



The meaning of Easter

Upon our return to school we celebrated Easter altogether. This was a wonderful opportunity to discuss our understanding of what Easter really means to all ages! Thankfully our discussions were not all about chocolate eggs! We considered: what do eggs have to do with Easter, why is Easter important to Christians & how do we know what happened at Easter?

Goodbye to Trish

We celebrated and sent our thanks to Trish, who has now moved on to her exciting new life experiences. Trish will be greatly missed by the children, staff and you, our community.

Safeguarding our children

In partnership with the Spelthorne Schools Together, a small group of Head teachers representing the Spelthorne Schools, meet every half term with the police, to discuss and cascade themes of significance to protect all of our children. The focus of our last meeting was 'Child Sexual Exploitation'. Please find details of two charities, working to safeguard our children:

PACE (Parents Against Child Exploitation)

Please find a link to a national leading charity who works with parents and carers of sexually exploited children:

<http://paceuk.info/for-parents/?gclid=CNuSys6oVdMCFWwq0wodkaIKwA>

WISE Project (What is Child Exploitation)

<https://www.mindcharity.co.uk/the-mind-directory/wise-project/>

Although originally designed for secondary children, the project has been re-designed to support children of a primary age and Spelthorne will be trialling the newly designed material if the need arises.

Free School Meal Eligibility or Pupil Premium Application Forms

If you haven't already completed a Free School Meal Eligibility or Pupil Premium Application Form, please pop into the school office or download from our school website.

Our aim is that all parents of children attending Ashford Park Primary School complete the form, whether their child receives free school meals or not, as this allows the school to maximise our

funding. Thank you for your support.

Ducklings

We hope that you have had a chance to visit our ducklings, who at 6 weeks old are now almost fully grown! They seem to have settled in happily to their new home at the front of the school.

Eggbert

Eggbert is fit and well, but upon the advice of our vet, he has moved to his forever home at the Swan Sanctuary in Shepperton, where he will receive the TLC that he so much deserves. Eggbert was a very special duckling, whose resilience will be remembered for a very long time!



Room with a view – Eggbert watching and listening to his/her siblings!

Plimsolls

Please ensure that your child is wearing proper school shoes, trainers are not permitted. Children wearing trainers will be given black school plimsolls to wear until they have the correct footwear. Thank you for your support.



Spelthorne in Bloom Poster Competition



Dylan B was one of the lucky winners of the Spelthorne in Bloom poster competition which the children took part in at school. He was invited

to Notcutts for the launch of Spelthorne in Bloom and to receive his certificate and prize, which was presented to him by the Mayor of Spelthorne. Well done Dylan!

John Muir Heron Class

On Friday I went to Church Lamas in Staines to take part in the John Muir Award. It was Explore Day today. First we had to find a natural object starting with the first letter of our name, I found a big log. When we had all found an object we were split into small groups. We took part in lots of different activities: lighting fires, built a shelter, made a potion, treasure hunt, made s'mores and toasted them on the fire. My favourite part was making the potion. By Lily



Bikeability Year 5

Year 5 were given the opportunity to participate in Bikeability training. The children undertook a series of exercises designed to improve bicycle control and raise awareness of others in preparation for riding on the road. The children really enjoyed this experience, ran by Surrey County Council.



Long Jump

We are aspiring to long jump like GB Olympian Greg Rutherford!





Lacrosse Tournament



When we got there, we went into a building where we saw other schools doing events such as dancing and gymnastics. After watching some events, we had a break. A few minutes later, we went outside to practice all of our techniques. Then, we played our first tournament. This game wasn't bad. The score was 2 – 1 to the other team. When we finished, we had a little break and went straight to our second match. This game was fine, but we still lost 2 – 1. This was sadly our second defeat. After this, we had a short break and practiced more. In a few minutes, we were playing our third match and we

got demolished by the other team. The other team won 11 - 0. The match after these games was sadly terrible.

In the end we were still happy, but upset because we lost every match. It was still a good experience.

By Shivani P



On the 26th April we went to the Lacrosse Tournament. We were shown lots of famous people and cool dances. First, there was a speech from the four hosts Lucas, Emma, Charlie and Sandra. Then we saw a dance from St Michaels School that they performed in the parade and we saw the famous Olympian James, who used to fence but is now teaching fencing to a school. After the speech we were told the winner of the Sports Poster Competition, then finally we had an amazing gymnastics dance.

Once all the dancing was finished, we were sorted into what sport we were in and we were off.

We were up against lots of teams like red, pink, black, blue and dark green. Even though we lost we had an amazing learning experience.

By Erin J



Dates for your diary

May

1st May Day Bank Holiday

5th Year 4 Assembly to parents at 2.45pm

8th – 12th Year 6 SATs week

15th – 19th Year 2 SATs week

16th Bag2school textiles to be returned

16th France 2017 Information Evening 3.30pm, in the hall or Kestrel class

22nd Year 6 RE Day

25th Acorn Centre Sleepover

26th PTA Inflatables Mufti Day (for Tombola)

26th Image Theatre

29th – 2nd June Half term

June

10th PTA Inflatable Day

12th – 16th Year 1 Phonics Screening

12th – 16th France Trip

16th – Year 1 Assembly to parents at 2.45pm

20th, 22nd & 23rd Induction and story time for new EYFS

23rd Year 1 Assembly to parents at 2.45pm

29th Sports Day

30th INSET Day

July

4th Year 4 Cornet Concert at 2.15pm