

8th April 2022

Dear Families,

I can't quite believe we have reached the end of the Spring term but we have! What a busy half term it has been. The weather is improving and the children are enjoying being out on the field whenever possible. The new collection times have been incredibly successful and I know how much you appreciate being able to speak to the class teachers at the end of the school day.

This morning, I had the pleasure of joining both our celebration assemblies and giving this half term's Values Badges to one child from each year group. The Headteacher badges are given to a child who has demonstrated our Christian values and it was so lovely to hear the qualities all the children have shown during the last few weeks.

Easter events

We have had a wonderful week recognising and celebrating Easter. The children in Years 4,5 and 6 went for their Easter service at St. Matthias Church. It was a lovely service; the readers from each year group did a superb job and read with real confidence, and all the children sang beautifully. The children from Reception, Year 1, 2 and 3 took part in an Easter service in school and it was fabulous to hear their beautiful voices sounding out across the building.

Unfortunately, we were unable to invite families to join us for these celebrations however moving forward, we are excited that, due to Covid restrictions easing, we will hopefully be able to host families for in-person events.



Parent Partnership



We are delighted to announce that we have two new chairs for our PTA – Sarah and Leanne. The ladies have some fantastic ideas for the Summer Term that we are looking forward to sharing with you after Easter. They have made a super start by organising an Easter competition with some fabulous prizes. We will also be introducing our Warberry pantry to support our families. Non-perishable food items will be available next term and will be in the foyer for any families to help themselves to. There is also an opportunity to swap books. If you have any books, you no longer need or would like to choose a different book to take home, there is a bookshelf in the foyer where the children are able to swap books.



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FLOURISHING FUTURES

Football

This week, we were lucky enough to host two football matches for our boy's Year 3 & 4 teams. Both teams hosted Torre Academy and played some fantastic football. One of the teams were playing their first match for the school and played some phenomenal football, coming away with just a narrow defeat. Amazing effort from the team! Our usual team put up a wonderful performance and secured a late winner to put them through to the next round of the cup. Congratulations and good luck to the boys.



AIM Group qualifications

Have you ever wanted to be a teaching assistant?

You may have previous seen that we are currently being supported by The AIM Group to offer free and fully funded training

This opens a fantastic opportunity to pursue a career in becoming a 'teaching assistant' within our school

They have a national diploma level three (Double A Level Award) which is completely free to access and will allow you to learn and develop in the day-to-day role of a teaching/learning support assistant

All that is required from you to achieve this qualification, is to complete 4-6 hours a week volunteering in the school which all goes towards your final grading

Online learning would mean taking somewhere around 6-7 hours a week to complete the modules, which are spread over a full 12 months (all with dedicated tutor support)

if you are interested, please contact Chris Greenfield on **0203 900 3091 ext 213** or email your name and contact number to christopher.greenfield@theaimgroup.co.uk **limited funding is available** so please apply sooner rather than later if at all interested in finding out more.

Covid update

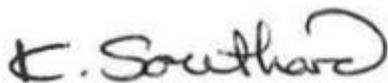
From April 1st, the Government has announced that we are now living with COVID and there has been a change in the guidance they have given schools. COVID will now be treated the same as any other respiratory illness and any positive cases will be coded as an illness for attendance purposes. There is no longer a requirement for schools to provide remote education and no requirement for anyone to test. If any member of staff or child does have a positive test they will need to be away from school for 5 days if they are an adult and 3 days if it is a child. There is no longer a need to test to release. If your child has symptoms of a respiratory illness, a high temperature or is unwell we would still encourage you to keep them at home. Should there be any time where there are more than the normal amounts of cases, we would inform parents and baseline measures will be put in place.

Finally, we are very much looking forward to the Summer Term when we are hoping to have more opportunities for parents to come into school. Our teachers are working hard to ensure that every year group participates in a trip outside of the school which will be the first time in two years for most of our children. It promises to be an exciting term.



I hope you all have a wonderful, relaxing Easter break and look forward to seeing you on Monday 25th April.

Best wishes,



Mrs K Southard
Head of Academy