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SCHOOL DINNER WEEK

Tues 10th Apr — Fri 13th April

Week 2 (NEW MENU)

Collective Worship

This week we have been thinking about how we react when things don't go the way we want them to. We talked through some ways to stay calm and how to solve problems well. Some of the children enjoyed the mindfulness meditation we did and found this helped to stay calm. On Wednesday, Herons led our worship in church. They shared with us the last two prayer stations— Jesus's crucifixion and His burial. The children were amazed to find so many crosses around church. Thank you Mrs Knight and the Herons.



The **Harriers** had the best attendance this half term! Well done!

What a term!

Despite the numerous bugs, coughs and splutters, there have been lots of fantastic things going on this term including trips to the Lake District, Sea Life Centre and the Cinema. There have been; eggs hunts, snow days, fossil walks, World Book day, Sports Gear day, Mothers' day stall, discos, chickens, eggs, gym equipment, a new kitchen, an extra toilet for Swans and Cygnets, Lent services and I could (and sometimes do!) go on. Obviously there is the normal daily teaching that happens too! Thank you to all the teachers and other members of staff who have made all these things possible.

Thank you for all the help with the school discos. Events like these could not run if it was not for everyone's help. Over £150 was raised!

Staffing

Unfortunately, we have just received our new school budget and things do not look as good as we'd hoped! We are having to make a few changes across school to try and make ends meet. After Easter, Mrs Daw will not be working on a Monday afternoon. She will be working every morning and Tuesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons. I will teach Bitterns on a Wednesday (as normal) and a Monday. Mrs Knight's PPA time on a Monday will be covered by Mrs Berry and the rest of the regular TAs, which is easily done due to the small numbers in Swans, Year 1 and Year 2. Please spread the word about how fantastic we are; the best way to improve our financial situation is by increasing the number of children in school. We do have places in every class at the moment and if we don't want things to change drastically, we need more pupils. Also, please let us know if you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals, as this may increase the amount of money coming into school—it will also mean that your child gets benefits too e.g. free meals, school trips, music lessons etc.

Please be vigilant. A lady was followed this week in the village by a man in a suit with a rucksack. Although nothing further happened, it was a worrying incident.

Gates

Thank you to all the people who are remembering to close the gates every time they come through. It is making a real difference to the security of the school grounds. A few parents have spoken to members of staff about the gates around the side of school being difficult to open/close. We are investigating the possibility of removing the second gate (that doesn't lock easily) and moving the gate so that it is in line with the end of the Harrier's classroom. We are aiming to put in a large and small gate across the space, so that the small gate can be used to enter the playground easily and safely. We hope to get this done as soon as possible.

Important Dates

Mon 9th Apr	INSET day
Tues 10th Apr	Children start back for Summer Term
Mon 14th—Thurs 17th May	Y6 SATS
Mon 21st—Fri 25th May	Harriers Bikeability
Fri 25th May	Break up for half term
Mon 4th June	Start back after half term

Please see the school calendar on the school website for all dates.



I hope you all have a lovely Easter and a good break from school. Please remember, school starts for the Summer term for the children on **TUESDAY 10TH APRIL**.

God Bless, *Katie Walsh*