



## Heads Up

Dear parents

We have had a lovely week in school with Christian Values day on Wednesday and some fun Easter activities today. Thanks to Sam and Lisa for organising the crafts and Mrs Novacki for the bunny drive. We have also been looking at the Easter Story over the past six weeks and Reverend David concluded this on Tuesday with worship focusing on the words of Jesus on Good Friday and the importance of forgiveness.

I would like to pass on some feedback from Lorna, our Forest Schools teacher which she sent last week. I know that you all value what we do on Friday afternoons but I hope that this will give you a bit more insight into the importance of the Forest School provision:

### AN EASTER CHALLENGE



#### THE EGG

This week we built on our nest building and introduced an egg. The hard-boiled and decorated hen's egg was extraordinary and (inspired by the story Peely-Wally) stood out from the crowd for its unique qualities. The egg had bounded out of its nest and once discovered needed to be returned safely. Unfortunately, the egg had a long and difficult journey and needed a lot of help to get back to where it belonged.

#### THE CHALLENGE

Children were told the egg needed to be transported from the bottom of the hill, across a river and over quicksand and then into the nest. They were also told the only safe way to work was by remaining still, not going into the river and not touching the floor with their feet.

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*Ephesians 4:32*





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## THE RESPONSE

Children who opted into the challenge began in small teams, attached to an adult, to develop ideas before coming together to agree an approach. After negotiation a human chain formed to the river shore, where a rope had been stretched between two trees with a basket attached and a basic pulley system for the egg to cross the river. Once on the quicksand shore the children used everything they could find to remain off ground (buckets, coats, each other) passing items along the chain to move everyone across to safety. At this stage I observed a lot of care for one another, for the egg and sacrifice (the use of coats as stepping stones meant becoming cold for a short while for many!).

## THE OUTCOME

The egg was carefully placed in the nest, success! However the true outcome was in team work, a willingness to get involved and support one another and the children's own extension to the challenge. They were only asked to move the egg from one point to another, but the care for one another was evident as they naturally all travelled with the egg and made sure everyone was safely across the river and quicksand. Wonderful to see.

This challenge was designed to engage the older children in your school. I wished to see how they would work together to problem-solve. Whilst the egg's adventure unfolded the younger children encouraged, extended their tool use, played and climbed on ropes and rolled (themselves, balls, etc.). <https://www.greenwoodgrowth.org/>

During the summer term, we are working with *Moorland Adventure* every Friday afternoon and we will be engaging in problem solving activities, orienteering and archery. They are a well-respected local company, based in Rainow and we are looking forward to trying something new. This is a link to their website: <https://moorlandadventure.co.uk/>

The PTA are organising an Easter Egg Hunt to take place from 2<sup>nd</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> April. Clues will be located in the Churchyard and Village Green, answer sheets are available to purchase for £2 from Bellfields Bakery & Chadwicks Newsagent in Bollington or via PayPal: [pottpta@virginmedia.com](mailto:pottpta@virginmedia.com). For further details see Pott Shrigley PTA Facebook page.

I hope that you all have a wonderful Easter break. The children all have a homework folder with things to keep them busy and there are chocolate/cuddly toy prizes for those who put in the best effort!

Kind Regards

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<https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19>

## Diary Dates:

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April

School Reopens  
Class 2 Brass Lessons **BRING INSTRUMENTS!**

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April :

Class 2 Swimming Lessons – Come in Swimwear  
& PE Kit  
Kickstart PE  
**After-School Club**

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