

Visit to St Nicholas Church

Last week our Year 5 and 6 children had the opportunity to visit St Nicholas Church as part of their Easter RE Unit. The children participated in 'stations of the cross', completing an activity for each key event in Holy Week. This included washing each other's hands and feet, talking about the importance of the last supper, making feeling pebbles in a mini garden within the church and decorating crosses. At the end they came together to talk about the resurrection and shared chocolate eggs remembering the symbolism around gifting them at Easter.



EYFS & Key Stage 1 Easter Service



On Tuesday this week, our plans for Years R, 1 and 2 to visit the church were thwarted by the wet weather but we held a lovely Easter service in the hall instead. Reverend Jill led the worship and the children from each class contributed to proceedings. Watervole, Bumblebee and Dragonfly classes sang songs, Squirrel class performed some drama and Butterfly class said a prayer. Reverend Jill and Messy Church leader, Mrs Sue Pittam, told a Ukrainian story about the origins of the Easter egg. The children then came together sing one of their favourite Easter songs, "Lord I Lift Your Name On High". Thank you to the family members who were able to join us and to St. Nicholas Church for their donation of palm crosses for all the children and staff in the school and pre-school. Reverend Jill emailed us afterwards to say, 'I found all the class worship parts wonderful - joyful singing, moving drama, lovely prayers. And the hymn at the end with all the actions! Wow!'



Sports for Schools



Last week we welcomed Luke Delahunty, for our 'Sports for Schools' event. Luke gave an inspirational talk about his life and his passion for sport. The children also took part in some fitness circuits led by Luke. Thank you to those of you who pledged sponsorship for your child – we have raised over £1,400! This will enable us to buy some more fantastic equipment for our PE activities in school.



Be a 'Gamechanger'

This year Portsmouth Diocese has encouraged all of its church schools to be involved in their 'Gamechangers' project. The project celebrates individuals and groups who are Gamechangers with the aim of enthusing and inspiring individual pupils and staff; schools and governing bodies. Knowing that together we can achieve lots and be Gamechangers is a demonstration of us living out in reality our commitment to 'Serve the Common Good' and to be 'Courageous Advocates' - at home and abroad.



Next term, our school worships will explore what it is to be a Gamechanger through the lenses of Gamechangers in history, art, social entrepreneurship, music and sport. Please engage with the children as we invite and challenge them to develop or discover their Game-changing place in the world where they can have influence and opportunity.

Summer 1 Worship themes:

Week 1 - What is a Gamechanger?

Week 2 - How was Jesus a Gamechanger?

Week 3 – Gamechangers of today

Week 4 – Biblical Gamechangers

Week 5 – Faith in Ourselves, and in God, to be Gamechangers

Week 6 – Making changes with kindness

Help required - Year 6 Leavers' Service Art project

Our school has been chosen by Portsmouth Diocese to create a life-sized sculpture of a standing human figure to be the centrepiece for an art installation for the diocesan Year 6 Leavers' Service at Portsmouth Cathedral later in the summer term. We have been given some scope to decide what this might look like and from which materials it will be made. If you have artistic talents, or know a local artist with time to spare, and would be interested in being involved in this exciting project alongside children from the school, please get in touch via the school office.

Young Governor Request



Do you love making loom band bracelets?

Are you fantastic at friendship bracelets?

We need you!



For our school May Fayre (details to follow) we would like to run a stall selling loom band and friendship bracelets to raise money for the school. Over the Easter break, why not make some bracelets for us to sell at the fayre? Young governors will collect these in after the Easter break. They must be in school by Friday 3rd May.

Staffing Update

We say farewell to two members of our team at the end of this term. Kayleigh Gamblin, Butterfly class team, leaves us as Mrs Johnstone returns from her maternity leave after Easter and Kat Elliott, our pre-school manager, leaves us to take up a role in her family business. We have been busy recruiting for a new pre-school manager and will be in a position to share further information after the Easter holidays. Both members of staff will be very much missed and we wish them all the best for the future.

Congratulations to Mrs McKinney who has recently been successful in her application to become a 'Leading Foundation Stage Practitioner' within the local authority. She will remain firmly as our early years leader and Year R class teacher but will also be doing some work supporting other settings across Hampshire, including hosting them here at Wickham and sharing exemplary practice. We are delighted that Mrs McKinney's knowledge and experience in the early years has been recognised, along with the strength of our early years provision in pre-school and Year R.

School Uniform

We would like to remind you of the current school uniform expectations in order that you can use the opportunity of the school holidays to ensure that your child has the correct uniform for the start of the summer term. In particular the importance of appropriate school shoes and that trainers are not to be worn in school.

Our uniform consists of:

- purple sweatshirt or cardigan with the school logo
- purple polo shirt, preferably with the school logo
- charcoal grey trousers, tailored shorts, skirts or pinafore dresses
- In the summer, a purple and white gingham tennis-style dress may be worn.
- black shoes with covered toes and black or grey socks

Please also be aware that we do have a school PE kit uniform. Every child needs a small drawstring bag to hang on their peg. This should contain:

- white T-shirt
- navy blue or black shorts
- trainers/plimsolls

Dates for the Diary

28 th March	INSET Day
1st-12 th April	Easter Holidays
16 th April – 5pm	Multiplication Event
18 th April	Stubbington Information Evening (current year 3)
20 th May	Class Photos
24 th June	INSET Day
23 rd July	Last Day of Term/Academic Year