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Many Hearts † One School

We have now come to the end of this spring term and are more than a year on from when Covid arrived. When we had to first restrict the pupils who were able to come to school last March, I did not think that this would still be impacting on our lives more than a year later. As a school we are incredibly proud of every one of our Rivenhall family. All of the children, staff, families, Local School Board members and wider community have worked together to keep our sense of connection and community. I would like to take this moment to thank you for your part in this. It has been truly amazing to look back at all we have achieved together.

As you would expect, learning has not stopped this week and the children have enjoyed learning together.

In Leopard Class this week the children have taken part in a range of Easter activities. During their Maths sessions, the children have enjoyed solving addition and subtraction calculations using fluffy chick counters. One of their favourite challenges involved them recording how many spoonfuls of sand they could fit inside different sized plastic eggs. On Thursday morning, the children discovered some big bunny footprints near the children's postbox. Inside the postbox there was a special letter from the Easter bunny. The bunny explained that he had hidden some sparkly eggs around the garden, inside each egg there was an object. The children enjoyed being mini Scientists using a special magnet wand to test to see whether the object inside the egg was magnetic. They also enjoyed writing letters to the bunny. The children ended the week by acting out parts of the Easter story and making delicious Easter nests.

Jaguar Class had lots of fun making the chocolate nests on Thursday. They all looked very chocolatey and yummy. The children have also worked really hard this week revising how to subtract one and two digit numbers and how to write clear, simple sentences using correct punctuation and the correct spelling of the common exception words. The extra handwriting practice the children have been doing, so they all form their letters correctly, is beginning to pay off with more of them now joining their letters in all of their books. The children completed their Geography learning by creating a tourist trail around Rivenhall and completed their work in Science on the categorisation of animals by looking at amphibians and fish. Miss Day and Jerry would like to wish all the children a happy Easter.

Tigers have had another busy week in school and have been thinking about Spring and Easter. They have made some fantastic Easter cards which should be on their way home and have been looking for signs of Spring on the school field. They have also been working on the Easter story. They really enjoyed watching the lambs! In Art this week, Tigers have been learning about Salvador Dali and his incredible moustache! They drew their own portraits and created some surrealism by adding moustaches - they look amazing!

Lions have been writing newspaper reports connected to the narrative poem 'The Ballad of Charlotte Dymond'. They have focused on writing clear introductions, including eyewitness reports, and a conclusion to say what would happen next. In Maths Year 5 have been focusing on decimal place value and Year 6 have been using bar models to solve ratio problems. In RE they have written diary entries about part of the Easter story in the role of Peter. They have looked at the art of John Singer Sargent, and have each used half of one of his portraits to draw in the other half, producing some beautiful artwork. In Science they have devised and carried out their own investigations about dissolving.

We have been very fortunate that the school has been given a donation of an Easter egg for each child which they will be bringing home today. These have been given in recognition of how wonderfully the children have adapted, persevered and responded to things changing. I would like to say thank you to the family for this wonderfully kind donation and I am sure that the children will be thankful too.

Please do not leave your children unattended in the playground before school when there are no adult staff present. We do have a Breakfast Club and After School Club if you need childcare.

If your child shows any Covid symptoms over the weekend please do contact the office email to let us know. We will then ask for them to have a PCR Covid test. If there was a positive result from this then families would be informed, following advice from PHE.

We will be sending home PE Kits today. Please could these be checked for size etc and if possible full PE Kit and full uniform be worn when we return after the break. If you have any difficulties please do contact us.

I have been very impressed with the number of children working on their Vine Passport challenges. We have several children who are close to finishing them. Over the break would be a great time to complete some as many are outside or activities that you might do as a family anyway. I look forward to seeing the challenges that the children complete.

We are having an Easter Challenge event over the break for children to take part in if they would like to. The information is on a separate sheet but the activities are decorating an Easter hat or bonnet, creating an Easter garden or decorating an egg, this can be a real egg or the shape of an egg on paper.

I would like to wish you all a peaceful break and hopefully the weather will be kind to us and we can be outside lots.

I look forward to seeing you all on the 12th April.

Mrs Rebecca More
Headteacher



Roll a 10p

Roll a 10p raised £91

Winners were :

Leopard Class Evie and Jack D
Jaguar Class Amelia and Tommy
Tiger Class Lola-Sue and Danielle
Lion Class Freya and Jack W

The children had great fun taking part,
thank you for supporting the PTA in this
event.



Dear Parents,

We are continuing with our reading challenge. Once your child has completed a sheet, please send into school. We will then give your child the next sheet to complete. We look forward to seeing how you all get on.

Please note the bookworm challenge sheets should list different books that the children have read, not repeats of the same book.

Key Dates

April

12th- Summer Term Commences

June

1st- Half Term Commence

4th- Half Term Ends

15th – Sports Day

22nd – Reserve Sport Day

23rd – New Intake Induction Morning

25th- Non-Pupil Day

28th- Non-Pupil Day

28th – 29th Year 6 Induction Maltings Academy

28th- 30th- Year 6 Induction at New Rickstones

30th – New Intake Induction Morning

July

7th- New Intake Induction Morning

19th – Year 6 Leavers Assembly 2pm

20th- Whole school celebration Assembly 1.30pm

21st- Non-Pupil Day and End of Summer Term

Successes

Golden book:

Leopards	Noah
Jaguars	Daisy G/Tommy/Dylan
Tigers	Danny
Lions	Casey/Jack Me

Perfect Presentation:

Tigers	Lola W
Lions	Thomas S

Message from the Diocese

Virtual Easter Service

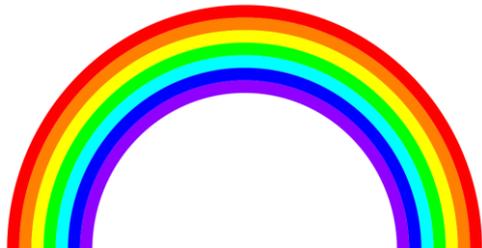
We are delighted to share with our schools our Virtual Easter Collective Worship which we hope many of you will be able to enjoy with your school families. This is available on the link

below from Monday 22 March:

<https://www.cdbe.org.uk/schools/collective-worship/easter-service-2021>

Rivenhall Rainbow Reading Challenge
Congratulations to Guy S for completing the
Rivenhall Blue Reading Challenge.

Congratulations to Zac S for completing the
Rivenhall Bronze Reading Challenge.



Essex Teaching Awards 2021

I would like to thank all those that
nominated me for an Essex Teaching
Award. I have been very touched by all your
kinds words and feel very lucky to work in
such a fabulous community school.
Mrs Scawthorn

Word of the Week

Drenched

- What does the word mean to you? How would you explain it to a younger child?
- Can you find its etymology? (Where does the word come from?)
- Can you find it in your reading books?
- Write a sentence or two containing the word.
- Which word class does it belong to? (Adjective? Noun? Verb?)
- What words could you use instead of it that have a similar meaning?
- What is its smallest unit of meaning? (e.g., horses: the smallest unit of meaning is horse)
- Can you use it to make a word family? (e.g., help – helper, helping, helped, helpless)
- Can you use it to make word pairs? (e.g., demolish your lunch, demolish a cake, demolish a house)

Responses to Miss Day for our Word of the Week Board in the hall.

Vine Passport

Arts and Theatre	Cooking and Baking	Living Well	The World Around Me
Charlotte H Sammy Amelia Larna-Rose Toby G Nathan Mila Stanley H Todd Carmel Jack D Flynn	Larna-Rose Lucie F Jack Mc Jack Wil Toby G Amelia Charlotte H Cheyenne Sammy Flynn	Amelia G Toby G Thomas S Cheyenne Larna-Rose Jack Mc	Charlotte H Amelia Toby G Cheyenne
Hopes, Dreams and Goals	Spirituality	Science and Technology	Our Community
Larna-Rose Amelia Toby G		Lucie F Larna-Rose Charlotte H Amelia Cheyenne Toby G	Larna-Rose Lucie F Thomas S Charlie J Charlotte H Amelia Carmel Toby G Cheyenne Jack We

School Dinners



Week 1

Monday

MAINS
Chicken Nuggets

Potato Criss Cuts
Beans
Peas
Salad Bar

School packed lunch
Or
Jacket Potato with cold fillings

DESSERT
Vanilla Shortbread



Tuesday

MAINS
Rustic Chicken in a tomato sauce with cheese

Savoury Rice
Sweetcorn
Green Beans
Salad Bar

School packed lunch
Or
Jacket Potato with cold fillings

DESSERT
Fruit Crispie

Wednesday

MAINS
Local Butcher's Roast Chicken
Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy

Crispy Roast Potatoes
Fresh Seasonal Vegetables

School packed lunch
Or
Jacket Potato with cold fillings

DESSERT
Fresh Fruit Platter & Ice Cream



Thursday

MAINS
Spaghetti Bolognese

Garlic Bread
Salad Bar

School packed lunch
Or
Jacket Potato with cold fillings

DESSERT
Coconut and Cranberry Cookies

Friday

MAINS
Fish Fingers or Sausage Roll

Oven Chips
Garden Peas, Baked Beans
Salad Bar

School packed lunch
Or
Jacket Potato with cold fillings

DESSERT
Fruit Smoothie

Fillings for jackets
and sandwiches:

Ham, Chicken,
Cheese and Tuna
Mayo

Fresh Milk or
drinking water
available every
day!

