



## CANFORD HEATH JUNIOR SCHOOL

### EASTER NEWSLETTER

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## Easter message from the Chief Executive Officer



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are all familiar with the saying, 'time flies when you are having fun,' and how true that is as another Easter holiday approaches, I am amazed at how quickly the school year is going. One minute we are in the depths of cold winter days and the next, the daffodils have popped up and reminded us that spring has sprung and we are looking forward to the summer term. I am enormously proud of how hard your children have been working across the year groups. This term, like every term, has been incredibly productive as you will see from the exciting photos shared in the newsletter by the different year groups and all the posts on our fabulous social media pages and of course, our school websites.

Our staff have continued to work so exceptionally hard with your children to ensure they are achieving their full potential. As a Trust, our mission is to promote a love of learning and it is always our aspiration for all your wonderful children to achieve their very best.

For the first time in five years, this term, we have received an Ofsted inspection in one of our schools. We are incredibly proud of the children and our staff who rallied together to show the inspectors why our children love coming to school every day.

We have been really impressed with how popular our second-hand uniform shops are. If your child does need an item of school clothing, please do visit the school office. You will not only be supporting the school, but also ensuring that we are re-cycling and re-using these items of clothing. We have lots of pre-loved clothes available in lots of different sizes. We will ensure that all funds raised will be put back into the school and spent on your children.

This term, our Trustees have enjoyed visiting our schools either through learning walks or by attending our parent consultation evenings. They have spoken to the children, parents and staff and commented that being in school is one of their favourite parts of their governance role. They love seeing the schools in action and meeting your wonderful children.

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 loved ones.

With all my best wishes for a 'Happy' Easter.

*Kate Carter*  
Mrs Kate Carter  
Chief Executive Officer



# Easter message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and 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! It goes without saying, that your children have been, and continue to be, an absolute pleasure every single day; they always manage to put a smile on my face and brighten the day in a way that only children can and with the many jokes bombarding me around Comic Relief, they have certainly made me laugh! It was also lovely to see all the children enjoying Easter treats day and I would like to say a huge thank you to PATCH for providing all of the prizes for this.



This term has seen another term of jam-packed learning in all the year groups. In Year 3, the children studied the Romans for their Roman Around topic. They developed their historical enquiry skills through learning about how the Romans impacted Britain, and enjoyed an immersive hook day which involved lots of role play. They also made a working model catapult, putting their wood-working skills to good use. They had good fun testing them out at the end of half term! After half term, Year 3 began their Rocking and Rolling topic, which included a trip to Lulworth Cove to look at rock formations and hunt for fossils. The children learned about different rocks and how volcanoes form.

In Year 4, the children have been learning about Brownsea Island, which culminated in an amazing boat trip around Poole harbour learning about Poole and how it has changed over time. The children put their design and technology skills to the test what they designed and made bug hotels using wood and recycled plastic bottles. Year 4 have continued to work hard on their times tables fluency and have begun to learn about fractions and decimals. They have written wonderful recounts all about their Survival Day, which linked with their learning all about Ernest Shackleton's expedition.

In Year 5, the children have been learning about mountains. They know there are different types of mountains, each formed differently; that all mountains have features but these differ between each mountain and the pros and cons of tourism in mountain areas and have even written to me about a possible school trip to the mountains! The topic ended with a fantastic trip to Project Climb to experience bouldering which is a type of climbing that can be done in the mountains.

Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed their World War two topic where they dressed up as evacuees and spent the day in role learning what it was like to be a child in WW2. They have also cooked with rations and sampled the 'delicious' corned beef hash. They have worked on a brand-new art topic - sculpture, where the children created sculptures with chicken wire and papier mâché in the style of artist Isamu Noguchi. In PE, the children have been learning 'sports acro' where they perform balances in pairs. The balances were very impressive, with children standing on one-another!

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 are all 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 17th April for a fantastic summer term.

With very best wishes,

M. Wilson

Mr Mark Wilson  
Headteacher





## Easter message from the Pastoral Care Team (TEACH)

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the Easter holiday approaches, it has been lovely to see how the children have 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 and the children enthusiastically taking part in Easter Treats Day.

Please remember Pastoral Care can offer a variety of support to you and your children. Sometimes things can happen at home which require additional help and advice. Informing Pastoral Care of any concerns helps us emotionally support your child whilst in school. We can also share your concerns with outside professionals such as the school nurse, family support workers or signpost you to helpful information and organisations.

We have a variety of interventions in school to support your children's emotional and mental wellbeing and depending on your child's needs this can be either 1:1 or in a group. Please get in touch if you feel this would be beneficial.

If you are struggling financially, we can issue Poole Food Bank Vouchers, please let me know if you would like one of these.

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 us.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful Easter break and we look forward to welcoming the children back for the Summer term.

Best Wishes

The Pastoral Team





## Year 3



The children have practised their art skills with water colours, and created some beautiful landscape pictures of our Jurassic Coast.



We have put our woodwork skills to the test this term! The children worked hard to measure and cut pieces of wood accurately to build a working miniature catapult. It was great fun to see them in action!



Half of Year 3 visited Lulworth Cove as part of our Rocking and Rolling trip. They had great fun observing the coastline and hunting for fossils. We can't wait to take the other classes after Easter!

In our dance lessons, we choreographed our own volcano dances. We had fun performing them in groups to the rest of the class.



## Year 4



In science, Year 4 have been learning about solids, liquids and gases and we were able to turn a solid into a liquid in our own hands when we explored



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 some of us even saw a seal!



We have been reading a real classic this half term - *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*. We've enjoyed it so much! Plus, we enjoyed our World Book Day too!

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!





Wow! What a fantastic half term we have had! As part of our Marvellous mountain topic, year five were lucky enough to visit The Project climbing centre. They overcame fears; showed determination and resilience and experienced first-hand why mountain tourism is popular.



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 zip and sewing a seam and zip to ensure their pouch was effective and durable.



uniform days.

Thank you for your continued support, we really do love seeing all your hard work.



## Year 6

New teachers  
arrived on World  
Book Day!



Dynamic balancing



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



Cooking with WW2  
rations was tasty! We  
are all experts at  
corned beef hash!

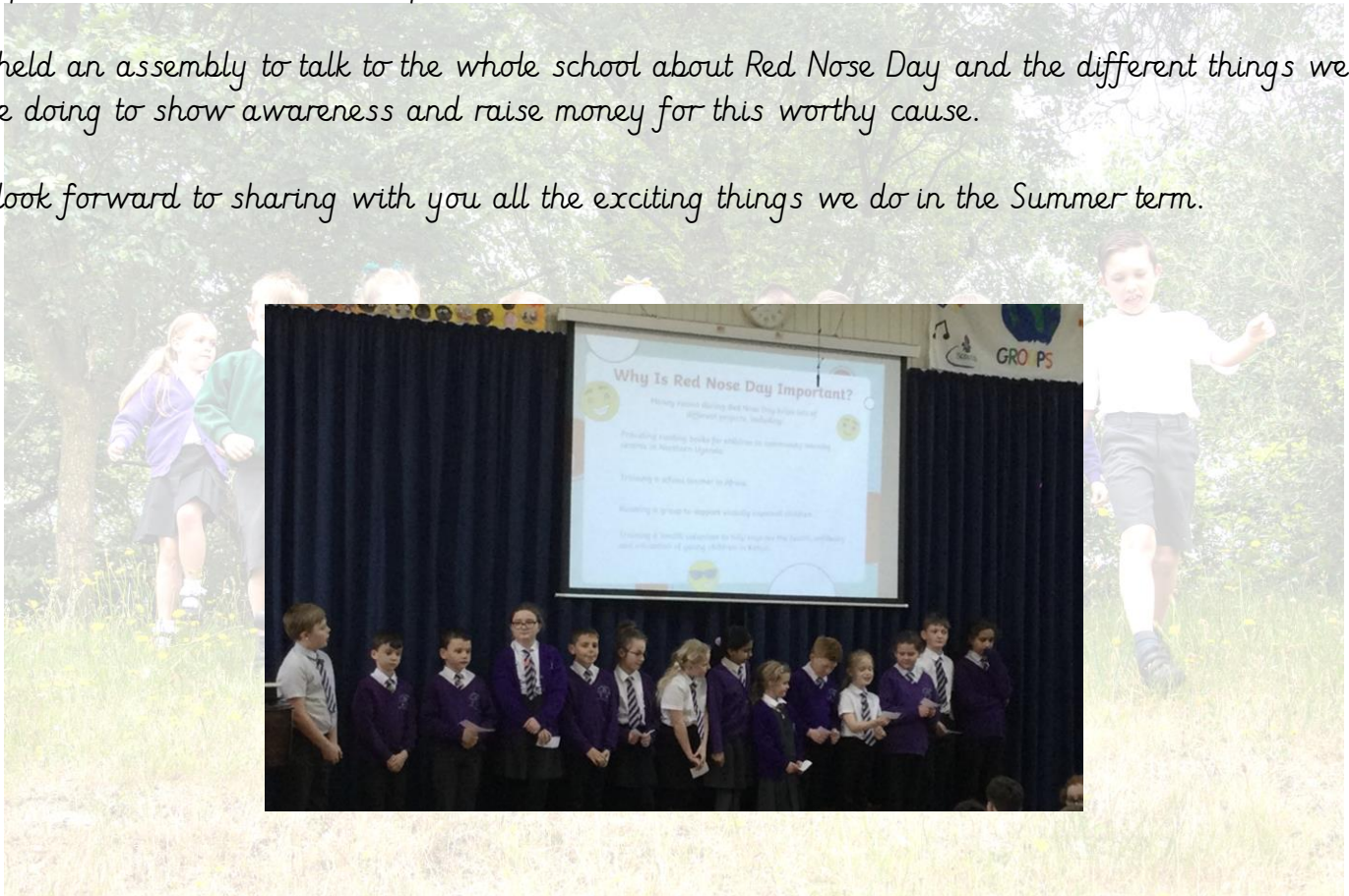


This term, the School Council has been meeting weekly to discuss different agendas. We have created a new class survey which allows pupils to comment on the planning and engagement of their foundation subjects.

We have also implemented some changes around the school including; Friday tidying, plants outside the front of the school (with help from the Eco-warriors), time for each class outside by the fish pond (when the weather improves).

We held an assembly to talk to the whole school about Red Nose Day and the different things we were doing to show awareness and raise money for this worthy cause.

We look forward to sharing with you all the exciting things we do in the Summer term.



The Rights Respecting Steering Group are on a mission to make sure all children know their rights. We meet regularly to discuss how we can ensure our school maintains its gold standard award. At the moment we are focusing on the ABCDE of Rights and we had the pleasure of holding an assembly to remind everybody what these rights are.



**A**  
Rights are for  
ALL children.  
**UNIVERSAL**

**B**  
Rights are there  
at BIRTH.  
**INHERENT**

**C**  
Rights CANNOT  
be taken away.  
**INALIENABLE**

**D**  
Rights DO NOT  
have to be earnt.  
**UNCONDITIONAL**

**E**  
All rights are  
EQUALLY important.  
**INDIVISIBLE**

The Eco Warriors have worked incredibly hard this term so far, raising our ECO SCHOOLS flag award. Despite the wind and rain, we have started our very own garden, planting a variety of plants with fruits and vegetables to come in the summer term. We have also been spending time removing the plastic litter that has made its way on to the school grounds, making it a cleaner and better place for everyone.





# Whole School Diary Dates

Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	3L trip to Lulworth Cove
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 4 Ancient Egyptian Hook Day
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Senior Citizen Afternoon Tea
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 5 Past Presents Workshop
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Bank Holiday
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday – King's Coronation
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs Tests
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs Party
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	3M trip to Lulworth Cove
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 3 trip to the Lighthouse to watch the BSO
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Residential Information Evening
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Aspirations Day
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	New Year 3 Parents' Welcome Evening
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Fraser Portraits Year 6 Friendship photos
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 and 6 Sports Day
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Year 3 and 4 Sports Day
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> – Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Year 6 Residential to Osmington Bay
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Year 4 Wessex Water Visit
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Non-uniform day in return for items for the summer fair
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Transfer Day
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Summer Fair
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	4T and 4W trip to Hengistbury Head
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	4G and 4Y trip to Hengistbury Head
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	TEACH Trust summer concert
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Leavers Performance
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers' Disco
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Happy's Circus
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Last day of term



# Pupil Premium

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The Educational Alliance  
of Canford Heath

## Funding to support your

### Did you know?

Schools can claim extra money for some children.

This money can make a real difference. It helps us give your child the best support we possibly can.

### Benefits for you:

- Free school milk
- Free school meals
- Help with the cost of the Year 6 residential trip
- Free music tuition (1 instrument per year)
- All eligible pupils will receive £50.00 on their School Gateway Online Account to use towards the cost of a school jumper or cardigan, school tie, book bag, clubs and trips.

**If you think your child may be eligible, please complete the form in your child's admission pack, or ask at the school office.**

