



30th April

School news Update

Our church school creates a firm foundation where together, with God's help and with the help of others, we learn for life, achieve our best and grow in faith.

The Big Ask



During next week, children from Yr1 to Yr6 will be given the opportunity to complete "The Big Ask" questionnaire. The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, is launching a once-in-a-generation review of children's lives. It's called 'The Childhood Commission' and it will identify the barriers preventing children reaching their full potential and

propose policy solutions to address them. At its heart 'The Big Ask' is the largest ever consultation held with children. Dame Rachel de Souza is keen to hear from young people about the things that make them happy, that worry them and that they would like to see in the future. With this newsletter is a parent information leaflet which also has a link for parents to find out more. You can also find out more [here](#).

Children in Reception also have an opportunity to share their views but it is suggested that this is with support from their parents rather than in school. If you have a child in Reception and would like to share your/their views please click [here](#).

There is also an opportunity for parents to share their views about the lives of their children too and this survey can be accessed [here](#).

Home Learning

As you are aware, we sent home some home learning with the children last week linked to the areas which we feel could benefit from additional support at home. We have included things like Mathletics and TTRockstars which we hoped would not be too onerous or time consuming – most children find these quite fun and engaging!

However, we would like to give parents the opportunity to 'opt-out' if they feel that home learning is not appropriate for their child/ren. We do understand that home learning may not be right for your family given the time that has already been spent learning from home and the pressures that this may have caused. Please feel free to drop us an email or pop a note in your child's reading diary. We would advocate a 'little and often' routine, particularly if your child is in Year 5/6 in order to prepare them for secondary school.

We would ask that parents let us know if they do not wish their child/ren to complete home learning, so that we do not follow this up with the child/ren in school. For children in KS2 who are planning to complete home learning, but haven't had the opportunity to do so at home, we will be offering a home learning club at lunchtime. Their teachers will talk with them about this in school.

Swimming next term

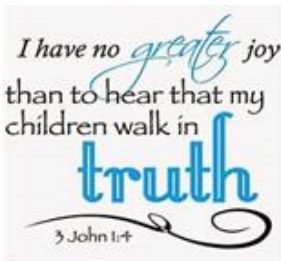
A reminder to Picasso Class parents to return your reply slip and contribution regarding swimming lessons next half term. Thank you!



New Relationships Education curriculum

We all want our children to grow up healthy, happy, safe, and able to manage the challenges and opportunities of adult life in modern Britain. The government have recognised this and as a result, all primary school aged children must be taught Relationships Education and Health Education, as part of PSHE (Personal, Social, and Health Education) from September 2021. In developing our policy around this we would like to consult with parents by developing a consultation group. More details can be found in the letter attached with this newsletter.

Collective Worship



Our focus for Collective Worship this half term is Truthfulness. We will reflect on the reasons why telling the truth is important, even though sometimes it may be difficult. We will look at quotes and stories from the Bible and reflect on how these support us in being honest and telling the truth. Rev'd Mandy will help us to think about what Christians mean when they say, 'God is truth' and what Jesus meant when he said, "I am the way, the truth and the life".

Reception/Year 6 height and weight

A letter has been sent home to the parents of children in Year 6 and Reception today with more information about the annual height and weight check.

Information and support from the Family Worker

The Family Worker team are going to be sending out regular newsletters with information to support you and your children. These will be uploaded to our school website under the Covid 19 tab, Emotional Health and Wellbeing section. We do hope you find these useful.

Plea for plastic bags!

As school was closed to most children at the end of the last academic year, we didn't have an opportunity to send home your child's work books. We would now like to send these home and so request that all children bring **2 sturdy plastic bags** (which are clearly named) so that we can send these home next week. Please send these in by next Friday 7th May. Thank you!

Library Live!

Cambridgeshire Library Service have asked us to share the information below with families about their upcoming events:

The new season brings high quality, affordable arts activities into the heart of towns and villages across Cambridgeshire. Events will be taking place at a variety of hand-picked outdoor locations and there is also a selection of online workshops.

The Spring season of events provides something for everyone, especially families. It includes music, theatre and comedy performances, puppetry extravaganzas, educational shows and a series of online workshops.

For full details of activities, to book tickets and to see the whole county wide and online programme please visit www.library.live/the-library-presents



Class photographs

A reminder that class photographs will be taken next Tuesday (4th May) so please ensure that your child is wearing their PE kit on the bottom (black tracksuit bottoms or shorts) and the correct school uniform on the top – polo top and a school jumper/cardigan. Children may also wear the summer dress too but will need a school jumper/cardigan as we hope to take the photographs outside.

60 Second Lunchbox hacks

60-Second Vegtastic Lunchbox Hacks

As part of Veg Power's on-going mission to encourage the UK to eat more veg, they would like to make it easier for parents and carers to add more veg to children's lunchboxes. Recent research from Leeds University found that only one in five

children had any vegetables or salad in their packed lunch.

To support parents, Veg Power has developed a '60 Second Lunchbox Hacks' PDF for circulation which we have attached with this newsletter for you. It features easy-to-implement ideas and serves to make this task as simple as possible.

A new menu

Please find attached a menu which will take us up to half term. We have listened to feedback from the children who wanted to know the puddings on offer rather than just 'hot dessert' etc so we have included some days where the choice is stated.



Diary Dates

We have attached an updated diary date's list. Please do take the time to note these down in your diary so you don't miss anything.

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Please see below the diary dates for the Summer term 2021

Any new dates added in the future will be in bold italics

3 rd May	Bank Holiday – School closed
4 th May	Class Photographs
31 st May – 4 th June	Half Term
10 th June	Swimming for Picasso class starts (6 weeks)
10 th June	New Reception Parents meeting - 7pm
20 th July	Y6 leavers assembly - 1.30pm
22 nd July	End of Summer Term
23 rd July	Teacher Training Day – School closed