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Newsletter 20

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Dates for your diary

Wednesday 14th February – Rockingham Visit the Hindu Temple (within school time)

Wednesday 14th February – PSA Mufti Day for Valentine's Day – wear **red**, bring £1!

Half-term

Monday 26th February – Training day – school closed to pupils

Tuesday 27th February – Photos taken of children learning in school (not individual, just look smart in your uniform!)

Wednesday 28th February – Spanish Club starts

Wednesday 28th February – Parents Evening (links will be sent to book appointments 12.1.24)

Thursday 29th February – Parents Evening (links will be sent to book appointments 12.1.24)

Friday 1st March – Whole-school Cricket taster day – all to wear PE kit

Friday 15th March – Comic Relief -wear your pyjamas to school. £1 donation, on ParentPay

Wednesday 27th March – Easter Service, 2pm

Values Champions



This half-term, the school is recognising it's value of 'forgiveness'.

Our Values Champions are going to be announced on Monday next week so watch this space!



Values Day and Walk-in-Wednesday

Thank you to all of you who attended 'Walk-in-Wednesday' this week where the children shared their knowledge of the Value that their house represents. On Monday the children spent the day doing team-building activities such as spaghetti and marshmallow towers, hoop and balloon games. They then enjoyed activities working together as a team such as making bookmarks, giant shields to represent their house, bunting, acrostic poems and hand-printing. We also learnt which animal and which bible story linked to each Value and enjoyed presenting all we had learnt to the rest of the school at the end of a busy but brilliant day.



A note from the PSA

Next week, 14th Feb, is our wear something red mufti day - instead of the usual £1 we are asking for chocolate donations please! These will be used later in the school year...We also have a sweet cone sale on the same day, available for £1 per cone. As always, thank you everyone for your support.

News from Deene

What an exciting week we have had in Deene Class! On Tuesday afternoon, we were left with a surprise in the classroom...eggs! We enjoyed investigating where they had come from, then found a parcel which contained an extra clue. The children thought that emperor penguins must have left us eggs to look after because inside the parcel was a book called 'The Emperor's Egg' and it contained information about how the adult penguins look after and protect the egg. The children each had an egg to look after and decided to build nests to keep them warm, barriers to keep them safe and make posters to tell others to 'Shhh!' What brilliant egg-carers Deene have been!



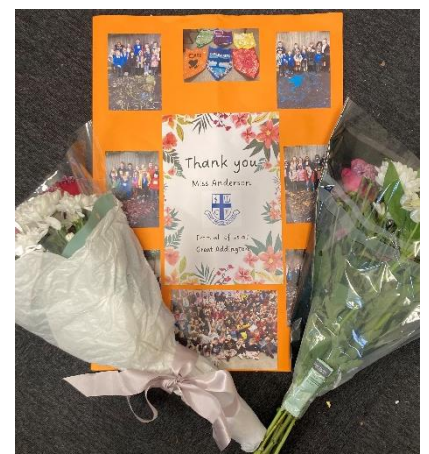
On Thursday morning, we visited the church. Rev Pauline taught Deene all about a Baptism, including the important roles of the parents and godparents. They explored the significance of a font, urn, and candle in this special celebration, and also discovered that you can be baptised at any age. The children asked lots of great questions too!



Rev Pauline shared: *"What an incredible class Deene are, they were a delight to spend time with, so very well behaved. It's always difficult to talk about Baptism when I appreciate some of our children won't have been Baptised however I stressed that whether we were Baptised or not we are all special to God, and Jesus loves us all equally"*

Thank you Miss Anderson!

We say 'goodbye' to Miss Anderson today as she returns to St Mary' school to complete her teacher-training. We would like to say a huge thank you to Miss Anderson for all that she has done in school over the last 4 weeks. We wish her all the best in her teaching career and know that any class she teaches will be incredibly lucky to have her!



Congratulations Mrs Kyberd!

It's a girl!

Right on due-date, in true organised-Mrs-Kyberd-style, we are SO excited to share that Mrs Kyberd has had a little baby girl!

Olivia Ann Kyberd was born on Monday 5th February and all were home and happy by the following day. Olivia has two besotted big brothers who are taking very good care of their mum and new baby sister.

We cannot wait to meet Olivia and of course, give Mrs Kyberd a big hug!



We're going to the zoo, zoo, zoo...!

What an amazing day at Whipsnade Rockingham had! First we headed around on a tour of Europe and Asia, seeing an amazing display of elephant behaviour with them being observed climbing on logs to help them reach the top of the food baskets and making such effective use of their trunks. After lunching in the shelter, we headed off to the Giraffe behaviour workshop. The children became instant scientists, armed with clipboards we recorded the behaviour of our chosen giraffes, observing them closely every 15 seconds. As the children found out, giraffes love to eat!

We used this knowledge of animal behaviour to investigate some other fascinating animals with Jack and Logan doing some expert hippo spotting. Towards the end of our day we split up to observe butterflies and penguins, with us being very lucky to catch the penguins at feeding time, allowing us to witness first hand the behaviour of penguins. One group also had the pleasure of the keepers in the butterfly house showing the whole life cycle of a butterfly before our eyes. It's been a fabulous day and once again the children represented our school beautifully. Well done Rockingham.



Lucy Kingsnorth,

Principal