



# Aiskew, Leeming Bar Church of England Primary School

## NEWSLETTER

April 16th  
2021

*Rooted in love and growing together to become lifelong learners!*

### Welcome Back

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back into school this week - we hope you all had a good Easter break. The sunny days certainly make it feel like we are moving towards better times! The grown ups in school have been very pleased with children's attitudes to learning this week - it's great to see children with such positive attitudes and so eager to learn.

### New Pupil

Acorn Class have welcomed a new member to the class this week - Sofia has joined us. I know children in Acorn Class have really tried hard to help her settle.

### Refiring

It is with sadness that I have to inform you that Mrs McKnight has decided to retire at the end of this term. She has worked tirelessly to improve outcomes for pupils in the 3 years she has worked here and we are extremely grateful for everything she has contributed to the school. We are currently advertising to find a replacement for her - she will be a very hard act to follow! Although we are sad to lose her, we know she has got lots of exciting plans for her retirement so wish her all the best. Let's see if we can make her last term working in the classroom amazing!

### Reading Scheme

As you are probably aware, our younger pupils are taught to read and spell through a fantastic scheme called Read, Write, Inc. On Monday, all the staff were trained to use the resource so that Mr Hodgson can reinforce phonics whilst he's teaching PE to Acorn Class and the adults in Oak Class can continue to build on pupils' phonic knowledge even though they are in Key Stage 2. The scheme of work has been refined in the last few months so Mrs Watson and Mrs Degnan were able to get their 'refresher' training. We are all up to date now and are looking forward to implementing some new ideas into our phonics teaching.

### New Signage

You may have noticed all our new signage - it has been a long time arriving due to Covid restrictions but we are pleased to have it all installed. We hope you like it!

### Our new learning for the next few weeks looks like this:

#### Oak Class

- We are continuing with our picture book that we started just before the holiday - the children still have not been told the title.....
- In PSHE, we are learning about the dangers of smoking and completing a unit called 'Looking out for others'.
- In RE, we are learning through our newly adopted scheme of work, Understanding Christianity. We are exploring the title 'Incarnation - what is the Trinity'?
- Mrs Field will be starting our eagerly awaited art unit of learning which includes developing sketching skills by creating different textures; being able to draw with 1 point perspective; learning to draw 3-D shapes; painting using a limited colour palette; and learning about how colours are used on the colour wheel.
- In Science this term, Oak class will be finding out about living things and their habitats. Their new topic is called Circle of Life. We will start by looking at the life of plants. We will be doing some tag rugby in PE on the weeks when we aren't swimming. Our ICT learning will continue from where we got to last term on our topic using Purple Mash Logo.

#### Acorn Class

- We have all come back after Easter ready to learn and we are feeling really proud of everyone's super attitude. Today, was quite exciting in class because we received a letter from a little girl. Inside was a message for us and a book that she is in. It is called, 'The Magic Finger' by Roald Dahl. This will be the focus of English learning for Year 1 & 2 though Reception will be listening to parts of the story too. Reception are continuing to work at their own level using Read Write Inc. Mrs Watson and Mrs Degnan have been particularly impressed with their independent writing when describing what they did during the Easter holidays!
- We are currently looking at a new artist to inspire us. He is called Paul Klee and he specialised in abstract art. We have tried to use his style to create a city-scape using oil pastels and are going to investigate some of his other work using printing techniques next week.
- In Maths, Y2 are learning about fractions while Y1 are learning about multiplication and division. Meanwhile Reception are investigating numbers to 20 and beyond.
- In Science, we will be looking at plants and we will be starting to grow things in our new vegetable garden.

### Big Pedal

Big Pedal starts on Monday and runs for 2 weeks. If children or grown-ups bike, scoot, skate or walk to school, we will keep a record of everyone who does and enter the data on Sustrans's website [Sustrans Big Pedal 2021](https://www.sustrans.org.uk/big-pedal) to show how much exercise we are doing and how we are helping to keep our planet clean (and you never know, we might even win some prizes)!

### Change to Timetable

Next week, Acorn Class are swapping their PE day. Children in this class need to wear their PE kits on Thursday instead please.

### Masks for Swimming

Please note that all Oak Class pupils and staff must wear masks when they are on the coach for swimming lessons.

## Summer Term

A restricted diary is currently in place due to Covid-19

### April

Friday 23rd April	9.00 – 10.45am	Oak Class swimming lessons start (11 weeks)
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Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	At some point	Daily Mile Day
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### May

Thursday 27th	9.00 – 5.00pm	Oak Class visit to Carlton Lodge
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Friday 28th	9.00 – 5.00pm	Oak Class visit to Carlton Lodge
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If you would like a hard copy of this newsletter sent home please contact Mrs Bentley in the school office.

This week's  
**Learning Heroes**  
are **Sophie, Jasmyn, Charlie**  
and **Dominic**

PE Player of  
the Week  
is... **Sofia D.**



### Pupil of the Week Certificates

Our Pupils of the Week are:  
**Joe, Maison and Sofia D.**

**The Spelling Shed**  
CHAMPION this week is  
**Emma**

**Silver Maths Certificates**  
Congratulations to  
**Aiden**

**Bronze Maths Certificates**  
Congratulations to  
**Aiden x 3**

### Writers of the Week

Congratulations  
**Katie and Jacqui**  
for your writing this week

### Handwriter of the Week

Congratulations to  
**Dean**

### Mathematicians

of the week are  
**Tom and Kaci**