

# CANFORD HEATH JUNIOR SCHOOL

## EASTER NEWSLETTER



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## Easter message from the CEO/Executive Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the end of our Spring Term, I wanted to express my huge thanks and gratitude to you, our wonderful parents and carers, for your continued support. What a delight it is to return to some semblance of normality due to the lifting of government restrictions. After two years of living and working with Covid, it is a pleasure to now be able to welcome you, our parents and carers, back into our wonderful schools. We do hope that you have enjoyed watching our school concerts as much as our children and staff have enjoyed performing them. To see the children, singing and performing, alongside their friends, and gaining confidence, is something that we have all looked forward to for a very long time. We know that Covid is still here and we continue to mitigate it in all the ways we can, but we have really enjoyed edging ever-closer to normal school-life.

Our Easter Treats day is always a fun filled day, but this year it was 'eggstra' special, with the creation of egg scenes and our Easter bonnet parade. Thank you to all of you who supported us, through helping with the creation of the superb Easter bonnets or for cheering as we proudly paraded around the school. It is extremely humbling and heart-warming and we are all so proud to be part of the Canford Heath Community.

On Friday 1st April our children marched to Adastral Square as part of our UNICEF Rights Respecting march. What a privilege it was to see the children passionately delivering their 'Rights Respecting' messages, carrying their banners and chanting their rights. What an achievement it is that TEACH Trust are the only Trust who have been awarded Gold Rights Respecting status from UNICEF for all their schools, something that we are extremely proud of.

Thank you once again for your support, encouragement and for us allowing us to inspire your wonderful children. As we approach the Easter holidays, I wish you all a restful break with your family.

With all my best wishes for a 'Hoppy' Easter,

*Kate Carter*

Mrs Kate Carter  
CEO/Executive Head Teacher



## Easter message from the Head of School

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the Easter break, it has certainly been a very busy term for all the staff and children and we look forward to this chance to relax and re-energise! Despite the many challenges that we continue to be faced with, one thing constantly shines through and that is your children. From the moment that I see them come through the gate, from wandering around the school and popping into lessons and saying goodbye at the end of the day, they always manage to put a smile on my face and brighten the day in a way that only children can.



As always, the term has been packed with learning and all sorts of opportunities to bring learning to life. Year 3 have immersed themselves in all things Roman from looking at armour and training like a Roman soldier to designing and making their own Roman catapults. Year 4 have learnt survival skills and could give Bear Grylls a run for his money. If you ever find yourselves lost in the wilderness, Year 4 are the experts! Recently, Year 5 have been putting their sewing skills to the test making pencil cases so if you need something sewing, they are becoming masters of the running stitch! Year 6 continued with their WW2 topic and had a fabulous day of drama learning all about the evacuation of children and had the chance to explore so many fantastic real-life artefacts.

The Year 6 SATs have not taken place over the last couple of years due to the pandemic but will be taking place for our current Year 6 after the Easter break. I would just like to say a big well done to all the children in Year 6 for their attitude and effort and how they are constantly striving to produce their best. I know that they will do themselves proud. It is certainly important to ensure that they have a good break and a rest to recharge the batteries but it is also essential that they continue with a little bit of work to ensure they are committing information to their long-term memory. All the children have their study guides and I would ask the children to ensure they make good use of these over the Easter holiday to keep the brain ticking over.

As we move into the summer term, children can now start to wear the summer uniform. I would however like to remind you of the uniform policy for the school, which can be found on the website, especially in regards to the children's footwear. Over the past few weeks, a number of children have been wearing trainers and there are also girls who have started wearing boots. These styles of footwear are not acceptable at school. When we start back after Easter I will be looking very closely at the children's footwear and will be in touch if the problem persists.

I hope that over the holidays the weather is favourable and we are able to enjoy some pleasant spring sunshine. As always, I hope you and you are able to enjoy some quality time together with family and friends and may be even enjoy the odd little sweet treat! I very much look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April for a fantastic summer term.

With very best wishes,



Mr Mark Wilson  
Head of School



# Easter message from the Chair of the TEACH Trust



Dear Parents and Carers,

In this newsletter, I wanted to take this opportunity to share with you the work of Trustees at TEACH.

Some of you may already know that Trustees are responsible for governing a charitable company (like the TEACH Trust) and directing how it is managed and run. Trustees must also ensure that the trust complies with all legal and statutory requirements. Trustees should seek the advice of the board's governance professional and other professional advice as appropriate.

At TEACH, Trustees work together to carry out their core functions which are; ensuring there is clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction, holding executive leaders to account for the educational performance of the organisation and its pupils and the performance management of staff and overseeing the financial performance of the organisation and making sure its money is well spent

Since the start of the academic year, Trustees have regularly met to carry out their core functions in a range of different meetings always with the clear vision of 'Children First.' This year, Trustees have worked with the CEO to produce a Trust Strategic Plan 2021 -2024 which will ensure that the Trust has a clear plan for the next 3 years. There are seven areas in our three-year plan broken down into smaller focus areas. These focus areas will be driven by the CEO and monitored and scrutinised by Trustees.

With Trustees and the Executive Team at TEACH working closely together, we always endeavour to put the needs of your children first and provide them with every opportunity we can.

We are committed to this.

Have a very happy Easter break with your family and friends.

Warmest Wishes

Emma Hall



## World Book Day and Red Nose Day

We had a fantastic time dressing up as our favourite book characters for World Book Day! We decorated doors, played book bingo and shared our love of reading with each other.

There were plenty of silly outfits on Red Nose Day as well!



## Roman Around

We learned so much about the Romans during our history topic this term. We had some visitors in school who showed us lots of interesting artefacts and we all dressed up as Roman citizens.



## Lulworth Cove Trip

To start off our Rockin' and Rollin' topic, we went on a fantastic trip to Lulworth Cove where we learned all about fossils and the local environment. We even found a few fossils to bring home!



## Catapults

During DT, we planned and made our very own working catapults. The test firing was very successful!



# Year 4

In science, Year 4 have been learning about solids, liquids and gases and we were able to use microscopes to help us learn about the air quality around us. We love bringing our learning to life!



In Year 4, we had a great time on our boat trip around Poole Harbour. Everyone learnt so much about the birds that live there and we were lucky enough that we even saw a seal!

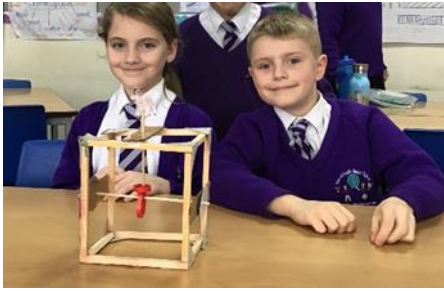


As well as our amazing boat trip, we got the chance to brush up on our survival skills before we learnt all about Shackleton's expedition. We think he had a tough job!

We have been reading a real classic this half term - *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*. We've enjoyed it so much!



# Year 5



This half term, Year 5 have been let loose with handsaws and hand drills. They learnt how to use each tool safely to create a moving cam toy.



As part of our Sewing Bee topic, the children evaluated the effectiveness of a range of pouches before designing and making their own. This involved: mastering the running stitch; pinning a hem and zip and sewing a hem and zip to ensure their pouch was effective.



The Year 5 staff would like to say how impressed we were with the time and effort which you have put into the home learning projects and non-school uniform days. Thank you for your continued support, we really do love seeing all your hard work.



# Year 6

Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed making their promotional videos in Computing!



Cooking with WW2 rations was tasty!



Perfecting the art of Chair drumming in music



We had a visit from the Space Dome and learnt more about Darwin's Theory of Evolution.

# Safeguarding and Well-being at Canford Heath Infant School

*How quickly this term has gone and what a busy one it has been!*

*It is lovely to see how the children have settled into the school year and continue to grow into happy and confident learners.*

*The children have enjoyed a variety of events this term and it was amazing to see all the different costumes for World Book Day.*

*Just a reminder that Pastoral Care can offer a variety of support to you and your children. Sometimes things can happen within the family such as parents separating, bereavement, or you may need support with your child's behaviour at home, informing school of any issues helps us to emotionally support your child whilst in school. We can also discuss your concerns with outside professionals such as the school nurse or family support workers.*

*We have a variety of interventions in school to support your children's emotional and mental wellbeing either 1:1 or in a group. Please get in touch if you would like further information.*

*If you are struggling financially, we can issue Poole Food Bank Vouchers, please let me know if you would like one of these. I would also like to take the opportunity to remind you the [Holiday Activities and Food \(HAF\) programme](#) which offers free holiday club places to children and young people eligible for free school meals over the Easter school holidays. This is offered as part of the government's programme being delivered across all local authorities in the country during the Easter, Summer, and Christmas holidays in 2022. To find out more about HAF 2022 providers in your local area, contact your local council or visit their website for further details.*

*Please can we remind all parents and carers who drive to school, to be mindful when parking, and to not block driveways. We have received complaints from residents in this regard, and would ask you all to be respectful of our neighbours.*

*You can contact Pastoral Care either by telephone on 01202 676393 ext: 306 or by email [pastoral.chjs@teachpoole.com](mailto:pastoral.chjs@teachpoole.com) or you are very welcome to come into school and meet with me.*

*Have a wonderful Easter break with your family and I look forward to welcoming the children back for the Summer term.*

*Mrs Cobb  
Pastoral Care Worker*

## Summer School Uniform Reminder

Summer dress	Lilac and white striped or checked dress - knee length	
Jumper or school sweatshirt or school cardigan	Purple with logo	Other sweatshirts Hooded top Fleece Non regulation jumper/cardigan
Shorts	Black, grey or charcoal <u>tailored</u> shorts or culottes	Fashion shorts / lycra Football shorts
Shoes	Traditional black and low heeled <u>school shoes</u> Velcro, laces, buckle or slip on only	Trainers (even if black) Hi tops High heels, sling backs or open toed sandals Wedges Boots Logos
Polo shirt	White - no tie required if wearing a polo shirt.	Coloured polo shirt
Short sleeved shirt/blouse	White. If wearing the collared winter shirt, a tie <b>MUST</b> be worn.	



Summer Term 2022 Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April – Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	
25/4/22	Year 4 Egyptian Hook Day
26/4/22	Year 5 Greek Hook Day
2/5/22	May Bank Holiday
9/5/22 - 12/5/22	Year 6 SAT tests
18/5/22 - 20/5/22	Year 6 residential to Osmington Bay
18/5/22	Year 3 Explore the Orchestra with the BSO
23/5/22	Year 3 and 4 PATCH disco
26/5/22	Year 5 and 6 PATCH disco
27/5/22	Queen's Jubilee Street Party
6/6/22	Additional Bank Holiday for the Queen's Jubilee
8/6/22	Year 5 Come Dine with me hook day
13/6/22 - 17/6/22	Year 4 multiplication tables check
17/6/22	Year 5 and 6 sports day
22/6/22	Year 3 and 4 sports day
23/6/22	Aspirations day
24/6/22	Year 4 Wessex Water visit
6/7/22	Year 6 production 6:00pm
7/7/22	Year 6 production 1:30pm
11/7/22	4A and 4G visit to Hengistbury Head
12/7/22	4T and 4R visit to Hengistbury Head
20/7/22	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 1:30pm
21/7/22	Year 6 Leavers Disco



Currently a number of our children have been working with a lady called Kate Salter on monitoring and improving the air quality around our school. Please see a message from Kate below;

Hi, my name is Kate and I'm excited to be at Canford Heath Junior School, one of a handful of schools selected, to run an exciting Sustrans/BCP Council project on Air Quality.



I've been working with Year 4 educating them about air pollution at the Canford Heath schools. In the next couple of months, we'll share our discoveries with you, so that together we can transform your school run to make the quality of the air your child breathes in, at school, better. Unicef have produced a report entitled 'The toxic school run' which describes the dangers that air pollution on the journey to/from school poses to children's health and highlights the need for our project.

Please look out for the 'Air Quality Adventurers' activities that will be sent home for all pupils (and their families) to get involved in. There will be some prize draws for everyone who participates. In the meantime, one of the easiest ways you can contribute to improving the air quality at the Canford Heath schools, is to walk or cycle or scoot to school. As a mum of young children, I fully understand the challenges of this, but little changes could make a big difference, so even one journey now and then will help. If you do drive, parking a few minutes walk away (if you're able to) and turning off your engine when stopped, will make the air cleaner.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact me via the school office.

I look forward to working with you and your children.

Kate

