

# Upham School Newsletter

21 March 2025



Photo: Class 1 on their Spring Walk having a look for signs in the church grounds

- Wed 2 April – 3pm C3 Listen2Me concert for parents
- Fri 4 April – 9am Easter Service at Blessed Mary Church (drop off at church)
- Fri 4 April – 2.30 Come and watch the Easter Egg hunt
- 7 – 21 April - Easter Break
- Tues 22 April - First Day Back
- Tues 29 April – Class 2 Trip Hilliers Gardens

## A few words from the headteacher...

With so many signs of Spring around us, Class 1 went on a Spring Walk this week. They followed the same route that they have taken during their winter walk last term so the changes in the seasons are really obvious. They noticed flowers, plants, tree buds and even some bumblebees out and about. This has also helped develop their awareness of Spring growth which they can use when they make Easter Gardens as part of their RE learning next week!

## Lent Challenge Week 3.

This week's challenge has been to be more grateful – not just to someone else for something they have done but to value the things in your life rather than making yourself unhappy by wanting more. Where it is Mother's day at the weekend this is also the ideal moment to show gratitude to someone who cares and loves you – and for some children a different family member might well be in that 'mother' role.

**The challenge next week will be: Have more Empathy**

## Easter Competitions

FUS are also holding a few raffles – guess the number of items in the jar and a raffle to win a fabulous Easter Hamper. They will be at the gate at home time if you want to enter.

Our thanks to Georgia Spaven and Mitch who very kindly donated the amazing hamper from their business, MC Tree Care (tree removal, thinning, hedge cutting & call out)



## INSET Days for 24/25:

- Mon 2 Sept
- Fri 25 Oct
- Mon 6 Jan 25
- Mon 24 Feb 25
- Mon 2 June 25

## Mother Sunday Service



You might be interested in the Mothering Sunday Service at Blessed Mary on Sunday at 11am – posies will be given out during the service!

*Don't Forget  
Wednesday 2nd  
April class 3  
3.00pm  
Listen2Me concert*

## Communication this week:

- Fri – Class 4 email sportswear needed Mon 31<sup>st</sup>*
- Fri – FUS Newsletter attached to email today*
- Fri – Summer Term After School clubs info*

## FUS Easter Invite

FUS will be giving the children some Easter fun next Friday afternoon. They will have a go at an Easter egg hunt and we will hold some egg and spoon races. Prizes for the Bonnet Competition and raffles will also be given. If you would like to join us, please arrive at 2.30pm when I will open the gate. Please note that if the weather is wet then we can't proceed – if this were to be the case, we will send an email by lunchtime.



### Mrs Harmer will be leaving us

Mrs Harmer who is delivering our Friday sports sessions will be leaving us after Easter, she will be starting a position outside of the school world which better fits family life.

Mrs Harmer has been amazing over the last few years, having spent two years working in Class 1 (with current Years 3 and 4), in Class 2 (with current years 2 and 3) and as our sports teacher this year with the whole school. We will miss her energy and humour and I would like to thank her for the commitment she has made to our school, not least her adaptability to different roles, all of which she has fulfilled with hard work and professionalism.

### Easter Service - Drop off at Church Friday 8.55am

Next Friday we will be holding our usual Easter Service at Blessed Mary church. Please can children be **dropped off at normal time at the church** – you are welcome to stay if you would like to. Children who attend breakfast club will walk up with staff. After the service, once everyone has dispersed, we will walk back to school and start the day. The subject of the service won't just be Easter though. It's one of those years where Easter is so late and it's actually weeks away. Some years we focus on Palm Sunday, most years of the events of Holy Week itself but this year we will talk a bit about Lent too to reflect the season we are in now.