

Congratulations!

At Ide Hill school, we aim for pupils and staff to flourish together within our vision "Do everything in Love" and so we love to celebrate as often as we can! Today the whole staff team would like to congratulate Miss Bruce, who has been working hard towards an apprenticeship qualification over the last year and recently undertook her final assessment. Miss Bruce was recently informed that not only has she passed but that she has done so with **distinction!** This is a huge achievement and has been due to her hard work, diligence, determination and enthusiasm. Well done Miss Bruce!

Online Safety

Over the last few weeks, the children have been writing their own online safety agreement. They have had many discussions about the importance of being supervised whilst online, always making sure that adults know what they are doing on their digital devices as well as showing love through respect and kindness. Next week we aim for the children to sign their agreement and we will then send them home for your information as the agreement applies to online safety in and out of school.

Collective Worship

This week in collective worship we learnt about Shrove Tuesday, also known as Mardi Gras, Fat Tuesday or Pancake Day! We discussed how Christians use up all their rich foods on Shrove Tuesday before the beginning of Lent and discussed the things that people might think about giving up for Lent so that they can fully appreciate them again after Lent. This led us to think about the things that we might take for granted- the sunshine, the rain, the air we breathe, the lovely snowdrops and daffodils that have started to appear. We paused to think about the beauty of God's creation and our place in the world as stewards of it.

On Wednesday Oaks, Ash and Willows joined the village community for an Ash Wednesday Service at St Mary's church, led by Rev. Adie McCall.



On Palm Sunday, 2nd April, there will be a family service at 10:30, starting with a procession to the church led by Pedro the donkey. The Forest Church team will be participating in this service and families and staff are all warmly invited to attend.

School Dinners

Please could we ask parents to check their Blue Runner accounts to ensure school dinners have been booked and paid for.

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Week ahead	
Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	World Book Day 2023
Friday	

Saplings	<p>Edie P - For your fantastic effort in phonics - well done with your reading and keep working hard on forming your letters!</p> <p>Freddie S - For your enthusiasm and positive attitude to learning - it is great to see you participating a lot more in class discussions!</p>
Elms	<p>William K - For your amazing work on doubling numbers this week and for being such a good helper in the classroom!</p> <p>Zachary M - For making such an effort with phonics and really trying hard with your handwriting. Well done!</p>
Beech	<p>Hanna - For working really hard in class and being a great role model.</p> <p>Ralph - For working extra hard in maths and always giving it his best!</p>
Willows	<p>Arabella - For her hard work and determination when working out and discussing why Christians have Lent.</p> <p>Jack - For improving his writing by being proactive and checking on his spelling.</p>
Hazel	<p>Matty - For reading aloud with fluency and expression. Your hard work has paid off and your reading is excellent!</p> <p>Phoebe - For improving across all areas of the curriculum but particularly in reading and writing. You are an awesome learner, Phoebe!</p>
Ash	<p>Max - For his excellent work on equivalent fractions and decimals this week.</p> <p>Cora-Rose - For researching lots of interesting facts for her Everest fact file</p>
Oaks	<p>All of Oaks - For their excellent pre-topic knowledge about oceans.</p> <p>Luke - For his continued effort and perseverance with all areas of his learning</p>

News from Nature School

You might have noticed that your child arrived home smelling of campfire this week!

We have spent the week preparing and cooking pancakes - alongside all the usual fun adventures and fabulous creativity.

Cooking in Nature School can be such a special experience:

- Collecting the wood and knowing which type of wood to use.
- Learning about the fire triangle and ensuring the fire stays alight
 - Preparing food outside,
- Needing to have patience during the cooking process
- And of course finally eating outside where everything tastes that much better!

We will be having more cooking and fire management opportunities over the next few months.



St Mary's, Sundridge with Ide Hill & Toys Hill, PCC

"Change, Grow, Serve"

Forest Church News

Forest Church is taking to the road for the next few months, so please make a careful note of the times and venues.



Sunday 5th March 3pm - Toys Hill Chapel

Lent fun in 30 minutes –

Sunday 2nd April 10.15 - Ide Hill Church for Palm Sunday with Pedro the Donkey

Fun activities for children during the service. Meet at the school.

Easter Sunday 9th 10.30 – Ide Hill Church to celebrate Easter.

Come and make an Easter Garden during the service.

Sunday May 7th 10.30 - Sundridge Church - Coronation Sunday

Dress up as a King or Queen, make a crown and parade down the aisle.

Royal refreshments available.

All are welcome whatever your age, however noisy or wriggly! Wear suitable outdoor clothing and stay for refreshments afterwards. Please come along and see what it is like to worship outside in nature.

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