



# NEWSLETTER 13 - 26th April 2024

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Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome back to Term 5 – let's hope that the sunshine will start to make an appearance this term. The children have come back refreshed and are all working really hard. The classes have some exciting learning planned during this term and there are lots of exciting trips and learning experiences planned. It was lovely to see so many parents at parents evening this week and we look forward to more open classrooms and family learning afternoons.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Roberts

## Christian Value Focus—Forgiveness

Our present Christian Value is Forgiveness.

We all make mistakes; it is part of being human. Sometimes our mistakes hurt others. We will be thinking about times when we need to say sorry, times when we had to forgive someone, and how that can sometimes be hard.

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. **Ephesians 4:32**,



## Diary Dates for this Term

Friday 3rd May - Squirrel Class Walk Safe

**Monday 6th May - May Bank Holiday, School Closed**

Wednesday 8th May - Fox Class Taster Day Sheldon School

Monday 13th May - Owl Class SATS Week

Thursday 16th May - Squirrel Class Trip to The Ashmolean Museum

Friday 17th May - Squirrel & Hedgehog Cake Bake

Monday 20th May - Owl Class Residential (all week)

Tuesday 21st May - Ambulance Visit to Dormouse Class

Wednesday 22nd May - Open Classrooms 3.15pm

Thursday 23rd May - Fox Class Trip to Tudor World

Thursday 23rd May - Police Car Visit to School EYFS & KS1

**Friday 24th May - 3.15pm End of Term 5**



## Staffing News

Dear Parents and Carers

As you know we do not normally share staffing news with you so early in the year however due to primary school transition arrangements we feel it is important to share with you that Mrs Burr and Miss Hopes will be swapping year groups next year. This will mean that Miss Hopes will be teaching in Dormouse Class and Mrs Burr will be moving up to Mole Class with her current children.

Further staffing arrangements will be shared later in the school year as normal.

Kind regards

Mrs Roberts

## Staff in The Spotlight

Name - Miss Laura While

Role -SEN Teaching Assistant

Years at Derry Hill - 3 and a half

Movie - Tremors and Shawshank redemption

Pets - 3 horses, 2 Dogs, a cat and 2 guinea pigs

Favourite Food - Roast dinner or curry

Hobbies- Riding horses, walking and going to the cinema with my children

Favourite school Dinner- roast dinner

Favourite thing about Derry hill- The beautiful children and the amazing staff, including myself !

Known fact-I have a gold medal in trampolining



### Squirrel Class in Focus

Squirrels have made a fantastic start back after our Easter break and are really looking forward to learning about the Ancient Egyptians. They have already made a keen start to creating their own Egyptian museum which we will be sharing with parents towards the end of term.  
Year 3 have also been enjoying exploring light and shadows as part of our Science topic.



### Mini Marathon

A huge well done to all the children that joined in with this year's mini marathon event. In total the children managed to run an amazing 210 miles!!  
Fire Team were this year's champions running the most amount of laps.  
Thank you to the Chippenham Sports Partnership who led us in a fabulous warm up.



### Mole Class Sharing Afternoon

Last term everyone in mole class really enjoyed our family sharing afternoon. We know so much about our topic and it was lovely to share this with our grown-ups. We had lots of fun digging for fossils, sketching and describing fossils and making dinosaur masks. Thank you very much grown-ups for joining us for some dinosaur filled fun!



### Military Child

April is the month of the military child - Why?- It highlights the important role Service children play in the Armed Forces community. There are more than 1.6 million military children who face many challenges and unique experiences as a result of their parents service (Defence Department).  
The symbol of the Military child is the Dandelion - why?- Dandelions are hardy plants which put down strong roots almost anywhere the wind carries them.  
Purple is the colour as it combines all the branches of the military.



### Bags 2 School

Thank you to everyone who donated their unwanted clothes to Bags2school. We raised £116 for school.

### Staffing News

we will sadly be saying goodbye to Mrs Tracey Price who has been our finance officer for the last 16 years. Today will be her last day, she has been an important part of the admin team and will be greatly missed. Thankyou for all your hard work and dedication to Derry Hill School.  
We will also be saying goodbye and good luck to Miss Racheal Midwood who had joined us as a one to one teaching assistant.