

# The Blue Bulletin

21st April 2023

### Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school for a very busy Summer Term! Lots of children will be sitting statutory assessments this term. We support the children with this and make it a time for them to try their best but not worry unnecessarily. Your class teachers will send information via Dojo what and when it will be taking place. Please make sure your children are in school everyday to give them the best possible chance of success with this.

Best wishes, Mrs Applebee



## What's been happening in classes:

### Wrens

We have been investigating our chrysalis and learning about the life cycle of a butterfly. We are also looking at the classic text the Hungry Caterpillar.



### Ospreys

The children have been doing some learning about the Islamic faith this week. We have some real experts in the class and the children have showcased some great knowledge. They are looking forward to showing all of this in the class assembly on Tuesday!

### Ravens

The Year Fours have begun their Forest School sessions this week and showed great enthusiasm and curiosity during the session, well done!

### Red Kites

This week year 6 have worked very hard on their learning based on Electricity. Mrs W-H has been very impressed with the commitment from the children and the respect shown when using the electrical resources.

### Robins

We have been exploring making our own pebbles through clay to make Inusuks. We built our own through the use of

### SPARE SHOES

Please send your child with spare shoes next week if you can so that they can go on the field next week.

### Mr Smith is running the London Marathon

As many people are aware Mr Smith is running the London Marathon this weekend. We wish him the best of luck and look forward to trying to spot him on the TV! If you would like to donate to the wonderful 4Louis Charity that he is running in aid of, please follow the link below.

<https://4louis.enthuse.com/pf/jim-smith4lucas>



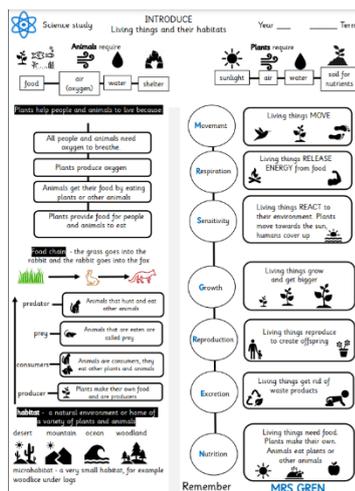
### Christian Distinctiveness

The children have been thinking about the different fruits that they are using when they are learning. The children are very good at identifying where they have shown patience or self-control to complete a learning activity. They are also able to say which parts have brought them joy because they have enjoyed it or are proud of their work. We would love for you to ask them about this at home.



## Wider Curriculum Subjects

We have spent a lot of time improving the curriculum over the last year and we are delighted to now be using some new resources for the following subjects: Science, History, Geography, Art & Design and Design and Technology. So that parents are more aware of what children are learning in school teachers will be sending home, via Class Dojo, the knowledge organisers that the children are using and they will be sending short tasks to support this learning. We really appreciate your engagement with this as this will form part of our revised homework policy which is due to be released later in the Summer term to start in the Autumn. We want to make homework as useful as possible in supporting the learning that's taking place in school. If you have any questions please send them through to your class teacher.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 1<sup>st</sup> May – Bank Holiday
- 2<sup>nd</sup> May – Parent Meeting Y6 Residential
- 5<sup>th</sup> May – Coronation Celebration Picnic
- 8<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday
- WB 9<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 SATs week
- 15<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 Residential
- 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Sports Day Afternoon
- 27<sup>th</sup> May-4<sup>th</sup> June – Half Term Holiday
- 7<sup>th</sup> June – Summer Fair – 3.30pm
- 10<sup>th</sup> July – Reports sent out
- 13<sup>th</sup> July- 27<sup>th</sup> August – Summer Holidays

## Meet the Governor

### Mrs Deackes – Chair of Governors

I became a Foundation Governor at Richard Hill in November 2017 and Chair of Governors in July 2018. My 3 grandchildren all attended Richard Hill; I always enjoyed my visits to the school when they were pupils and welcomed the chance to be on the governing body of such a lovely school.



I was headteacher of a village school for 4 years and a town school for 8 years. I have always believed that children should be given as many opportunities as possible in order to fulfil their potential. Primary school should be the place where strong foundations are laid and memories are made. It is such a privilege to be able to contribute to the education of the children at Richard Hill now and in the future.



## SAFEGUARDING – Always our main priority

Our school staff have had their annual safeguarding training and we have Designated Safeguarding Leads in School. Please come to us if you have a concern at any point.

Do you have a concern about the well being of a child in school?

Please speak to a DSLs or a member of staff in school.

Useful contact details:

NSPCC -0808 800 5000

Childline -0800 111

Non-emergency number for the police 0116 222 2222

