



Photos: Scientists at work this week – testing absorbency, building nests and testing aeroplanes!

**Dates for your Diary:**

**Mon 30 March – Fri 10 April**  
Easter Holidays

**Mon 13 April** – First Day  
Back of Summer Term

**Thurs 23 April** – Dormice  
trip to Longdown Activity  
Farm

The children enjoyed 'Science Day' on Tuesday, I hope they talked to you about it. We reorganised the children into groups with children from each class – these groups then rotated around the four classrooms. In each class they explored some different experiments (pictured above) – trying to use pegs to build a bird's nest but using a peg to represent the bird's beak, chromatography on ink blotches to solve a mystery, testing fabric for absorption and find the best paper plane design for the longest time in the air. A cornerstone of our curriculum design is to create these cross-age opportunities for collaborative learning. The younger ones benefit from having learning behaviours modelled to them and the older ones have to think about how they adapt language to think of others.

Squirrels Class shared this Easter prayer they wrote together in church this morning:

*Dear God,  
Thank you for our family time this  
Easter. Thank you for sending  
Jesus' to Earth as we remember  
that He died on the cross.  
Please help us to be grateful for  
what we have at Easter time, our  
gifts and to share in Jesus' love.  
Amen*

**New Lunch Menu After Easter**  
Sent on Tuesday, was a copy of the new menu for after Easter which will run from April to May. Another menu will then start in June which will run to October.

**Lent Challenge**  
This week's Lent challenge has been around trust – how putting trust in someone else is a risk so it's important to always nurture the trust someone puts in you. Trust builds stronger relationships.



INSET Day left for 25/26  
• Fri 22 May

**Check you haven't missed these communications this week:**

- **Tues to All** – Revised menus for after Easter
- **Thurs to All** – After School Clubs for Summer Term
- **With email today** - Bishop's Waltham Library holiday **activities**

**FUS Easter Competition**

Well done to everyone who entered the FUS Easter colouring competition – so many entries! I had the difficult job of choosing a winner from each year group. Well done to the following winners who impressed me and won a prize:



YR Lylah Y1 Nicholas Y2 Yvie Y3 Phoenix Y4 Bella Y5 Grace Y6 Violet

Thanks to everyone at FUS who helped to organise this competition and all the other events and competitions today!

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### **Bishop's Waltham Library**

Attached to the email for this Newsletter are two fliers from Bishop's Waltham library for some of the events they have over the Easter holidays – construction clubs, new parent crafts, stay and play and family board games. A copy of the information is also placed in our notice board at the front of school.



FRIDAY 20 MARCH

### **Comic Relief**

We raised £159 for Comic Relief last Friday – thanks to everyone.

### **Ukulele Concert**

Children in Hedgehogs class (Y3&4) held their Listen2Me concert for parents this week to showcase their ukulele playing skills. Everyone was very impressed; it was great to see (and hear) their hard work. Thanks to everyone who came along – the largest audience we've ever had for a Listen2Me concert!



### **Sports News**

On Friday last week, boys and girls in Years 5 and 6 took part in a swimming tournament. It was very competitive with 7 teams from across the area each putting forward their strongest swimmers. Our team performed brilliantly, each child putting 100% into each of their races – with some notable strong finishes by Hugo in butterfly & backstroke, Isla and Phoenix in breaststroke and Nicole in 50m front crawl. Many of the big schools there have their own pools so were very advanced, but I was proud of how hard our children worked and how they supported each other. Thanks to everyone who helped with transport.