



RICHARD TAYLOR

CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



Key Dates

Monday 12th April
Staff Training Day

Tuesday 13th April School
re-opens

28th/29th April Virtual
Parents Evenings

Monday 3rd May
May Day Bank Holiday

School closes Friday 28th
May
31st May Spring Bank
Holiday

Spring has Sprung!

Happy Easter to you all. It has been wonderful to have all of the children back in school for the last three weeks. Lets hope that brighter weather and longer days bring some positive news in the coming weeks regarding the road map to more normality for us all.



All of the detailed guidance sent to you last month will continue with our return to school on Tuesday 13th April. This will include...

- ◆ The uniform policy will be the same as the one implemented at the start of the year, with school sweatshirts being worn whilst children should continue to wear jogger bottoms and trainers. We do not want parents to have the expense of buying new uniform at this point in the year. Please note we will be returning to our traditional uniform policy from September 2021.
- ◆ Staggered starts and ends will remain in place to avoid congestion in the playground as will the existing one way system. Each class will continue with the same arrival and departure times, with the morning stagger running from 8.50am to 9am and departure times from 3.05-3.15pm. If you are collecting from more than one class, please follow the earliest time for all children.
- ◆ We are still requiring all adults, except those with an exception, to wear a mask or face covering at all times when on school site.

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Easter Worships

On Wednesday, 24th April at 11am, we all enjoyed our special, virtual Easter Reflections Worship. Each class reflected on something that they were sorry for. Here is the link to the worship if you would enjoy watching this at home....<https://youtu.be/g6CTxEA-lbU>



On Friday, 26th April at 1pm, the whole school enjoyed our Easter Service as we couldn't attend St John's this year. We thought about the colours of Easter. Enjoy this service via this link at your leisure...

<https://youtu.be/-HRF3qnihs4>

Comic Relief News



It was super to have all of the children dressed in red to support Red Nose Day 2021. Thank you so much for all of your donations that we have sent to the charity. We raised £281.65.

Everyone in school enjoyed our traditional talent show virtually during the afternoon.

Thank you to all of the children that took part and show-cased all of their talents.



Kitchen News

Jo and her team are trialing a new system after the Easter holidays for half a term to give more flexibility for families with school lunches. You will have the flexibility to decide on the day if your child requires a school dinner. Just pay on parent pay as usual. We encourage you to use this as an opportunity for your child to try an additional meal during the week, rather than reduce the number they already enjoy.

Here's a recipe for an Easter Treat from Jo...

EASTER CHOCOLATE CUP CAKES

Ingredients

- * 200 grams Sugar
- * 200 grams Butter
- * 200 grams Self Raising Flour
- * 1 teaspoon Baking powder
- * 4 eggs
- * 50 grams Cocoa powder
- * 1 Bar milk Chocolate

Method

- * Place Sugar, butter, flour, eggs, cocoa powder and baking powder in a mixing bowl.
- * Mix together until light and fluffy.
- * Set out some muffin cases approx. 12
- * Share the mixture out between the muffin cases.
- * Bake in a pre- heated oven at 180 for 20 minutes until firm to the touch
- * Remove from the oven to cool
- * Place chocolate in a bowl and place the bowl in a pan of simmering water to melt the chocolate.
- * Once the chocolate is melted, spoon over the cakes.
- * While it is still soft decorate the buns with a choice of toppings. Mini eggs, smarties, chocolate drops and sprinkles
- * Decorate to your taste and leave to set.
- * This is a fun to do with children as they love to do the decorating .



Science News

During the last lockdown, the school has continued its science project to see if it is possible to grow vegetables using the hydroponic systems trialed by NASA and used in the European Space Station to provide fresh food for the astronauts and cosmonauts who live and work there.

As you will see from the photographs, using the specially built growing tower the results are beginning to show. The target was to have grown enough produce to feed Coverdale Class. We are pleased to report that this target was achieved!



Before and After!



Music News...Mrs Else.

After an amazing 31 years of being a valued member of the RTS community, I am sad to announce that Mrs Else will be retiring from teaching the violin in school at the end of the Summer term.

Mrs Else has always been such a great support to Mrs Wake in school with concerts and the school orchestra and has taught many students throughout her years working at the school.



Mrs Hilary Snowden will be taking over the role in school in what we know will be a seamless transition! We will look forward to welcoming Mrs Snowden to the team, who is a very experienced musician and teacher.

May I take this opportunity to wish Mrs Else and her husband a very happy and healthy retirement and thank her wholeheartedly for all of her time, skill, dedication and friendship to the school over the last 31 years. She will be so missed by us all.

Parents Consultation Evenings

The next parents consultation evenings at Richard Taylor are going to be on Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th April. The aim is to be able to give more detailed feedback on the progress made by children from the wider reopening of schools.

This will include an opportunity to discuss the way in which those children who have experienced remote learning since January 2021, have managed their transition back to school.

More details will follow after the Easter holidays on how to book your appointment slot.

Mr Groves Gardening News

Spring is on its way and the longer brighter days provide the perfect opportunity to get out into the garden and make sure everything is tidy, ready for planting and sowing.

At my allotment, Easter is traditionally the time to plant out my seed potatoes, closely followed by Broad Beans and Peas, but please be aware not to sow Runner or French Beans yet, as it is too early.

Pine Street Allotments look forward to the days when circumstances allow RTS pupils to visit us again and to help you with your school veg box.

I have got two new plastic Compost Bins on my plot. Compost is the most important supplement you can give your garden, it is an easy way to add nutrients to your garden, that gives life back to tired soil and help your plants grow. When you make it yourself it's also free, easy to do and is great for the environment too, particularly when turning household kitchen waste into something useful, instead of sending it to landfill.



Sports News



Thank you to everyone who is enjoying supporting the target through challenge. We are now currently working on PE Challenges 7 & 8 and moving onto challenges 9 & 10 throughout the Easter holidays. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us over the holidays, so that these challenges can be enjoyed outside!

When you click on the task there are clear instructions for what you need to do and at the bottom of each video there are some helpful tips to help you on your way.

Here is the web address. All you will need is your log in with your own personal username and password - your teacher will be able to help you with that.

www.pechallenges.com

Congratulations to Ribblesdale, who are 'Class of the Week.' They have just pipped Dentdale to the post, beating them by one person. They will receive the trophy on the first week back after the holidays.

Unwanted Guests!



We have had lots of cases of head lice over the last few weeks. If your child has long hair, please keep it tied back for school. Keep your eyes peeled for any unwanted guests and please inform us if you find any!

Fairtrade News

Children in Ribblesdale and Dentdale have taken part in a competition to create a Fairtrade design made from recycled materials.

We received lots of wonderful recycled Fairtrade images from children at home. Thank you for all your help and effort in creating these.

There were over 80 entries from 10 schools. A huge congratulations goes to Evie Slinger in Dentdale, whose design won a 'highly commended' award.

Thank you to everyone who supported this year's Fairtrade fortnight campaign which highlighted the impact of climate change on the small growers who produce so much of the bananas, coffee, tea and chocolate in areas of the world who feel the effects of climate change on their crops and incomes.



Children & Technology

We are very aware that more and more children have access to mobile phones and other devices. In KS2 in particular, we are dealing with a huge increase of fall outs between children that are happening outside of school hours regarding messages on groups such as WhatsApp and whilst playing games that allow messaging.

We have increased the amount of curriculum time to teach the implications of cyberbullying, chat rooms, echo chambers and social media to help to deal with such problems. Please support us with reiterating the messages of sensible use of social media and the internet.

Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

What is the minimum age for account holders on these social media sites and apps?



Sourced from: NPCC website October 2019

Happy Easter.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and peaceful Easter.

Thank you for all your continued support over the last year, which has been a challenge for everyone.

