

Welcome back to the Summer Term! The end of the Spring Term was very busy with lots of learning about Easter, exploring nature and new growth and excitement around the Easter break. We hope you all had a lovely rest and have come back feeling refreshed.

Beech Class

As part of our science topic 'animals including humans' Beech class have enjoyed a morning of being 'Owl Pellet Detectives'. We were all fascinated to discover what the owls had been eating, by finding tiny skulls and bones of shrews, birds, voles, rats and mice.



Nature School

Ash Class went on a Spring walk, noticing how the view has changed and how the distance always fades to blue and grey on the horizon. We enjoyed the blue bells, remembering they are a protected species and had a roll down the hill to finish off the adventure.

After making our journey we returned to think about the journey that swallows are making at the moment - a mighty 5000 miles from South Africa to Europe and the UK!

Other classes this week made swallows from clay and paper. We explored swallow migration: flying 200 miles a day, pausing at night at traditional sleepover spots, feasting on insects whilst in flight to keep them going, crossing deserts, mountains, and seas. Many of the children had a great time playing being swallows.

Look out for these distinctive little birds - any you see at this time of year will have just completed that epic journey.





Ide Hill Charity Golf Day

Over the last few months a golf day has been planned as a joint venture between the School and the Friends of the Ide Hill Church. On Thursday 21st April the day dawned at Nizels Golf and Country Club in Hildenborough; the sun shone and the golfers arrived. We had golfing parents, governors and former parents playing from the school as well as golfers from the village community and beyond. It was a huge success with everyone enjoying a glorious day of golf and, thanks to the generosity of those present, and to all of the wonderful people who had donated fabulous prizes for both the live and silent auctions, we made a staggering £7000. This will be divided equally between our two charities. The committee, as you can imagine, are absolutely thrilled! It was a real coming together of our community which was very special. The proceeds for the school will go towards enhancing the PE equipment and the proceeds to the Friends will go towards continuing to look after the beautiful church in the heart of the village.

A huge thank you to all those who played or contributed - we could not have done it without you.

Anne Fletcher
Chair of Governors



Saplings trip to the Smith's Farm

Saplings were lucky enough to be invited to the Smith's Farm this week. We walked through the field on the way to the farm and met some alpacas who seemed very interested in us and probably hoped we had food for them! At the farm we met the baby lambs, horses and chickens, learning about what they eat, how old they are and how they feed their young. We also got to sit on two tractors. One was a very old working tractor and the other one was a huge, modern tractor with massive wheels! We would like to thank the Smiths, Mrs Mills and the Hiscocks for hosting us and giving us such a fantastic farm experience.



At the end of last term, we said goodbye to our collective worship leader Sue Leather who has led us in our church services for a number of terms. The children have enjoyed her interactive storytelling and the new songs she has introduced them to. She went out with a celebration as she helped us to re-enact Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey. We waved palms and shouted Hosanna! The children made cards and we sent her off with a 'come back and visit' and some flowers. We would like to thank her for helping us worship at church and wish her the best in all she will be doing going forward.



	Owen - for sharing all your interesting facts and ideas with us! You always make important contributions in our class discussions. Keep it up!
Elms	No awards this week.
Beech	Felix - for amazing focus during RE and sharing great thoughts about sacrifice. Treyon - for great focus and writing during RE.
Willows	Joshua - for making a real effort with his joined writing to improve the presentation of his work. Willow - for coming back to school at the start of term with a positive and proactive attitude towards her learning. I am proud of her.
Hazel	JJ - for working so hard across the curriculum and for being such a good friend to all the children in the class. Cora - for her super effort in English this week writing her Explanation text.
Ash	Ivie – for a super effort with her handwriting. Ivie, Aria, Amelia and Grace L - for working really well as a team in their science investigation. Ethan and Emerson – for super understanding of direct and indirect speech.
Oaks	Phoebe - for her excellent twisted fairytale in literacy Alastair - for always promoting inclusivity amongst his peers

Ide Hill Awards

Saplings	Harriet - for writing your story with a beginning, middle and end with a front and back cover in Busy Bee time! Nina - for your fantastic effort with your reading! Keep it up! Aria - thank you for all your hard work in our phonics lessons. You always listen and focus! Well done.
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Winston A	Rory M
Logan F	Olivia C
Sienna F	Lucy M
Alex E-P	Edie S
Chloe G	Phoebe L
Finley B	Arabella E
Klaye F	Miley H
George P	Leo d M
Brea S	

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Forest Church News



Sunday 1st May 4pm ~ Ide Hill Churchyard

Sunday 5th June 4pm ~ Sundridge Churchyard

Sunday 3rd July 4pm ~ Toys Hill Chapel Grounds

Sunday 4th September 4pm ~ Ide Hill

Sunday 2nd October 4pm ~ Sundridge

Sunday 6th November **3pm** ~ Toys Hill

Yes finally this is happening on the first Sunday of the month. Please come along and see what it is like to worship outside in nature.

Worship will consist of a simple service with an activity for children lasting about 30 minutes. These will take place in and around the churchyards in the parish. Jane Rosam, an (almost) licensed Lay Reader, will be leading the worship. Jane has led outdoor services including Forest Church at Hever

All are welcome whatever your age, however noisy or wriggly! Wear suitable outdoor clothing and stay for refreshments afterwards.

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