

# Newsletter

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## *Message from the Headteacher*

*Today, I wanted to share with you 'Easter Reflections', which is a beautiful poem by Helen Steiner Rice, that tells how God blesses us through the enchanting beauty of the Spring season. Easter is an event that celebrates life and birth and is solemnised during Spring, which enthral us with its bounties and beauties. In this poem, the poet raises a toast to the beautiful Springtime and its abundance. For the poet, Easter is the time when Earth wakes up from a deep slumber and heralds the beginning of new life. Bird's chirp around and vibrant blooms like daffodils, hyacinths and tulips breathe new life and fragrance into nature. However, the bliss of Easter season is not just limited to its natural beauties. In fact, this is a time to feel the real blessings of God and thank Him for His eternal gift that He has conferred on us at Easter. This touching poem by Helen Steiner Rice has garnered accolades for its poignant musings, and the delicacy with which she brings out the grandeur of the season and exalts the contribution of God. Let us revel in the lyrics of this poem.*

### *Easter Reflections*

*With OUR EYES we see  
The beauty of Easter  
as the earth awakens once more...*

*With OUR EARS we hear  
The birds sing sweetly  
to tell us Spring again is here...*

*With OUR HANDS we pick  
the golden daffodils  
and the fragrant hyacinths...*

*But only with OUR HEARTS  
can we feel the MIRACLE of GOD'S LOVE  
which redeems all men...*

*And only with OUR SOUL  
can we make our 'pilgrimage to God'  
and inherit His Easter Gift of ETERNAL LIFE.*



*All that is left is for you all to have a joyous Easter and I look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April.*



**WISHING YOU ALL A VERY  
HAPPY EASTER**

**EASTER LABYRINTH**  
As part of the RE Curriculum, the KS2 children enjoyed a visit to St Mary's Church in Chipping Norton for an inter-active re-telling of the Easter story. During their visit, the children visited several Stations of the Cross set up inside the Church, including:  
The Last Supper;  
Judas' Betrayal; The Garden of Gethsemane; Jesus' Arrest; Peter's Betrayal and Jesus' Death, Resurrection and Ascension.  
It was a truly wonderful, reflective experience.



**EASTER EGG RAFFLE**  
  
The Easter Egg Raffle, yet again, was a great success, with over 60 children winning an egg, and all children receiving a little egg. A massive thank you to the PTA for donating the eggs for this event.  
  
Thank you for your support.



**Creative Arts**  
*Today, we held a successful music, speech and drama concert, with great performances from individual pupils, groups and choirs. Many thanks to all of the parents who came to support, and to Mrs Jenkins for organising such a fabulous morning. The school hall roof was raised with such beautiful sounds - well done to all our wonderful performers!*



Foundation and Year 2 visited Goffe's Farm on Wednesday. They had a wonderful time, and even managed to see a couple of lambs being born.

**SCHOOLYMPICS**  
On Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> March, Years 2 & 3 took part in the Schoolympics event organised by the Chipping Norton School Leaders. As the schools arrived, they were split into European countries, giving them the opportunity to meet children from other schools.  
Congratulations to everyone who participated and big thank you to Mrs Woolley for organising us!

**Archie J - Year 6**  
Archie attended the County Cross Country event today held at Tilsey Park in Abingdon.  
He came 49<sup>th</sup> out of 90 year 5/6 boys, Archie is the first person to qualify for this event after qualifying from the WOSSP Cross Country back in the Autumn Term.  
We are very proud of Archie who did so well in this event even though he was not up to his full potential, due to illness the previous week.