



# Headteacher's Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is my final newsletter for this term and it has been a very busy week leading up to the break. We have been enjoying some warmer weather and brighter days and there are definitely signs of spring in budding leaves on trees.

I look forward to seeing everyone back at school on **Monday 16th April**.

Wishing you all a Happy Easter Holiday.



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## Reminder

Term Ends at **2pm** on Thursday 29th March

Back to school on **Monday 16th April**

## Attendance

Well done to **Peacock Class** for achieving the best attendance over the Spring Term.

During the Easter Holidays, it is important to keep a good bedtime routine. The following link provides tips for getting children to sleep and the amount of sleep children need: <https://www.nhs.uk/Livewell/Childrenssleep/Pages/childrenssleephome.aspx>

There are only 13 weeks left until the Summer Holidays. I hope to see children in school every day and on time. If you have any concerns regarding your child's attendance please speak to Mrs Chana.

## Shining Stars

Well done to our shining stars

**Year 1** - Sophie, Naeema, Datis, Syfan,  
Harry P, Alexia-Violeta, Samanyu,  
Eleanor, Emily and Anas



## Sports Relief

The children really enjoyed coming in to school in their sports clothes for Sport Relief. Thank you for your donations - we raised nearly £250! This is a fantastic amount and will be passed on to the Sport Relief charity.



## Nursery Parent Consultations

Thank you to those who arranged a time to speak to their child's key worker. I hope you found it useful. If you were not able to make an appointment, please speak to the Nursery staff to arrange a suitable time.

## Nursery Singalongs

It was lovely to see so many parents attend the nursery singalongs. The children had such fun singing songs with their parents.





# One World Week



At school we have been celebrating One World Week. The children have had lots of fun learning about different countries and taking part in a range of activities.

## Year 2 International Performance

The Year 2 children gave a fantastic performance based on their learning about Africa. I loved seeing the African head-dresses and necklaces that the children had made and hearing the songs that they had learnt. It was lovely to see such a large turn out of parents to this performance. I'm sure you all enjoyed joining in with the African dancing.



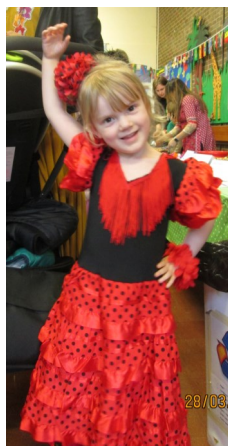
## Year 1 International Performance

The Year 1 children gave a wonderful performance. I really enjoyed **the songs about the different countries**. It was so nice to see the parents and families enjoying the children's performance too.



## Reception International Performance

It was lovely to watch the Reception children's international performance. I am amazed at how well they performed and how clear they were when speaking.





### International Evening

We held our International Evening last night in celebration of the diverse culture we have at our school. I would like to personally thank everyone that donated food for this occasion. The evening would not be a success without the support from our parents.

If you left any containers at the school, please come and collect them from the main school office.



### Easter Hat Parade

It was so wonderful to see all of the different Easter Hats that the children had made. There were so many fantastic and different designs. The children had such fun taking part in the Easter Hat Parade. Well done to our winners.



### Nursery Parent Workshop

The Nursery staff held an interesting workshop for parents on 'Learning Through Play'. It was great to see so many parents attend. Information from the workshop will be available on our website in the Parents - Noticeboard section after the Easter break.

### Nursery Spring Walks

The nursery children took part in Spring Walks this week where they explored the school grounds looking for signs of spring. They all really enjoyed seeing and exploring nature.



### Summer School Uniform

The summer school uniform includes school grey or black shorts and red check dresses. Please note all sandals have to be worn with socks. This Summer clothing can be worn from our return after the Easter break, but please do look at the weather conditions and dress your child accordingly.

Don't forget to send your child in with a waterproof jacket since our weather can be unpredictable.



### Safeguarding

We have been informed of a very relevant course called 'Keeping Your Children Safe In The Digital World'. This is being run in partnership with Commun-IT and will focus on how parents can keep their children safe online. The course will take place on **Tuesday 24th April 2018 at 7:30pm at Field End Infant School, Ruislip**. To book a place on this course please visit

[www.commun-it.org.uk/safe](http://www.commun-it.org.uk/safe)

# Ideas for the Easter Holidays



Pop along to Intu Uxbridge Shopping Centre for lots of fun and free Easter themed activities.

Every weekday 11am - 4pm.

## Uxbridge Library

31st March - 15th April: Easter Treasure Hunt. Pick up a worksheet from the main desk and find the hidden images. Work out the secret word to win a prize.

10th April: Easter Craft Session for 5-11 year olds. Parents/carers must stay with children. Booking required (call 01895 250 714)



### Easter Egg Hunts

There are various Easter Egg hunts taking place at National Trust sites. Visit <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/days-out> for more information



### Learning Powers

We use 8 learning powers to encourage the children in their learning. One of these is

**Be Curious Christina - Get detecting!**

Be Curious Christina encourages children to investigate.



### Bit from the Governors

It's lovely to see the weather warming up after the snow and ice over the past few weeks. We thank the staff for their hard work in ensuring that the school remained open as much as possible during the snowy days, and appreciate the patience of parents and carers when the school was forced to close because of the bad weather.

On 20 March, we had a 'Governors into School' day, when some of the governors spent the day in school to look at how pupils were learning and to speak to staff and parents. We were all extremely impressed to see pupils highly engaged in their lessons and enjoyed spending time chatting to pupils during playtime and lunchtime. We'd like to give a shout out to the caterers for the yummy lunch! We loved seeing the school in action, and it's great to see pupils happy and eager to learn.



We've also had several meetings over the past few weeks to check that the school's finance and attainment are in order, and overall we are optimistic that the school is in a sound position. There are still many challenges to address, but we will work hard with the school to ensure that pupils are given the best resources to help their learning.

The membership of the board has also had some changes recently: we say farewell to Jim McVeigh, one of our co-opted governors. We wish Jim all the best in his new home and thank him for his expertise and hard work. Meanwhile, we give a warm welcome to Trusha Dabba, who joins the board as the Local Authority governor.

This term has gone by quickly and the school has packed in many events, with International Evening a wonderful highlight! We wish everyone a restful and enjoyable Easter break and look forward to seeing you in the Summer term.

*Governing Board*

## Term Dates

**Monday 16th April** - Return to school. Summer Term starts

**Thursday 3rd May** - Infant School Closed for local elections

**Monday 7th May** - Bank Holiday. School Closed

**Monday 28th May** - Friday 1st June - May Half Term

**Monday 2nd July** - School Closed for staff development day

**Friday 20th July** - Term Ends