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Believe in ourselves, be the best we can be

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Back to 'normal'

It has been wonderful to resume some of our traditional school activities again this half term. Whole school assemblies see all of our children celebrating and sharing thoughts and ideas together around a relevant theme or focus area. We have always loved how our older children model their fantastic thinking for our younger children which encourages them to participate in the assemblies and share their ideas. The Explorers frequently have their hands up and want to be involved! Singing assemblies have also resumed with the KS2 children and I have been educated in the fact that apparently 'We Don't Talk About Bruno'! Our celebration assemblies on a Friday have once again become a time to really think about all of the learning taking place across the school along with the progress and achievements that our children love to share. These assemblies have also seen some parents come back into school to celebrate alongside their children. We hope to continue to have more events and celebrations next term so we can once again share these special times as a community.

Spring Inter House Competition

With the support of Tim Flint and David Palmer from Dynamic Sports, the children took part in another of our successful Inter House Competitions.

Across two weeks, the children worked independently and collaboratively on a number of different activities and games which further developed their skills in a number of sports. KS1 focused on a number of target games and KS2 had a competitive bench ball tournament. Feedback from the children showed that this event was thoroughly enjoyed.

It was lovely to hear Tim Flint tell us how wonderful the children were. He noted that they were all well behaved and showed real empathy towards their teammates and opposition.

The results for this term are shown below. Well done to all who took part and congratulations to Plym, this term's winners! Plym were awarded a star on our House Point chart that helped them win this half term's competition and receive a non-uniform day as their prize!



Pick Up and Drop Off

One of the areas raised in the recent governor survey was the fact that some parents have continued concerns about our children's safety at pick up and drop off times. We want to just send another reminder about asking you to be respectful of our neighbours and their driveways and ensuring that you park and drive safely at these busy times. As a school, we can continue to send reminders but we cannot police these times on the roads around our school. Please also remind your children about road safety and ensure that younger children are supervised when crossing roads around the school.

If you continue to have concerns, we advise that you email PC Clarke Orchard or PC Saul Bunce who are keen to support us as a school and have increased police presence wherever possible when we have approached them in the past.

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Preschool Update

Our Easter activities have been in full swing. We have enjoyed cooking, crafting and the pleasant weather has allowed lots of outdoor play. The children have been sharing their Easter thoughts with us which mostly seem to gravitate around chocolate and the Easter Bunny!

Wishing everyone a lovely Easter break. We return to preschool on Monday 25 April.
Yeash Burkill- **Preschool Lead**



Pupil Voice

In our assemblies recently, we have been reflecting on the idea of our 'Future Careers'. We started by thinking about what we are really good at and what we love doing and how important these things are when thinking about a job we might want to do one day. We then thought about what is meant by the word 'aspiration' which was not an easy thing to do! Once again, the children embraced the idea and their reflections were amazing!

***'I think we should try to be aspirational because it helps us have high expectations towards our future careers and also helps us to be the best we can be. Aspirations are our hopes and dreams for the future and if you have hopes and dreams that means you're aspirational.'* Ronnie- Y4**

***'If you have a dream then you have a reason to keep going and be the best version of yourself.'* Esmee- Y2**

***'Aspirations are linked to resilience because it's like working towards things and not giving up. It means you do the dreams you want to do.'* Dylan- Y2**

***'Aspirations are your hopes and dreams for the future. You should be aspirational because if you weren't you wouldn't have any goals to aspire to. You should aspire to get a good job and if you do believe in yourself then you probably will succeed because desire is the key to success!'* Harry- Y5**

We would like to wish all of our families a happy and healthy Easter. Enjoy the sunshine!

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,



**Dave Killoran
(Headteacher)**

FUTURE DATES FOR THE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Monday 25th April 2022	First Day of Summer Term
Monday 2nd May 2022	Bank Holiday Monday
WC 9th May 2022	Y6 SATs
Friday 27th May 2022	Queen's Jubilee- day in lieu
Monday 30th May– Friday 3rd June	Summer Half Term