



Mr. Yandell's News

We have reached the end of the Spring term and I hope everyone is looking forward to two weeks away from school and a chance to get outside in the ever improving weather. It has been a strange term with much of the learning taking place online at home but it really has been fabulous to have all the children back in school for the past three weeks. Learning together in the classroom has so many social and mental health benefits for the children and I am optimistic that we can now move forward and complete an uninterrupted Summer term when we reopen on Monday, 12th April. Below are the updates and news from the last week. I look forward to seeing everyone when we are back and hope you all have fantastic Easter!

Red Nose Day



Last Friday, we supported Red Nose Day in school by coming to school in non-uniform in exchange for a donation. Together we raised a brilliant £145 and I was blown away by everyone's generosity. During our achievement assembly we thought about how this money would help lots of people in this country and all around the world. Alongside this we held our Cossington joke competition. Children brought in their best jokes and three children from each class performed these during the assembly. We had an expert panel of judges and after much deliberating Luke in Year 6 was crowned the Cossington Comedian 2021. Well done to Luke and well done to everyone who took part in raising money across the day.

Easter Trail

In more normal times we would have headed to church to hold our Easter service and learn about the Easter story. We were unable to do that, so Mr. Marshall from our local Church Community brought the Easter story to us in the form of an Easter Trail. Children got a chance to visit different stations around the school outside area and at each one they learned a part of the Easter story and about how Christians celebrate at this time of year. The children also received a seed of hope with the message below.

Planting a seed of HOPE.

This Easter, we are inviting you as a family, to think about the things that you hope for in the coming months.

As a sign of these hopes, we would like to suggest, that you plant some seeds together.

Look after them and they will burst forth with new life ☺



To plant your seed, first soak the round compost in water. It will swell ready for planting. Place this into the small plant pot and then add your seeds. Water when needed and keep in a place where it can enjoy natural daylight.

There will be some pictures from the event on the website later today so please take a look. I want to say a big thank you to Mr. Marshall and his team for organising this event for all the children.

Parents Evenings

We did not have a chance this term to meet with you at our usual Spring term parents evenings and so we have rearranged these to take place at the start of the Summer term. The meetings will take place on the evenings of the 21st and 22nd April and will be held over Zoom as they were in the Autumn term. Please save the dates and look out for the letter detailing how to book a slot.

Parking and Collection Slots

I have had some reports of parents parking in the staff car park at the beginning and end of the school day. Please can I ask that no parents use this space to park for any reason. Currently the car park is a collection and drop off point and cars moving during these time presents a health and safety hazard and a real danger to the lives of the children using this entrance.

I understand that collecting siblings from two collection points is tricky for some of our parents and I am hopeful that we will be able to return to one collection point in the future. Whilst we are operating the current system, can I please ask that parents who are having to collect from different points and have the same time slot, collect the younger sibling first. This helps us with our end of school organisation and generally the older sibling is able to wait more patiently at the end of the school day for you to reach the collection point. Thank you in advance for your help in this.

Survey

Finally, I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who completed the school survey on Survey Monkey. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive about the school and there has been some really thoughtful and constructive comments from you about the how the school is performing and ideas for the future. I will bring you details from the survey after the Easter break.

Matt Yandell.