

Bitterne Church of England Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Hope

Courage

Creativity

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Message from the Senior Leadership Team

It has been another great week at school, and it has been wonderful to see the children so engaged in their learning. The enthusiasm, focus and pride the children show in their work continues to make us very proud.

Last week we also welcomed the Southampton SEND Audit Manager into school, who focused on Key Stage 1 during this visit. He met with all of the KS1 teachers and led a professional discussion around adaptive teaching. Together they explored different techniques and strategies that can be implemented in the classroom to help every child reach their full potential. Teachers found the time extremely beneficial and have come away feeling inspired and excited to further enhance their practice.

You may also have noticed the newly transformed link corridor. Mr Hearn led the site team in this fantastic transformation to showcase the children's class picture frames based on their author studies from World Book Day. Alongside the wonderful "Book on a Plate" projects created at home, the corridor is now a beautiful space celebrating our love of reading.

Thank you to all you who came along to parents' evening, it was lovely to welcome so many of you. Special thanks to the PTA for providing refreshments on both evenings.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Gear



Important Message from Mrs Johnson

We have been informed by a parent of a recent incident involving parent WhatsApp groups linked to the school. An unknown individual joined one or more groups and offered concert tickets for sale, which has unfortunately resulted in at least one parent being scammed. The individual has since left the groups and deleted their messages.

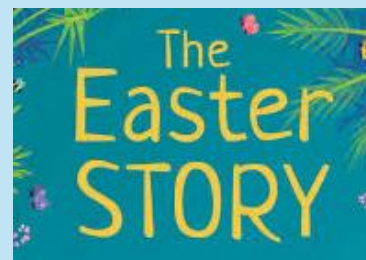
Please note that these WhatsApp groups are set up and managed independently by parents and are not run or overseen by the school. As such, the school cannot take responsibility for activity within them. However, we felt it important to make parents aware. We encourage you to remain cautious, particularly when interacting with unknown individuals, sending money, or sharing personal information.

Many thanks

Mrs Johnson

Collective Worship

This week, our Collective Worship took us into one of the most challenging parts of the Easter story: The Trial of Jesus. It is a story that can feel very unfair. We talked with the children about how it feels to be blamed for something you didn't do, or to feel like no one is listening to your side of the story. We saw how Jesus stood before the leaders—lonely, tired, and facing a very difficult future—yet he remained calm and stayed true to who he was.



We discussed how sometimes life feels a bit like a trial; Maybe a friendship has broken down, a piece of work feels too hard, or things at home feel a bit wobbly. In those moments, it can feel like the lights have gone out. But we have Hope which we will explore more about next week.

My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart Psalm 72: 26

Reminder: Easter Service at Holy Saviour on Thursday 26 March at 2pm

We will be holding this year's Easter Church service at Holy Saviour Church on Thursday 26 March, 2pm-3pm. The children will walk in their year groups to and from the church and will be back in time for 3.15pm pick up as usual from school. Please note you will not be able to collect your child from the Church they will need to return to school for usual pick up. Please ensure that the children are wearing school uniform, along with suitable school shoes and that they have a warm, waterproof coat with them.



Parents are more than welcome to attend the service if they wish, please arrive approximately 10 minutes before the service begins. We would be grateful for any help with walking the children to the Church and back to school. If you are able to help, please complete the attached google form:

<https://forms.gle/ekbp6AtYiJ2ziuFy7>

Seats will be reserved for parents who walk with us.

Thanking you in anticipation of your continued support and we look forward to seeing you there.

Streetbeatz Sign up for after Easter

Streetbeatz will continue after the Easter holidays, please sign your child up via this link <https://www.streetbeatzdanceacademy.co.uk/> Session dates are as follows: Thursday's: 16th, 23rd, 30th April, 7th, 14th May (NO CLASS 21ST MAY) 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th June, 2nd, 9th, 16th July.



Facebook

A reminder to follow our new Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/BitterneCEPrimary>



Message from Darren Paffey MP

Darren will be holding the following events below. They are open to anyone who is interested:

1. MP coffee morning to discuss online safety for children, Saturday 28 March.

Darren Paffey MP is holding a community coffee morning to discuss online safety for children in young people on the morning of Saturday 28 March, 10.30am to 12 noon, in Bitterne. The coffee morning has been arranged to give the city's parents and carers the chance to share their views following new

proposals from the government, which include potential age restrictions on social media and other services such as gaming sites and AI chatbots.

Anyone can attend by booking their place via this

link: <https://darrenpaffey.org.uk/events/onlinesafetycoffeemorning/>

2. MP coffee morning to discuss proposed reforms to SEND education, Thursday 16 April.

Darren Paffey MP is inviting parents and carers of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) for a coffee morning discussion on the Government's proposed SEND reforms. This will be held on the morning of Thursday 16 April, from 10.30am to 12 noon, in Bitterne.

Anyone can attend by booking their place via this

link: <https://darrenpaffey.org.uk/events/sendcoffeemorning>

Dates for your Diary

- **26 March:** Easter Church Service 2pm-3pm
- **27 March:** Beyond the Rules Non-Uniform Day
- **27 March:** PTA Donut Sale after school
- **30 March – 12 April:** Easter Holidays
- **15 April:** Year 2 Trip to Butser Ancient Farm – **please remember to complete the google form to provide permission if you have not already done so (https://forms.gle/AaDyeDzshY8aGA1V7)**
- **21 April:** Year 3 History of the Page Workshop: Tudor England
- **22 April:** Year 4 History of the Page Workshop: Great Fire of London
- **4 May:** Early May Bank Holiday
- **7 May:** PTA School Disco KS1 4.45pm-5.45pm and KS2 6pm-7pm – more information to follow
- **20 May:** SEND Coffee Meeting 2pm-3pm

Weekly Celebrations

- This week House Cup winner is Maytree House with 2269 points, Brownlow House with 2163 Points, Pound House with 2099 Points and Brook House with 2050 points.
- Tidy Year Group Award goes to: Year 5 Harlequin and Olden
- Star of the Week certificates awarded to: Carter H; Alex M; Carter G; Emily O; Elena I; Hugo J; Filip M; Jimi Mc; Zuzanna Z; Megan O; Anabel HB; Antoni K; Emilia S and Emerson N.
- This week's most improved attendance goes to: Carmine Class with 96.7%

Well done everyone!



