

Dear Families,

I can't quite believe we have reached the end of term. This year seems to be flying past.

This term has been an exceptionally busy one with many clubs, experiences and of course a couple of trips too. Last week our Eager Beavers enjoyed two days and one night away at Waddow Hall in Clitheroe. On seeing the weather on Thursday, I was worried the trip would be a bit of a wash out however I could not have been more wrong. On our way to Waddow, we made a stop at Brockholes Nature Reserve for a nature walk, den building and to use their play area. The weather made this stop off so much fun. The children jumped in every puddle they could find and slid down every mud bank they passed. Needless to say, there were some very wet, soggy and rather muddy children by the end of the morning- thank goodness for wellies and waterproofs. After a quick change we got back on the bus and made our way to Waddow for the night. Whilst there the children participated in grass sledging, team building, fencing and enjoyed a campfire. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the trip! A huge thanks to Mrs Smyth and Mrs Jones for accompanying the children on the trip.

This term all of our classes have continued to enjoy their specialist art lessons with our resident artist Mrs Wood. I have been amazed by the creations from each class and I know the children really look forward to these sessions. We are hoping to show off some of the children's artwork next term at our summer fayre.

On Wednesday this week, our Busy Bees enjoyed a video call with Mrs Cusick. Mrs Cusick will remain absent from work after Easter but is building up her strength and really wants to be back at school as soon as possible. She said that the call with the children gave her a real boost yesterday and she was so very pleased to see them all as they were her. Mrs Wordsworth will teach the Busy Bees class after Easter until Mrs Cusick's return.

A reminder that Friday morning we will be hosting the Easter bake off and coffee morning in the studio from 9.30am. We were hoping to first meet on the playground for an Easter Service but unfortunately the weather forecast is very poor. However, we are planning on a hybrid event where you are all welcome to come in for coffee and cake and the children will come in and perform their Easter songs for you. We hope to see lots of you there. Additionally, if you would like you can send your child with £1 so that they can buy a slice of cake during their breaktime. All funds raised will go to the PTA who help fund many exciting projects in school.

We will also be welcoming two Edge Hill students into school following the Easter break. From the 17<sup>th</sup> April, Eager Beavers will have Miss Lowthian and Wise Owls, Miss Bekithemba, both first year students for 7 weeks. The students will be teaching on a part time timetable and also be working with groups of children. We try to support our local university and will pass on our knowledge, support and mentoring skills for the teachers of the future.

Finally, I wish you all a peaceful Easter break. As you celebrate Easter may you remember God's perfect love for all mankind, and may that love fill you with hope for the days to come.

Miss Clark

