play with friends. Activities have included a sled transport game, crossing a

volcanic surface, minefield and passing hoops around a circle successfully whilst holding hands! Much fun and learning has been enjoyed by all.

STOP PRESS – Infant Easter Bonnets

Here are just a few of the wonderful creations the children wore to school today for our Easter services. There were tall hats, small hats, lambs, rabbits, flowers, chicks, eggs and even a dinosaur or two!

A fantastic 'well done' to all the parents and children who took part, richly displaying our school value of Creativity. A few parents even sent in spare hats in case there were children without. Thank you for demonstrating the value of Care and Kindness so well. Have a very Happy Easter!



Infant Celebration:

Friday 26th March

Key Stage One

Rory & Hannah Ducks, Finnley & Benji Swans, Rowan & Isaac Penguins, Rosie & Alex Falcons, Eddie & Sophie Pelicans and Teo & Aebbe Owls.

Reception

Joseph, Isabel, Shyla, Nia, Honey, Zachary & Dominik Parrots, Eli, Eddie, Liam, Elliot, Olivia & Summer Puffins and Lana, Danika, Max, Isaac, Nico & Omar Robins.

Junior Golden Book Celebration:

Friday 26th March

Years 3 & 4 –Albie and Emilia, 3AB, Ayah and Aiden 3T, Daniel B and Haiyue 3W, Mia and Freya 4D, Emily H and Ella 4F and Indie and Toby 4W.

Years 5 & 6 - Alejandro and Dexter M 5D, Lucy and Connor 5W, Maggi and Belle 5S, Oliver and Caitlin 6B, Nia and Matthew 6G and Harvey and Olivia 6H.

Key Diary Dates-

Infant school **Junior school** **Both schools**

Term 5

Monday 19th April Term 5 begins

Tuesday 27th April FHDJS meeting at 7pm

Friday 28th May Last day of Term 5