



There has been a wonderful Easter buzz around the school this week with lots of Easter crafting, cooking and even an Easter breakfast for our older years this morning. We have also been lucky enough to make the most of the spring sunshine by eating our packed lunches in a picnic style outside on our field.

May we take this opportunity to wish you a Happy Easter, whatever the holiday period brings for you. We hope to see you all on Tuesday 22nd April after a well deserved rest.

Michelle Ball and Gemma Smith



Hedgehog House Donations

A huge thank you to the *Men's Sheds* foundation who recently donated two hedgehog houses to our school. The children in ECO club were able to position them around the school grounds in places where they felt Hedgehogs would most likely live. The children hope that this helps our Hedgehog population around our school site.

Men's Sheds encourages people to come together to make, repair and repurpose whilst supporting projects in their local communities. You can find out more about what they do at: <https://menssheds.org.uk/>

Update from the Local Governing Body

School governors play a key role in supporting our schools. They help influence the strategic direction of policies and monitor teaching, always with the best interests of the pupils in mind. Governors work closely with school leaders to ensure our schools are a positive, thriving place for all children. If you ever have any feedback, questions, or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to our governors – they're here to listen and help make our school even better!

As you may already know, we share a governing body with Hemington Primary School, another small Somerset school within our Trust. At our recent meeting, we discussed school attendance and it was great to note that persistent absence rates are going down in both schools; we appreciate all the effort families are making to improve attendance further. On the school improvement front, things are looking good! Hemington is making great progress with science resources and fun STEM activities, while Leigh on Mendip is focusing on fine-tuning the curriculum and on creating a formalised calendar of annual events and activities for the year. We also talked about the exciting hands-on science experiments that children carried out during STEM week at both schools and heard about plans for exciting future workshops and trips. We were pleased to hear positive feedback from the recent parent survey, and were grateful for suggestions on how we can improve communication about student progress even further.

Christine Iles - Clerk to the Governing Body

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Diary Dates

Tuesday 22nd	Start of Term 5
Wednesday 23rd	Swallows & Goldfinch Class Trip - Field to Food at The Bath & West Showground
Thursday 24th	Starling Class Archery Session at School
Monday 28th	Whole Class & Year 6 School Photos
Tuesday 29th	Doodle Maths Parent Workshop
Wednesday 30th	Year 4 Football Tournament at Selwood

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Thursday 1st	Starling Class Archery Session at School
Friday 2nd	Rags 2 Riches Collection
Thursday 8th	Kingfishers - IG Sports Olympics at School
Thursday 8th	Starling Class - IG Sports Archery Session at School
Tuesday 20th	Year 3 Maths Event - 4 - 4.45pm at Somervale Secondary School
Wednesday 21st - 23rd	Swallows Class Residential trip
Friday 23rd	End of Term 5

Notices

- **School Lunches** - Don't forget to book your school lunches before 17th April in preparation for the first week back after the Easter Break.
- **Clubs** - Thank you for signing up for term 5 & 6 clubs. These will begin on the 22nd April.
- **Robins** - We kindly ask that all outstanding Robins fees are paid for by the end of March.
- **Field to Food Trip** - Please provide consent for Swallow and Goldfinch children to attend the "Field to Food" trip on 23rd April. This can be made via your Parent Pay accounts.
- **Rags 2 Riches** - We will be having another 'Rags 2 Riches' collection on the 2nd May. If you are having a spring clear out over the Easter break please bear us in mind. Please put your reusable clothing donations into a black bag and drop into the school hall at pick up on the 1st May, or drop off on the 2nd May. Thank you.

Stars of the Week

Kingfishers - Kylo
Starlings - Adele
Goldfinches - Isla
Swallows - Liucija

Top Doodlers

Doodle Maths
Kingfishers - Orianna, Ruby
Starlings - Sienna & Flo
Goldfinches - Jess
Swallows - Sophia

Doodle Tables

Starlings - Adele
Goldfinches - Kye

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News from the Classrooms



We have been enjoying the lovely weather this week in Robins and practicing our gross motor skills by jumping, kicking and throwing balls. We have also been exploring positional language by being on, under, through, in front and behind our balance beams.



In our last week before the holidays, we celebrated the upcoming Easter with a Peter Rabbit book and lots of writing about rabbits and chocolate eggs. We all had phonics assessments, the children's hard work really shone through with amazing results. We finished the week with lots of fun and plenty of Easter crafts.



In Starling class this week we had great fun baking some Easter cookies. We used our English skills to read the recipe and our maths skills to weigh out all the ingredients. We also had to use great teamwork to take turns in completing each step of the method. I hope that the children share a tiny bit with you!



This week, Goldfinch class took part in a fun gymnastics session. They learnt lots of new skills and showed some fantastic teamwork. They all showed 100% effort and listened to each other during the team games.



This week, Swallows have been investigating materials to see if they dissolve and create a solution or a mixture. We tested lots of different materials such as salt, sugar, coffee, tea, sand, jam and wax by putting them into our solvent (water). We made sure that the amount of water and the amount of each mixture stayed the same to make it a fair comparative test.



FOLS Yoga Session

A huge thank you to Rebekah for providing a wonderful Yoga session. The evening was well attended and a fantastic success. There were many comments regarding Rebekah's excellent teaching and the evening helped raise funds for the children of our school.



doodle**maths**



PARENT WORKSHOP



Tuesday 29th April



5pm - 5.45pm

