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A message from Mrs Cresswell

As Spring is clearly on the way, I am reminded that longer days and (slightly) warmer weather is good for everyone's wellbeing. It is such a wonderful time of year in school. The children are making fantastic progress with their learning and there are so many exciting lessons for them to look forward to. The highlight over the last 2 weeks has been watching our 'living egg' chicks grow. The children have gained so much from having this experience and have enjoyed this focus as part British Science Week.

Unfortunately, we are currently experiencing the highest number of COVID cases so far in school this week. We wish everyone better. It has been very reassuring to see everyone working together as a team to ensure the children's education continues in the usual way during this time.

We have another exciting week planned next week with all of the children participating in our Spring flower painting competition. The FOSPS Pantomime, 'Mother Goose' is also taking place. If you are able to support this event please do so, I know how hard everyone involved has worked.

Wishing you a healthy and peaceful weekend.

With my best wishes
Clare Cresswell

PLEASE remember
to include your child's
full name and class on
all communications
with the School
Office

Talking about Ukraine

We know that lots of our children are aware of the situation in Ukraine and have many questions and concerns. Please find links below that might support you at home if you are having these conversations:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround#more-stories2>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/13865002>

House Points

11 March 2022		18 March 2022	
Radcliffe	204	Sherbrook	276
Ringwood	175	Radcliffe	274
Compton	169	Compton	246
Sherbrook	161	Ringwood	242

Queen's Jubilee

As mentioned in the newsletter on 26/11/21, we will be taking **Friday 1 July 2022** as a Bank Holiday for The Queen's Platinum Jubilee (in lieu of this falling during the half term break).



Sickness

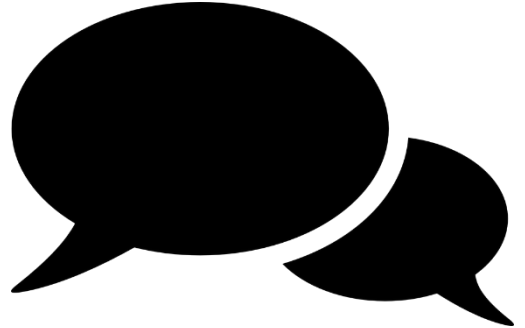
Please can we remind you that if your child has been sick, please keep them home for 48hrs since the last bout of sickness/diarrhoea before returning to School.



The Walk and Talk Initiative

Please find a link below with information about a new initiative being introduced by Safer Neighbourhood policing in Enfield.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/metropolitan-police-in-enfield-borough-42693757853>



Edible Garden

The seedlings in the classrooms have been growing well. This week our lovely parent volunteers have helped the children to pot them on so that the plants can harden off in the greenhouse before planting out.



Newsletter attachments

[Nistisima Event Poster](#)



School Council News

In our most recent school council meeting, we discussed our environment, looking after our school and its wildlife and generally being eco-friendlier. Our main ideas were:

- litter picking
- walking/cycling/scooting to school as much as possible
- creating bug hotels to go in our edible garden area
- donating old school uniform to be reused
- hanging left over fruit for the wildlife creatures to eat
- creating posters to encourage eco-friendly habits (recycling, turning off the lights and projectors when we leave a room and turning off the taps when we're finished with them)



Mr Timbrell's Book Recommendations

REC - Home by Carson Ellis
Y1 – Greenpeace by Simon James
Y2 - Meet Yasmin by Saadia Furuqi
Y3 - Nano by Dr Jess Wade
Y4 – Knights and Bikes by Gabrielle Kent
Y5 – Love That Dog by Sharon Creech
Y6 - A Kind of Spark by Elle McNicoll



Educational Visits

As COVID restrictions ease we have a number of educational visits being planned over the next term. So far this term Year 3 have visited The British Museum to further their learning about the Ancient Egyptians. All the pupils worked extremely hard to complete their Ancient Egyptian booklets and were especially excited to see the mummies!



Year 1 have visited Aldenham Country Farm as part of their science curriculum.





Sports News

Well done to our girls' football team who played two league matches at Southgate School last week. They played brilliantly, drawing their first game 0-0 and winning their second game 2-0. An excellent performance!



British Science Week

Last Friday was the start of British Science Week. It is a 10-day celebration and the theme this year is 'Growth'. To introduce the theme to the children we went for a fun and exciting way by bringing chicks into our school!

We had 10 embryo eggs which were kept warm in an incubator until they hatched. I'm pleased to say that all 10 chicks hatched last Wednesday and Thursday and after 24 hours they were moved into their brooder.

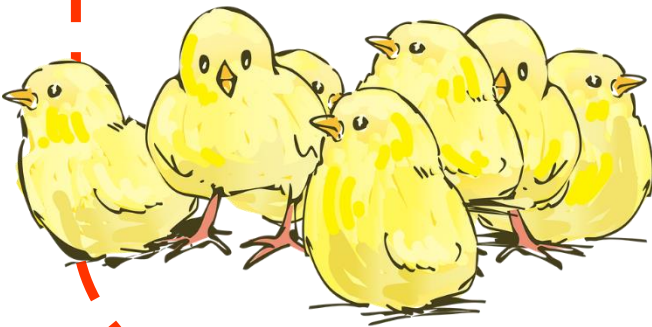
We have been very lucky to hold the chicks and observe the changes over the 10 days they have been with us, improving our scientific observational skills. We have been keeping a diary of the chicks and learning all about them: what they eat, life cycles, how to care for them, habitats, food chains and more.

The chicks will continue their life in a free-range farm with wonderful surroundings and lots of land for them to run free and be happy. The children have really enjoyed being with the chicks and the calmness and serenity they have provided whilst being held has been wonderful to see.

Other science activities we have taken part in across the school are:

- Writing Science poems
- Performing egg experiments
- Researching and learning about the age of sharks and how to calculate their age
- And lots of other activities to do with this year's theme 'Growth'.

If you'd like to engage children at home with this year's theme, you can start a discussion about how growth is part of people, plants, animals, materials, countries and other living things in our everyday lives. Can they think of any good and bad examples of growth?



Chicks

In Year one we have been observing the chicks as they have hatched and grown. Finally, we had a go at handling them. We wrote Acrostic Poems in our English lesson. Enjoy reading some of our poems below:

Can you feel the fluffiness?

Have a look at the cute, little beautiful chicks!

I love the soft, sweet chicks.

Come here and look at the cheap, cheap, cheapy chicks!

Keep them safe because they're only little chicks.

Can you hold the beautiful warm yellow chick?

How does it feel?

I like the loveable sweet fluffy chick

Cheap cheep, cheep, cheap

Keep them safe and give them food!



PE Kit

Please make sure your child has the correct kit in school each week. Children are not able to participate in PE lessons if they do not have their PE kit.

If your child has pierced ears, earring will need to be removed before a PE lesson. Please make sure your child is able to remove their earrings independently.

If your child has recently had their ears pierced they will need to have tape in school to cover them and a letter explaining this sent to their class teacher.

Lost Property

We still have a large amount of lost property in school.

Please ensure all school uniform is named so it can be returned to its owner. In addition, please put names on all PE Kit Bags and Water Bottles as whilst children may recognise them, it helps reunite them when they are left around school.

Thread Worm

There has been a case of thread worm in Year 2. Please can you monitor your child this weekend and treat if necessary. Thank you.



Mindful March

Take time for yourself and try the Mindful March calendar with daily actions and ideas to help you pause, breathe and notice, and help you respond more mindfully.

Mindful March 2022

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
 1 Set an intention to live with awareness and kindness	2 Notice three things you find beautiful in the outside world	3 Start today by appreciating your body and that you're alive	4 Notice how you speak to yourself and choose to use kind words	5 Bring to mind people you care about and send love to them	6 Have a 'no plans' day and notice how that feels	
7 Take three calm breaths at regular intervals during your day	8 Eat mindfully. Appreciate the taste, texture and smell of your food	9 Take a full breath in and out before you reply to others	10 Get outside and notice how the weather feels on your face	11 Stay fully present while drinking your cup of tea or coffee	12 Listen deeply to someone and really hear what they are saying	
14 Find ways to enjoy any chores or tasks that you do	15 Stop. Breathe. Notice. Repeat regularly	16 Get really absorbed with an interesting or creative activity	17 Look around and spot three things you find unusual or pleasant	18 If you find yourself rushing, make an effort to slow down	19 Appreciate nature around you, wherever you are	
21 Listen to a piece of music without doing anything else	22 Notice something that is going well, even if today feels difficult	23 Tune into your feelings, without judging or trying to change them	24 Appreciate your hands and all the things they enable you to do	25 Focus your attention on the good things you take for granted	26 Choose to spend less time looking at screens today	
28 Notice when you're tired and take a break as soon as possible	29 Choose a different route today and see what you notice	30 Mentally scan your body and notice what it is feeling	31 Discover the joy in the simple things of life	27 Cultivate a feeling of loving-kindness towards others today	20 Focus on what makes you and others happy today <small>dayofhappiness.net</small>	

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FOSPS News

Next week is shaping up to be lots of fun...we have loads going on, so do get involved if you can. Here's what we have to look forward to....

Our Mother Goose Panto...IT'S SHOW TIME!!

Costumes at the ready, opening night is nearly here...oh yes it is! We are now just one week away from our first ever Easter panto - Mother Goose!

The show is running on Thursday 24th, Friday 25th and Saturday 26th March.

Show times are as follows:

- Thursday 24 March, 7:30pm
- Friday 25 March, 7:30pm
- Saturday 26 March with a 1:30pm matinee and 5:30pm evening performance.

We've got goodies, some baddies and even some teachers and governors...all singing and dancing to help raise money for the school. Tickets are still available, with a special opening night (Thursday 24 March) price of £10 adults and £7 children. So don't delay, book your tickets today and come along to enjoy a fantastic show like no other!

Tickets can be booked using the following link: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/friends-of-st-pauls-school>

Please note, any ticket queries can be sent to madeo.gomes@gmail.com

Panto Painting – This weekend

Don't forget this weekend (**Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th March**) we're holding our painting weekend to create all the sets and props for the show. This is a great opportunity to get involved with the panto if you're not keen on being on the stage. Everyone is welcome to join, so if you have some spare time on Saturday or Sunday and can lend a hand with painting, drawing and maybe even building, then do pop along to school. The team will be in the school hall from **9am-5pm** both days.

Mother's Day Stall

Not only is it nearly panto time, it's also not long to go until our Mother's Day stall. FOSPS will be running this in the playground (weather permitting) on **Wednesday 23rd, Thursday 24th and Friday 25th March** from **11am-1pm**.

For those who are new to the school, this is a really lovely event that we run where the children come and choose some little gifts for their mother or carer. Items range in price from £1 to £5, with the children picking a little selection ready to surprise someone special with on Sunday 27th March.

This will be a cash event and we will have lots of helpers who can work with the children to find their gifts, bag them up and then work out their money and change. The children will all have a chance to visit the stall with their class, so if parents could please send money in with the children that would be great. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact your class rep. (Please note, without wanting to ruin any surprises, any edible gifts will be nut free.)

Lots going on next week! We hope you enjoy the sunshine, your Mother's Day treats and of course our Mother Goose pantomime!

Thank you for your support,
FOSPS x