



Malborough with South Huish C of E (VC) Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of a very busy Spring Term, I would like to thank you all for your continued support. We are extremely grateful to all of you who come into school to help with reading, Forest School and assist with transport for our school visits. We have lots of exciting activities planned for the Summer Term and look forward to sharing these all with you.

EASTER SERVICE

We were delighted that Reverend Christian was able to join us for our Easter Service before he leaves us to take up his new role in his new parish. The children had been practising their Easter songs with Mr Becker for some weeks and were word perfect. Classes 1 and 2 made us all smile with their rendition of 'Spring Chicken' whilst the children in Classes 3 and 4 told the story of Holy Week and spoke to us about Easter traditions around the world.

Thank you to everyone who was able to come along and join us for our service, we hope that you enjoyed it as much as we did.





EASTER EGG HUNT

Unfortunately, it started to rain just as we were about to hold our Easter Egg Hunt in the school playground on Thursday. Nevertheless, the damp weather didn't dampen the children's enthusiasm! Thank you to all of you who kindly donated Easter Eggs for the children and a special thank you to Lucy and Jade. Without your support this fun-filled activity couldn't take place.

The children had a great time hunting around the school and in the playground for the laminated egg pictures which they then exchanged for their delicious chocolate goodies and we hope that they shared them when they got home!



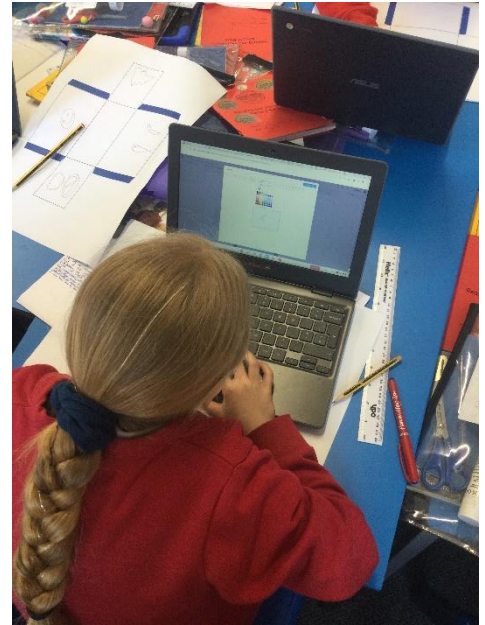
EASTER BONNET COMPETITION

What a lovely array of Easter bonnets we have had in school today! Thank you to everyone who has helped to make them. It was very difficult to choose a winner from each class! Our winners are: Amelie, James, George and Lola



CLASS NEWS

In DT this half term, the children in Class 2 have looked at creating their own 'Nets' for different purposes. They had a whole day last Friday to design their nets on the computer from a template. They used shapes and changed the colours on their nets.



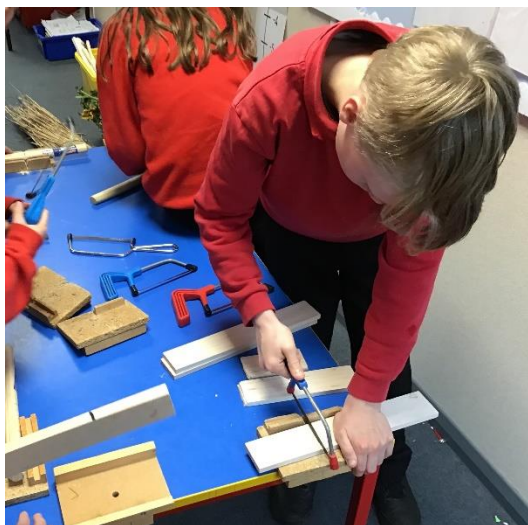
This week, they carefully cut out their designs and created their boxes. Miss Pears was very impressed with how well the children worked and how resilient they were when they were faced with a problem!



Class 2 had lots of fun in the sun with our science investigation on woodlice habitats. We found woodlice and took care of them whilst creating a choice chamber to find out if they discovered light and dry or moist and dark habitats! As you probably guessed, it was the latter and the woodlice were then safely returned to their original abode under a log!

The children have also had great fun growing cress! They have created some very unusual containers in which to plant their cress seeds but they have all sprouted beautifully!

This week in Design and Technology, Class 4 have been making their tiny Amazonian homes. They have used saws, glue guns and other woodwork methods to construct a tiny home that is safer, liveable and suitable for the Amazonian rainforest.



Some great team work happened to make this happen - well done team!



PRE-LOVED UNIFORM AND FOOTWEAR

If you have any school uniform or school footwear that no longer fits your child, please would you bring them to the school office after the Easter holidays. Thank you.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

A new lunch menu will be on offer from the beginning of the summer term. Please check our school website for menu details and a list of allergens.

Polite reminder: All school lunches should be paid for in advance. Please would you ensure that any outstanding balances on your Parent Pay account are cleared as soon as possible. If you are finding it difficult to clear any lunch debt you may have, please would you make an appointment to discuss this with Mrs Stallard as soon as possible. Thank you.



ATTENDANCE Week beginning 27/03/23

Reception	78%
Year 1	84.6%
Year 2	95.5%
Year 3	88.2%
Year 4	96.7%
Year 5	97.5%
Year 6	93.6%
Whole School	90.4%

WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 17th APRIL

Monday 17 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NON-PUPIL DAY
Tuesday 18 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PE with Achieve4All (all classes) Achieve 4 All after-school club - 3.30pm to 4.30pm
Wednesday 19 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 sailing lessons with Salcombe Dinghy - a.m. Class 2 RNLI Station Visit - rescheduled Water safety visit from RNLI Lifeguards - p.m.
Thursday 20 th April	
Friday 21 st April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Celebration Assembly at 9.15am Classes 1,2 & 3 PE



After School Clubs

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

Details of the after-school clubs available during the summer term will be distributed after the Easter holiday. *Please note that the only after-school club taking place during the first week back will be the Achieve 4 All after-school sports club.*



The School Awards this week go to:

Reception: **Ezme**

Year 2: **Autumn**

Year 3: **Georgina**

Year 4: **Libby D-F**

Year 5: **William**

Year 6: **Honor** and **Hunter**

The Governors' Award this term goes to: **Vincent** and **Harrison**

The MTA award this week goes to: **Zac** for his impressive football skills at lunchtimes!

The Attendance Cup this week has been awarded to: **Class 4**

This week the House with the most points is: **SAINT ANDREW** who are also the overall winners this term.

Our Accelerated Readers this week are: **James**, **William** and **Georgina**

Well done everyone!

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Easter, we hope that you all have a lovely break and we look forward to welcoming you back to school on **Tuesday 18th April** for the start of the summer term.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L Stallard
Head of School

Mrs T Coulthard
Executive Head Teacher

STARS OF THE WEEK



DIARY DATES - New events in 'Red'

Monday 24 th April		Re-scheduled Fire Safety Visit
Tuesday 25 th April		Re-scheduled SWW visit
Thursday 27 th April	Year 3	Extended day visit to Forest and Beach
Friday 28 th April		PTFA Cake Sale
Monday 1st May		MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY
Wednesday 3 rd May		Whole school church service at 9.15am - everyone welcome
Thursday 4 th May		Bags2School
Sunday 7 th May		Malborough Village Coronation Party at the Village Hall
Monday 8th May		BANK HOLIDAY FOR THE CORONATION OF HM KING CHARLES III
9 th - 12 th May	Year 6	Key Stage 2 SATS Week
Monday 15 th May	KS2	Visit to Exeter Cathedral and Synagogue.
Wednesday 17th May		Parental Focus Group - TBC
Friday 19 th May		PTFA Cake Sale
Monday 22 nd May	KS2	Take 5 Wellbeing Festival at Buckfast Abbey - 10.00am to 2.00pm
Friday 26 th May		150 th Anniversary Celebrations & Open Day. Details to follow.
Friday 26 th May		Break-up for Half-Term
Monday 5 th June		Return to school
Tuesday 6 th June		150 th Anniversary Community Party at The Old Inn
Wednesday 7 th June		Whole school church service at 9.15am - everyone welcome
Thursday 8 th June	Year 6	Canoeing with 'Singing Paddles' - 9.00am - 12 noon
Friday 9 th June	Year 4	Residential visit
Monday 12 th June	Year 4	Multiplication Check Week
Friday 16 th June	Year 5	Residential visit
Friday 16 th June		PTFA Fathers' Day Pop-up Shop
Wednesday 21 st June	Years 5 & 6	Children's Mental Health Assembly at 9.30am
Friday 23 rd June		Sports Day with PTFA refreshments
Tuesday 27 th June	Classes 1 & 2	Visit to Paignton Zoo. Depart at 9.15am.
Wednesday 28 th June		Surfing and water safety day at Bantham Beach
Friday 30 th June		PTFA Cake Sale
Wednesday 5 th July		Whole school church service at 9.15am - everyone welcome
Thursday 6 th July	Years 5 & 6	Children's Mental Health Workshop at 9.15am
Saturday 8 th July		150 th Anniversary Summer Ball & Auction of Promises at Cliff House
Saturday 15 th July		PTFA Summer Fair
17 th - 19 th July	Year 6	Residential visit
Friday 21 st July		Year 6 Leavers' Service in church at 2.00pm - everyone welcome.
Friday 21 st July		PTFA Cake Sale
Friday 21st July		LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM

TWITTER

You will find details of all of the latest events happening throughout the federation on our Twitter page. Please take a look at: <https://twitter.com/SHFederation>

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

TIKTOK

AGE RESTRICTION
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(certain features are restricted to over-18s only)

TikTok is a free social media platform that lets users create, share and watch short videos ranging anywhere from 15 seconds to 10 minutes in duration. The app gained notoriety for its viral dances, trends and celebrity cameos and can be a creative, fun platform for teens to enjoy. Now available in 75 languages, it has more than a billion active users worldwide (as of spring 2022) and is most popular with the under-16 age bracket. In fact, a 2022 Ofcom report found TikTok to be the most-used social media platform for posting content, particularly among young people aged 12 to 17.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

While TikTok's "Following" feed only displays videos from users someone follows, "For You" is a stream of clips based on their previously watched content. Most videos on a child's "For You" feed will therefore be light-hearted and amusing, but it could potentially surface something unsuitable. TikTok's guidelines prohibit the sharing of illegal or inappropriate content, but the sheer volume of uploads mean they aren't manually monitored and vetted.

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DANGEROUS CHALLENGES

Due to TikTok's immense popularity, some young people have unfortunately been influenced by videos challenging them to perform harmful, criminal or even deadly acts. One extreme example was the 'blackout' trend, which encouraged users to hold their breath until they passed out from a lack of oxygen. It led to two families filing lawsuits against TikTok over the tragic deaths of their children.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With around 1.1 billion users globally, the potential for contact from strangers on TikTok is high – especially as accounts created by over-18s (or youngsters using a false date of birth) are set to public by default. This not only means that someone's profile is visible to everyone else on the app, it also lets their videos be suggested to others and enables anyone to comment on them or download them.

IN-APP SPENDING

TikTok is free, but users have the option to buy TikTok coins, which can be used to purchase emojis in the app. These emojis are then sent as rewards (retaining their monetary value) to other users for videos they've created. Coin bundles range from £9.99 to an eye-watering £99; TikTok's policy is that they can't be bought by under-18s, but it's possible to bypass this with a fake birthdate.

ADDICTIVE NATURE

TikTok can be addictive, especially for young people: compulsive repeated use can interfere with sleep patterns and be a distraction from other activities. The platform recently introduced default usage time limits of 60 and 100 minutes for new members under 18 (in the UK, children with TikTok average 102 minutes per day on the app), but these restrictions can easily be removed in the settings.

TIKTOK NOW

Introduced in late 2022, the 'TikTok Now' feature lets users post a daily video or photo at the exact same time as their friends. Users receive a synchronised notification at a random time of day, giving them three minutes to take a video or real-time photo. This addition can not only be a distraction to young people but could lead to them inadvertently sharing private content such as their location.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

Family Pairing allows parents to link their TikTok account with their child's and control their settings remotely. Parents can then, for example, turn on Restricted Mode (reducing the chances of a child seeing inappropriate content); set screen time limits; and manage their child's ability to send messages (and to whom). Children can't alter these settings without parental approval.

MAKE ACCOUNTS PRIVATE

Although under-18s will have their TikTok account set to private by default, bypassing this setting is relatively easy. However, parents have the ability to manually set their child's account to private – meaning that their videos won't be visible to strangers and they won't be able to exchange messages with people who aren't on their friends list.

LIMIT IN-APP SPENDING

If your child is using an iPhone or Android device to access TikTok, you can alter the settings to prevent them from making in-app purchases. We'd recommend that you enable this feature, as it's quite easy for a young person – without realising what they're doing – to spend a significant amount of real money buying TikTok coins so they can unlock more features of the app.

DISCUSS THE DANGERS

If your child wants to use TikTok and you're happy for them to do so, it's crucial to talk about the potential risks in this type of app. For example, ensure they understand not to share any identifying personal information – and that they realise they could be exposed to inappropriate content. Thinking critically about what they see on TikTok can help children become generally more social media savvy.

READ THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that your child might be spending too much time on TikTok, or that they've been emotionally affected by something inappropriate or upsetting that they've seen, it's important to know how to spot the possible signs. Increased irritability and a lack of concentration are potential red flags, as are failing to complete homework or regularly not eating meals.

Meet Our Expert

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