



Bourne Abbey Church of England Primary Academy

Striving for Excellence, Caring for All

Within a loving and caring Christian environment

Spring Term 2019



Dear Parents/Carers

I am sure you will agree when you read our latest newsletter that we have had a very successful, hardworking and busy Term 3 and 4. Our Christian Values have been Perseverance & Courage and Forgiveness & Compassion. The children have been living these out in school, making them part of their everyday lives. We are now in the season of Lent and we have been thinking about how Christians prepare for Easter. This week Father Chris and Years 4, 5 and 6 held the most wonderful

Easter service at Bourne Abbey Church. We have also had an 'Eggciting' time in school. The Easter Bonnet parade and decorated egg competition were just wonderful. Thank you for your time in supporting the children to make these at home – 'Eggcellent!'

It is really important that we recognise we are SMART in so many different ways and at Bourne Abbey we celebrate our God-given talents. Our sports teams have done incredibly well over the last two terms and huge congratulations to all the children who have taken part! The Netball B team were champions at the Bourne and Deepings competition and the A team runners up. The hockey teams have had a successful time, taking second and third place in their competitions. A well done to all those who braved a windy Saturday and took part in the cross-country competition at Welland Academy in Stamford – a special well done to Mia who won the Year 5&6 girls' race and Finlay who came second for the Year 3&4 boys.

The Green Team are also go, go, go! Alongside the Carbon Ambassadors, our fabulous

Green Team have been working towards the Eco-Schools ultimate award and at the end of March we were awarded our Green Flag – a real achievement for us all!!

Once again we have had two terms filled with the Bourne Abbey 'Wow Factor'!! It was wonderful to see the children in Year 1, Year 2 and Year 5 shine during their wonderful class assemblies and they received such high praise from parents/carers and family members who attended. Using their fantastic acting, singing, costumes and 'take care' homework, the children were able to share all their exciting, cross-curricular learning. The Student Council have been as busy AS EVER! A real highlight was Comic Relief where each class dressed their teacher in funny accessories and we had a hilarious fashion show! A great way to do something 'funny for money'! Have a wonderful Easter and we look forward to a summer term packed with creative and inspiring learning. **Sarah Buttress – Head of School**

Bishop Christopher, in his Easter letter, writes to wish the children a happy Easter.

'I have noticed the huge variety of Easter eggs on the shelves in supermarkets. It is hard to count the number of different shapes and sizes that exist. When Jesus died he was put in a tomb – it was a bit like an egg. The tomb was enclosed and sealed with a large stone at the entrance. But on that first Easter day, Jesus came alive again and burst out of the tomb. Nobody saw it happen. But in the days that followed, the sadness of Jesus dying on the cross was replaced with great joy and excitement as he appeared to his disciples and friends'.

We are all special because we are God's children.



Online safety is so important at Bourne Abbey.

The e-Cadets have been extremely busy this term, helping to teach their peers about online safety, celebrating Safer Internet Day and taking part in a YouTube competition! Our

usual e-Cadet lessons have been packed with new and exciting learning! Mini e-cadets have been leading lessons about PEGI badges and making a pledge to make the internet a happier place to be. KS2 e-Cadets have been teaching their peers about PEGI badges and live streaming. We celebrated Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 5th February, which was a great success. Our wonderful e-Cadets led Collective Worship and activities across the week! We were lucky enough to be part of a brilliant YouTube competition launched by the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children's Board about staying safe online. Although we didn't win, we are all very proud of the e-Cadets' efforts in the video. Scan the QR code to find out more!



A Lent and Easter Prayer from Father Chris

Merciful Lord Jesus, our journey through Lent is a time to renew our friendship with you. You love us and lead us by the light that you shine around us.

Help us to see in your life and teaching all those good things that brighten our lives and all those who share the light of your love.

We pray for your constant encouragement, your forgiveness when we make mistakes, and for the promise of hope and joy that life in you brings us at Easter.

Amen.



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KinderGarten

We've had a fantastic, fun packed term! We started off the term with our pancake crafts where the children created their very own pancake and even showed off their flipping skills! Those children who attended Kindergarten on Shrove Tuesday enjoyed a pancake for their snack, where they chose from a variety of toppings. All of the children looked fantastic in their World Book Day outfits. They all enjoyed having their photo taken and throughout

the day the children sat beautifully to listen to some of their favourite stories. For Red Nose Day, we saw more dressing up and the children loved designing their very own giant red nose to take home. This term our parents/carers had the opportunity to meet with their child's key person, to discuss their learning and development and how they've settled into their new environment. A huge thank you to all who attended!



A huge congratulations to all the children who have achieved their silver certificate and those who have now achieved their Bronze. All of these pupils will be entered into the spring prize draw to win their family tickets to Twinlakes. Our class attendance awards this term go to 2SS, 4H and 5JS. Classes will receive a £25 amazon voucher to spend on classroom resources. Unfortunately due to several winter illnesses our attendance has dipped below our 97% target. However we know we will all work together next term to ensure our attendance is outstanding once again. We would like to take this opportunity to thank parents/carers for their support in ensuring our attendance remains high.



Nursery

This term we have been focusing on 'People Who Help Us' both at home and in the community. The children have had a wonderful time finding out about the jobs of the Crossing Patrol, Police, Firefighters, Ambulance & Paramedics. The children have had many emergencies to attend to and we have explored different occupations through role-play and stories. E.g. Vets, Police Station and Fire Station.

A particular highlight of this term has been the "crime scene" that the children found in the nursery garden. There were lots of clues to investigate, the broken chair, the spoon on the ground and the empty bowl. There were also footprints to identify the suspect. Monty considered all the evidence and announced it was "Goldilocks!" He found her hiding in the playhouse and then

matched her footprints with the chalk ones that had been left.

We have also been exploring changes in the Nursery garden with the onset of Spring. We found buds, leaves starting to grow on the trees and shrubs and found daffodils at the bottom of the garden. We looked carefully at the changes with magnifying glasses and also talked about new life beginning.



Reception

The Reception children started Term 3 with a polar exploration to the South Pole, where we learnt about penguins and discovered lots of amazing facts. After the freezing Antarctic we ventured to the scorching temperatures of the humid jungle and hot Savannah. The role play area was transformed into a jungle canopy, where the children have enjoyed pretending to be animals and explorers. We then had a colour explosion with the patchwork elephant 'Elmer.' A highlight was our colourful pattern day where there were spots, stripes and zigzags everywhere! Next we sprung into Spring and have been learning about life on a farm. A magical highlight for the children was the cracking and hatching of the chicks. The children were full of anticipation, excitement and wonder from the moment the eggs arrived at school, waiting for the wobble and rocking of the eggs just before the main event.....the hatching! Once the chicks were all fluffed and dried the children have had the chance to hold the them. The chicks have added wonder and awe to our learning about life cycles and

made non-fiction books, full of chick facts. We had a special visitor who came to school on a blue tractor.....it was Farmer George a local farmer, who spoke to the children about life on a farm. The children had lots of questions to ask him about what he does BUT.....the highlight was when everyone got a turn sitting and pretending to drive the tractor (including the teachers), wow how exciting! Then it was countdown to our visit to Sacrewell Farm. We learnt lots about different farm animals from alpacas to peacocks. What a special time of year to visit a farm! A huge thank you to the parents/carers who were able to accompany us.



IMPORTANT DATES

Last day of term 4—5th April

First day of term 5—23rd April

Last day of term 5—24th May

First day of term 6—3rd June

Training Day—21st June



Article 31 :
Every child has the right to relax and play.

Year 1

Wow! What amazing adventures Year One have been on to explore The Unknown! We sailed into Term 3 by learning some fascinating facts about the explorer Christopher Columbus, nibbling on the infamous horrible hard tack, and planting our own herbs ready for Spaceman Salad. In DT, we designed, made and evaluated our own ships that could float and hold a minimum of two crew members. After Christopher Columbus, we learnt about another famous explorer – Neil Armstrong! We rocketed into Term 4 with an extraordinary expedition into the planetarium where the children were fascinated with new facts and spellbound by the stars sparkling above them. Finally, we rounded off the term with a sensational production to showcase all of our learning about both explorers and thoroughly enjoyed learning to sign Million Dreams – what incredibly enthusiastic and talented children you all have! Next term, we're looking forward to a long "hard stare" into our Paddington topic and especially our visit to Skegness towards the end of June. Happy Easter from all of Year One!



YEAR 2

Year 2 started 2019 in style with Partake Theatre visiting us on our very first day back! We were transported back to London in 1666 to introduce our very popular topic, "London's Burning...Fetch the Engines!" During our fabulous workshop we used our acting skills to become scurrying rats, terrified Londoners and dancing flames! In the classroom we had our very own Thomas Farrinor's Bakery in our role play area and the children have loved imagining what it would have been like to have worked there all those years ago. We applied our Maths skills in the Bakery as we cut up loaves of bread into halves, quarters and thirds. In English, an area of the school was transformed into a multi-sensory experience, complete with the sound of crackling flames, bustling streets and the smell of burning wood. We read the tale of Sammy the Street Dog and this inspired our children to create fantastic adventure stories describing The Great Fire from an animal's perspective. Another highlight of the term was seeing our children shine in our year group assembly where they were able to share their learning through music, dance and drama! The topic came to a smouldering end when we invited Bourne Fire Brigade to set alight our amazing Tudor Houses that were completed as part of our take care homework. It was incredible to see how quickly the fire could spread, just like it did in 1666.

This term our topic is 'What's for Lunch, Bert?' which is based around the brilliant story of The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch. We have encountered some very impressive vocabulary which we have been using in our own writing to write effective book reviews as well as a diary written from the perspective of Mr Grinling, the industrious lighthouse keeper whose lunch is sabotaged! The children are so engaged in their exciting learning experiences and continue to impress us with their incredible homework efforts and enthusiasm. Thank you for your

continued support and we hope you have a very happy Easter!



Wow! What a term! We've worked so hard we've managed to squeeze in not one but two awesome topics! We started with our fairy tale topic, There's Two Sides to

Year 3

Every Story, where we began by investigating a bizarre crime scene, littered with evidence of mischief and mayhem. Over the following weeks, we discovered all was not as it seemed as we examined alternative versions of some of our favourite stories. A particular highlight was getting to

meet the author and illustrator, Bethan Woollvin, who inspired us to write our own fractured fairy tales. We learnt so much from her and we love including her suspense filled sentences in our own writing. Then, we went on a journey through space and time and discovered a Neolithic settlement. As we explored the site we were able to find out what life in the Stone Age was really like, but we had to make a sharp exit when we disturbed a herd of ferocious sabre tooth tigers! We then continued our research when we visited Flag Fen. We also created our very own bourbon biscuit Stonehenges, made Stone Age beast mobiles and we were even 'lucky' enough to sample a delicious Stone Age fruit stew! Phew, what a term! I think we need a well-earned rest!



Article 28 :



Every child has the right to an education.



Year 4

Year 4 have had such a marvellous Spring term! We started in January by taking a trip back in time to 1914, where we explored Ernest Shackleton's treacherous expedition to step foot on the then much undiscovered continent of Antarctica. We learnt about how the crew managed to overcome such turmoil and wrote our own diary entries from their point of view, documenting the terrifying and life changing ordeal. In science, we learnt about different habitats and where animals prefer to live. We loved linking our English and science together, where we created a non-chronological report all about our favourite animals that live in Antarctica. We also had a mysterious crash landing at our school! Beegu, a lonely creature from space, found himself lost on Earth and we tried our best to keep him here, although he wanted to travel back to his parents, proving 'home really is where the heart is!' As well as all the exciting English, topic and science work we have completed, Year 4 had the time of their lives on their residential visit to Caythorpe. The children took part in activities such as the High Ropes, buggy building, archery, Giant Swing and challenge course. Many children conquered their fears and showed bravery, teamwork, perseverance and courage! We can't wait for what the summer term has in store in our 'Holding out 4 a Hero' topic!



Year 5

What an amazing time we've had in Year 5! The children have dived into our exciting Groovy Greeks topic, the children have been learning, across the curriculum, about Pandora and how her curiosity got the better of her, as well as a range of other myths and legends. We have also studied Ancient Greek architecture, created outstanding Greek columns and became archaeologists for the day, digging up Greek poo!

We have also been learning about water, focusing on the Water Cycle, key features of rivers and the main ones both in the UK and around the world. This has also linked to developing our geographical knowledge of continents, countries and cities around the world. We were very fortunate to participate in an Anglian Water day, where we focused on how we get our water, how it is cleaned and what we can do to conserve it and the impact if we don't. It was a real eye opener and there were a lot of powerful messages given- ask your child! We have also participated in Fairtrade Fortnight, studying what Fairtrade is, why it's important and the goods we can

purchase.

Let's not forget, we also had a fantastic residential to Castle Head- awesome fun, oh and learning! The children have achieved a great deal over the past term and worked really hard. We're really looking forward to next term, but the children are definitely ready for a well-earned break. Happy Easter!



YEAR 6

In Year 6, we have been working exceptionally hard again this term: taking responsibility for our own learning; showing fantastic determination and being great role models for the rest of the school. In English we have been working on writing non-chronological reports; creating stories in the style of

Rudyard Kipling; learning how to build tension for our reader and of course we have continued to develop our amazing grammar and spelling skills. We have particularly loved reading Holes by Louis Sachar: every chapter is gripping, mysterious and full of plot twists. Our enjoyment has enabled us to develop deeper inference skills and

learn how writers use techniques to 'hook' their reader. The staff have enjoyed it too, in fact so much that they all dressed as Camp Green Lake inmates for World Book Day. Along with all our SATs preparation, we have had time to delve into our 'It's a jungle out there!'

topic and learn about the amazing and varied plants, animals and people living in the Amazon rainforest, as well as researching the serious issue of deforestation and its effects. The stunning 'take care' homework that has been arriving into our classrooms reflects the enthusiasm for this topic. Although we are continuing to work extremely hard, we have already had a glimpse into life after SATs: auditions for our Year 6 production have begun and there is an air of excitement for June. Watch this space!



"A good friend is a blessing from God."
1 Samuel 18:3

