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# Newsletter

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**ESHER CHURCH SCHOOL**

*Christ at the Centre; Life to the Full*

## Head's Lines

Dear Parents/Carers

What a difference a little bit of sunshine makes ... the children have loved being outside with their friends in this glorious weather. We are looking forward to our Easter festivities and how we can still celebrate despite being in Bubbles. We shall send out more information in due course but I wanted to reassure you that Easter will still be happening in our school community!

The children have been amazing in class too, completing assessments and working hard for us to consider any alterations we need to make to our curriculum or any gaps we need to fill. We are so very proud of them, the way they have returned to school and embraced school life is commendable.

Have a lovely weekend, enjoy the rest.

Caroline McLennan  
Acting Headteacher

### English News

Reception read the Mick Inkpen book 'Jaspers Beanstalk' at story time. This inspired them to grow their own plants using some seeds which we were given. The children told us that plants need sunlight, water, soil and to be left alone (unlike how Jasper grew his in the story). We then went outside and all planted some seeds in our new growing area. Luckily it rained soon after so we didn't have to water them!



### Important Announcement

We are hopeful that we will still have the wonderful Esher Church School tradition of the Spring Festival Parade this year.

All the children make their bonnets in school with the exception of Year 6 who make their creations at home. The class teachers will send out more information on what bits and bobs to bring in and when, we will also let you know how you can view our parade remotely (and sing along to the Chicken Song). Reception, you are in for a treat!

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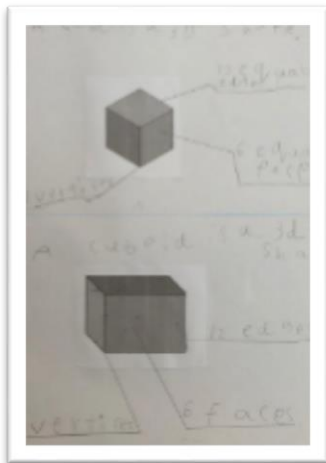
### Dates for the Diary

**April 1**

Last Day of Term

**April 19**

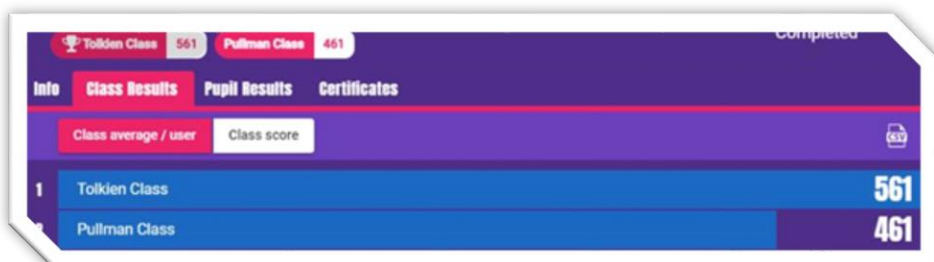
Return to school



## Maths Mastery

We have been very busy with our maths learning this week.

Year 2 have been learning about the features of 3D shapes and all the vocabulary to use when describing their features. And, whilst Year 4 have been learning about Roman Numerals and Emperor Constantine, Year 6 have been having a more modern "Battle of the



Bands" between classes on Times Table RockStars. It's close and everyone did brilliantly!

## This Week in RE

Year 6 have been learning about Buddhism - finding out more about the festivals of Vesak which celebrates the Buddha's birth and Nirvana Day which commemorates

his death. They made some paper lanterns as this is something that people in Thailand do to celebrate Vesak.

Over in Year 4 and as part of the Big Enquiry based around Romans they have been looking at the story of Emperor Constantine and his conversion to Christianity. Constantine was

visited in a dream on the eve of an important battle and was told, if he displayed the sign of the cross on the soldier's shields, they would defeat the enemy. The children drew pictures of his dream.

Year 1 have been equally creative in RE. They have been learning about how we should take care of God's world. They started by thinking of at least 5 things people could do to help save the planet and then made an individual pledge to explain how we personally could look after the world. Finally, they learned about how children in Africa are less fortunate than ourselves and often have to make their own toys out of recycled materials. So, this week we have had enormous fun designing and creating our own toys out of recycled materials.

## In the Community

### ECSA

A polite reminder from The ECSA to please start making those scarecrows!



### Christ Church

Please take time to watch the ECS assembly, 'Creation is Good' with Darren.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VixT\\_DswW1Y](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VixT_DswW1Y)

