

16th March 2018

Badger Room: This week the Badgers have been thinking about Spring and talking about the signs we can see that (hopefully) winter has passed. We read "That's Not a Daffodil!" and wrote captions to accompany pictures of Spring. As part of British Science Week, we made 'oceans in bottles' to look at how oil and water interact and how we could move the bottles to make waves. We also made some Bug Hotels and will continue to monitor them next week to see where the bugs are hiding and what they are choosing to eat. In maths, we explored the properties of 3D shapes and learnt more mathematical terms to describe the number of edges, sides and faces.



Hedgehog Room: We began British Science Week with a messy experiment to investigate whether Humpty Dumpty and his egg friends would crack or stay intact when dropped onto a hard surface in bags filled with different materials. The children made some 'eggcellent' predictions! The week has been filled with different explorations, writing with invisible inks and UV torches, mixing colours in water, shaving foam and paints, making our own bubble mixture and using giant bubble wands in our tuff tray, investigating sounds in our instruments box and making our own shakers, and working out how to release objects trapped in ice!



The ice and water theme will continue next week based on the children's strong interest in water play. We will be thinking about the different places we would find water and all the many things it is used for. Please send in plenty of spare clothes, and some wellies, next week!



Longford Park Welcome: We are very pleased to welcome a new member of the Hedgehogs class team, Jasmine Haskett. Ms Haskett arrives with plenty of experience in early years and looks forward to getting to know you all and your children.

Library: We have space for two volunteers to accompany Mrs Williams next Thursday 22nd March for some training on using our library system. If you are interested, and would be able to help out with our library going forward, please email the school office.

Trees: Thank you so much to Mrs Anderson, Mr East and Mr Robinson for their invaluable help planting our trees this morning. It is a huge occasion and something that we will be able to look back on and see progress every year. Well done to all the children and staff who were out there digging too, great effort!



PTFA Events: **SAVE THE DATES!** Easter Eggstravaganza on 28th March, from 3:15-4pm. Details to follow next week. Also, the PTFA are busy planning a super Summer Fete. We have Friday 13th of July as the date and will have an evening festival feel. Again, details will follow when we have them. The next PTFA meeting is on 20th March, 3:15-4:15. All are welcome to join us

Breakfast Club after Easter: We are now able to run Breakfast club for the Summer Term! This will be welcome news I'm sure! We have made some changes to the form so that you can give us any shift patterns etc. [PLEASE CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP](#). Please sign up ASAP so that we can start planning!

Key Dates for your Diary:

Wednesday 28th March, PTFA Easter Eggstravaganza – details to follow next week
Thursday 29th March – last day of term, finish at 1:30pm
Friday 30th March-Friday 13th April – EASTER BREAK
Monday 16th April, return to school
Friday 29th June – INSET day, no children in school
Friday 13th July, 5:30-8:30pm – Summer Festival, details to follow

Have a fantastic weekend

Hiddleston

Julie Hiddleston and the school team





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Monday	Tuesday
<p>Sway Dance Club (£3) (all years) led by Ms Whitehead 3:15-4:15pm</p> <p>Ms Whitehead will collect your child from their class, there is no need to come to school until 4:15pm for collection.</p> <p>SIGN UP FOR SWAY DANCE</p>	<p>Stagecoach - £165 (per term) (Ages 4+) Led by Melissa Lewis (Stagecoach Principal) 4:00-5:30pm (optional 3:15-4:00pm crèche led by Stagecoach prior to the class starting - £3 per session)</p> <p>Please contact her directly to book - banbury@stagecoach.co.uk</p>
Thursday	Friday
<p>Kickboxing – Ages 3+ (£4) 3:15-4:15pm Led by Coach Cian, Temple Martial Arts</p> <p>A no-contact sport, which helps with coordination, confidence and discipline – as well as staying in tiptop shape! Join Coach Cian to learn all about it in a fun and safe environment.</p> <p>SIGN UP FOR KICK BOXING</p>	<p>RugbyTots – Ages 3.5+ - £4 3:15-4:15pm Led by Vince Reynolds</p> <p>RugbyTots is a specific play programme for young children. It uses the multiple skills of rugby to create a fun and enjoyable environment whilst developing basic core motor skills. Each session aims to develop hand-eye co-ordination, balance and agility as well as enhancing social and psychological attributes through a series of games and exercises.</p> <p>SIGN UP FOR RUGBY TOTS</p>

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