



"Room to Grow"

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The News

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DIARY

Friday 7th April

Last Day of Spring term

Sunday 23rd April

Duck race at Shide 1.30pm
for 2pm start

Monday 24th April

First day of Summer term

Wednesday 26th April

Library Bus at Arreton
Barns 2.30pm-3.30pm

Thursday 27th April

Elmer Class trip to
Bridlesford Lodge Farm
9.30am-12pm

Aslan Class swimming

Friday 28th April

3x pupils at Inter Schools
Show Jumping competition

Monday 1st May

Bank holiday, school closed.

On Monday 3 of our pupils; Nicholas, John and Elizabeth entered the Inter Schools Dressage Competition. John in Gandalf Class, our only pupil in the unled category, came 6th out of 17 riding Chevy. Nicholas in Paddington Class and Elizabeth in Gruffalo Class both entered the led category. Nicholas was due to ride his horse Smokey, but unfortunately as Elizabeth told me, 'Nicholas rode his horse, it bucked him off and he landed on his head' the day before the competition. So he and Elizabeth both rode her horse Little Al. Out of 10 in the led category John was 5th and Elizabeth 1st. Phoebe from Binstead Primary also joined our team riding Thistle Downen Hope and Glory. Their overall combined score meant they came 1st in the competition!



GARDEN HELP WANTED

On Wednesday 12th April parent volunteers will be coming into school 10am-4pm to help improve our school grounds. They will be clearing the current forest school area and putting in new flower beds to be planted by each class. If you are able to help in any way, even for an hour, then please join us on the day.

Headlice

We have had reports of headlice so please ensure you check you child's hair over the Easter break and treat if necessary.

Cake Sale

The house captains organised a cake sale on Friday after school at the collection shelter. Many thanks to staff and parents who donated cakes. We raised a fantastic £79 for Layla's Trust, an Isle of Wight charity that helps bereaved families and those who care for children with life limiting conditions and terminal illnesses.



Year 5 Performances

A huge 'Well Done' to Potter Class on two exceptional performances on Wednesday.

The classical poem, 'Lochinvar' by Sir Walter Scott was recited by the whole class without a script. The class have been looking at the poem for just over a week and made a superb job of memorising it and knowing all aspects of the story.



The Tempest, a famous Shakespearean play, acted out with some expert comedy timing, props and actions. The whole class were superb and their performances were confident and energetic, a massive thank you to Mrs McInnes for all her hard work in drama lessons over the term. Also well done to Mr Fleming, Mrs Merritt, Mrs Smith and Miss Moseley for all their hard work behind the scenes. Thank you also for all the parents, friends and family that joined us to watch the performances. Your support, as always, was greatly appreciated.

Easter Services

On Monday 3rd April, Years 1 and 2 led Arreton's two Easter Services at the local church. There was an exciting start to the service with children waving palm leaves and shouting Hosanna as they entered the church (which represented Palm Sunday and the crowds celebrating as Jesus entered Jerusalem). The Easter story continued with some children narrating while others shared the many creative things they had made linked to theme of new life. A huge THANK YOU to the children and staff for leading the service and Reverend Janice for supporting the children with their understanding of the Easter Story and her contributions to the service.

A message from Arreton PTA



We are very excited to be holding our first duck race over the Easter holidays. If you didn't manage to get in to the office to buy your numbers don't worry, they will be available to buy on the day. We look forward to seeing you there! (Duck Race - 1.30pm for 2pm start on Sunday 23rd April at the cycle path near Shide carpark).

The Easter Quest has been sent home with your child today. If you haven't yet paid and would like to receive your children's certificates and mini-prizes, as well as being in with a chance to win the grand prize, please return your completed form and entry fee of £2.50 per family to the school office by 28th April.

Congratulations to Rhian Fairweather who was last Saturday's winner of our School Lottery! If you haven't signed up yet, please visit: www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/arreton-c-of-e-primary-school to join.

If over the Easter holidays you're having a bit of a sort out, please keep in mind our 'Recycle With Michael' recycling bin for clothes and shoes which is next to the pick up shelter. Thank you!

Wishing you a wonderful Easter holiday,

Arreton PTA

Sports News

In Summer term we will be offering cricket after school club at Arreton Cricket Club for Key Stage 2 pupils. Please see the letter sent home today for further details.

The football match against Broadlea that was due to be on Friday 28th April has been changed to Tuesday 2nd May so as not to clash with the new after school cricket club.

Parent Governor

The applications for the Parent Governor vacancy has now closed. We have had more than one application so there will be an election after the Easter break.

New Menu

Please remember that the new menu starts when we return after Easter. Each child has been given a new menu and it will also be available to download on the school website.

Easter Events

Free Bikeability Cycle Training Course

Venue: Shanklin Fire Station

Dates: Monday 10th - Thursday 14th April incl.

Time: 13:30pm-15:30pm

Open to young riders aged 10 years & over.

Cycle training courses provides 8 hours of training covering on-road cycling

If you are interested contact IWFRS Community Safety Team on (01983) 823399

email: fire.communitysafety@iow.gov.uk

Newport Roman Villa Clay Day - Make a box-flue tile pencil holder to take home. Wednesday 19th April 11am-3pm. £1 entry. No need to book.

Easter Sunday Egg Hunt

Sunday 16th April 9.30am-12noon.

Face painting, egg painting and meet the Easter Bunny! £3.50 entry- all profits to Beaulieu House Respite Centre

Arreton St. George's Church

Sunday 9th April 11.15am- Palm Sunday service

Sunday 16th April 11.15am Easter Day Holy Communion

Arreton Methodist Church Events

Free Kids Easter Crafts- Saturday 8th April 2pm-4pm.

A chance to make some Easter crafts including food crafts, Easter bonnets, Easter baskets and much more.

Easter Services- Sunday 9th April Palm Sunday 10.30am-11.30am. Sunday 16th April Easter Sunday 10.30am-11.30am. Both services will be family friendly with activities for the children during the service & Sunday School.

Safeguarding

Each child has been given an e-safety information sheet for parents and carers this week, please ensure you read it over the Easter break.

The Isle of Wight Safeguarding Board website contains lots of useful information to help keep children safe, including who to speak to if you are worried about a child. There are also a range of free courses relating to children: www.iowscb.org.uk/

Attendance:

- Last week children were late for a total of 127 minutes.
- Well done to Paddington Class last week for having 100% attendance!