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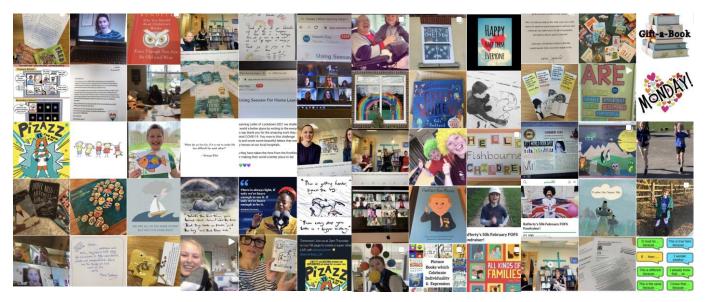
# Families Newsletter 12

Dear Families,

### Happy Easter!

As we come to the end of the spring term it is lovely to wish you all a very happy Easter break and feel confident that we will be welcoming you back to the summer term. Getting back into routines and re-connecting has been our priority for the last four weeks. It's good to now be able to enjoy family time again without needing to juggle it with home learning! If you do nothing else this Easter break, please do enjoy reading as a family. The gift of reading is a very special one indeed and something that will make a tremendous difference to your child in all areas of their learning.





What a term it has been! This picture collage has been taken from our Instagram account (@FishbournePrim1) and really summarises some of the extraordinary achievements and endeavours over the last three months with home and school working in collaboration to do the very best we can for our children. Thank you to each and every member of our school community for the partnership work we have done to swim in the same direction and make some incredible things happen!



We have met together in teams this week to debrief together about where the children are in terms of their learning. We meet this way every half term to give us the opportunity to reflect together on the needs of the children and how best we can use the time and resources we have available in order to meet all the children at

their personal starting points. During the summer term, the children will have three PE sessions each week (two of these during the school day and one either before or after) and during two of these school-day sessions we will be giving all the children the opportunity to work on their personalised steps of learning. The Covid-19 grant given to schools is being used to fund this additional time to free up our teaching team to be able to support the children's journey of learning.











These groups are for all children and led by members of staff in the same bubble - they are short-burst (and never exceed more than half of the PE session), flexible and identified through our ongoing assessments of the children's needs. They may include: nurture groups; phonics groups; pre-teaching for maths or English; spelling interventions; 1:1 conferencing.

It was wonderful to welcome Moira to school yesterday to lead our collective worship to mark Easter together as a school family. Moira 'zoomed' into our classrooms and the children were thrilled to see her. While we are still not able to sing (a sound we miss very much in our school!), we were able to spend a special time reflecting and praying with Moira. We are looking forward to Moira joining us each week again in the summer term in a similar way. We have missed seeing Moira's face in school and the children and staff were thrilled to see her.





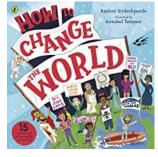
Our series of assemblies on inspiring people who have set out to make the world a better place to be came to a close this week. We have talked about a wonderfully diverse array of extraordinary human beings who have been courageous and determined. In assembly on Monday, we concluded by celebrating our 'only one you' vision through the words of another stunning picture book: 'Who You Were Made To Be'. The words that the author writes at the beginning of the book are such a timely reminder to us all:

"I hope that you know and love who you are for all of the beautiful and unique and magical gifts you have to offer the world. May you always look at life with your eyes wide open. Be quick to learn from others and see and celebrate the differences in all of humanity. Be kind to others and to yourself. And may you always believe that the world needs who you were made to be."

This is a book worth sharing with your children and talking about with them, seizing the opportunity to remind them that "You're one of a kind, and it's so clear to see: The world needs who you were made to be."

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8I-o2ZNIUqw&t=241s

Next half term, we will be continuing with our theme of making the world a better place to be through exploring another super book that will give the children the opportunity to discover incredible stories of people who came together to make a difference, from the campaign to end slavery across the British Empire, to the singing revolution in Estonia, the creation of the International Space Station and the fight to save the whales. We will learn that together, we can change the world!





Today we are celebrating World Book Day and it has been just wonderful to see the children arriving in their super-hero costumes to mark the day! Sophy Henn, our Patron of Reading, zoomed in to join us and updated us on everything she's been up to in recent weeks! It was so good to see her and hear news of Pizazz's latest adventures! Pizazz 3: Pizazz V's Perfecto is due out on June 24<sup>th</sup> 2021. We look forward to the day Sophy can visit us in person again in the (hopefully!) not too distant future!

Please do remember if you would like to contribute to our school library with a gift of a book that our little fish will enjoy for many years to come, the Amazon wish list is: <a href="https://amzn.eu/jldFX85">https://amzn.eu/jldFX85</a>

A group of children from Elephants Class have been busy making the world a better place to be by raising money to replace the old and tired footballs that they use at lunchtimes! It's lovely to hear them being so enthusiastic and proactive to make their school a better place to be. Our huge thanks to them and their families for supporting their idea! They told us: 'Mount Everest stands proud at nearly 8848km so we have decided we are going to complete this distance by doing 12 laps of Fishbourne playing fields in a relay. Each lap will be ran differently using our football skills such as dribbling a football, imaginary headers and passing the ball.' https://gofund.me/b6bd2f15



### Track and Trace

Schools have been asked to continue with supporting the Track and Trace effort during the Easter holidays. This means that if any of the children get a positive PCR Covid-19 test result, we ask you to let us know up to and including Wednesday  $7^{th}$  April. This will enable us to support us to identify close contacts and take the steps needed to ensure that those children who need to can self-isolate.

After the Easter break, we will be returning to our usual format of monthly school newsletters. Naomi Day

# A reminder of a couple of key dates:

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April: Return to school for the start of the summer term. Sports Clubs start from today!



## Sports Clubs timetable:

Monday 8.00 - 8.45am	Year 5
Monday 3.15 4.15pm	Year 6
Tuesday 8.00 - 8.45am	Year 2
Tuesday 3.15 4.15pm	Year 4
Friday 8.00 - 8.45am	Reception and Y1
Friday 3.15 - 4.15pm	Year 3

For morning sessions, children should arrive at school wearing their PE kits with their school uniform in their bags for the rest of the day (with the exception of KS1 who can wear their PE kit for the day!)

#### Forest School timetable:

Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Year 5
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 4
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 3
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 2
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Year 1
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Reception
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 2
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 1
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Reception

Children should wear their outdoor clothes (matched to the weather!) to school on their Forest School day - please remember coats and wellies.

Meet the Teacher meetings via Zoom - these are an opportunity to hear more about the learning planned for your children during the summer term. We have endeavoured to ensure that as much as possible, your meeting does not clash with the pick-up for after school sports but it isn't possible to do this with every combination of sibling groups! Links to these meetings will be sent out at the beginning of the summer term.

Reception: Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 3.45 - 4.15pm Year 1: Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 3.45 - 4.15pm Year 2: Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 3.45 - 4.15pm Year 3: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 3.45 - 4.15pm Year 4: Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 3.45 - 4.15pm Year 5: Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 3.45 - 4.15pm Year 6: Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 3.45 - 4.15pm

Thursday 29th April: FOFS meeting- all warmly welcome!

### CHANGE OF DATE!

The INSET day planned for Friday 28th May has been cancelled and re-scheduled to Monday 5th July

Make or bake your Easter creation! - FOFS would love to see what amazing Easter or Spring inspired creations you can come up over the Easter holidays. Entries are free; just send your photo to FOFS@fishbourneprimary.co.uk by 19th April. Two Easter eggs will be awarded per class for the best creations!