



It's hard to escape the fact that Easter is just around the corner and, even if you are not celebrating Easter as a religious event, I am sure that some of you will break open the odd chocolate egg or two!

The children have learnt more about this Christian celebration in class and in assemblies and have looked at the traits of charity, kindness, forgiveness and sacrifice as part of the Easter story. While we missed our Easter service at St. Michael's church this year (and our Easter bonnet parade), children have still been able to think about the Easter message. A reading of 'The Saddest Day' by Y5&6, followed by Y1&2 reading 'The Happiest Day' helped to reinforce the joy that Christians share in the resurrection of Christ.

As always, this view was carefully balanced with differing religious and non-religious beliefs and classes spoke about respect and tolerance as important British values. These values do not just appear as regular features in PHSE or assemblies but are embedded into the very essence of our community. This is evident in the conversations that can be had with even the youngest children in our school about everyone's right to choose, express and follow their own ideals. Our children are inherently used to sharing and celebrating all opinions and beliefs at Meadowbrook and it makes us proud to see them being so wise!

The Easter Bunny, as usual, left our playground very messy during his socially-distanced stop-over early this morning. What a naughty bunny! At least he performed his annual duties and left everyone a yummy treat to take home for the break.



I have missed some birthdays over lockdown and thought it would be nice to catch up with them before the break. Happy birthday to **Nicholas, Rudy and Prubjot**, all in Reception, who had to celebrate their birthdays in lockdown. Happy birthday also to:

Kenny Ochijie (Y4) and Joshua Binneman (Y2) who have recently had birthdays too. Thanks for sharing your cakes!

Reporting test results

Please remember to report any positive tests to the school over the break.

Uniform

Our summer uniform should be worn when we return to school. For boys, this is navy shorts with white socks and the summer dress or navy skirt with white

socks for girls. Children can wear normal school shoes, sandals or Crocs. They probably won't need wellies, but should still have a change of shoes in case the field is muddy or if they work in our fantastic new polytunnel! Joy will open the uniform shop during the first week back, so you can order any uniform supplies you need then.

As we are 'back to normal' as much as possible for the summer term, we will be stricter about wearing the correct uniform (and shoes!) a couple of weeks in.

Swimming

Our weekly swimming lessons will resume on **Monday 26th April**. Serena will drive the minibus to drop the children in 3 sessions: Lower Primary, Y3&4 and Y5&6.

Children need a royal blue Meadowbrook swim/gym bag and the royal blue Meadowbrook swim hat. Boys will need navy trunks and girls a navy costume.

To ease things along, we also request that children have sliders, Crocs or flip-flops available please!



Finally, thank you all for your incredible efforts to raise money for

Red Nose Day through our sponsored run. Big pat on the back for David T!

We raised £1590!

Please read the FoMM letter attached to this email and then have a very restful Easter!

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