



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017



Dear Parents,

What a busy week we have had! We started the week in Church for our Easter service. I need to thank the Year 5 children and staff for their hard work in preparing and delivering the service. The children have worked very hard this week on the end of term assessments and demonstrated our Christian values of perseverance and not giving up.

The Easter disco was well supported and the children had a great time. The Easter raffle has been a great success and we will share the total funds raised when we get back after Easter. A big thank you to all the parents and staff who have been involved in our Easter fundraising. Well done to the children who entered the Easter egg decorating competition.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who came to our Progress assembly this morning. Well done to all the children who won an award for progress and our 100% attendance achievers. Due to a computer error, not all our children received their certificates, please accept our sincerest apologies, they have now been awarded theirs.

This term we have had visits both from the Church and the Department for Education. These visits have been extremely positive and recognise the hard work we put in to make Knutton St Mary's Academy a fantastic school on a wonderful journey. We couldn't do this alone, the children, parents and staff make up the team that brings the success, thank you once again.

### **Egg Decorating:**

Well done to the following children who won the prize for the Egg decorating competition for their class: Lacey-Mae Taylor – Butterflies, Lacie Malkin – Dragonflies, Tommy Greatbatch – Fireflies, Max Smith – Wedgewood, Kady Johnson-Everill – Windsor, Lacey Jones – Nightingale, Lacey Dilks – Brunel and Jodie Deacon – Darwin.

### **Office Hours:**

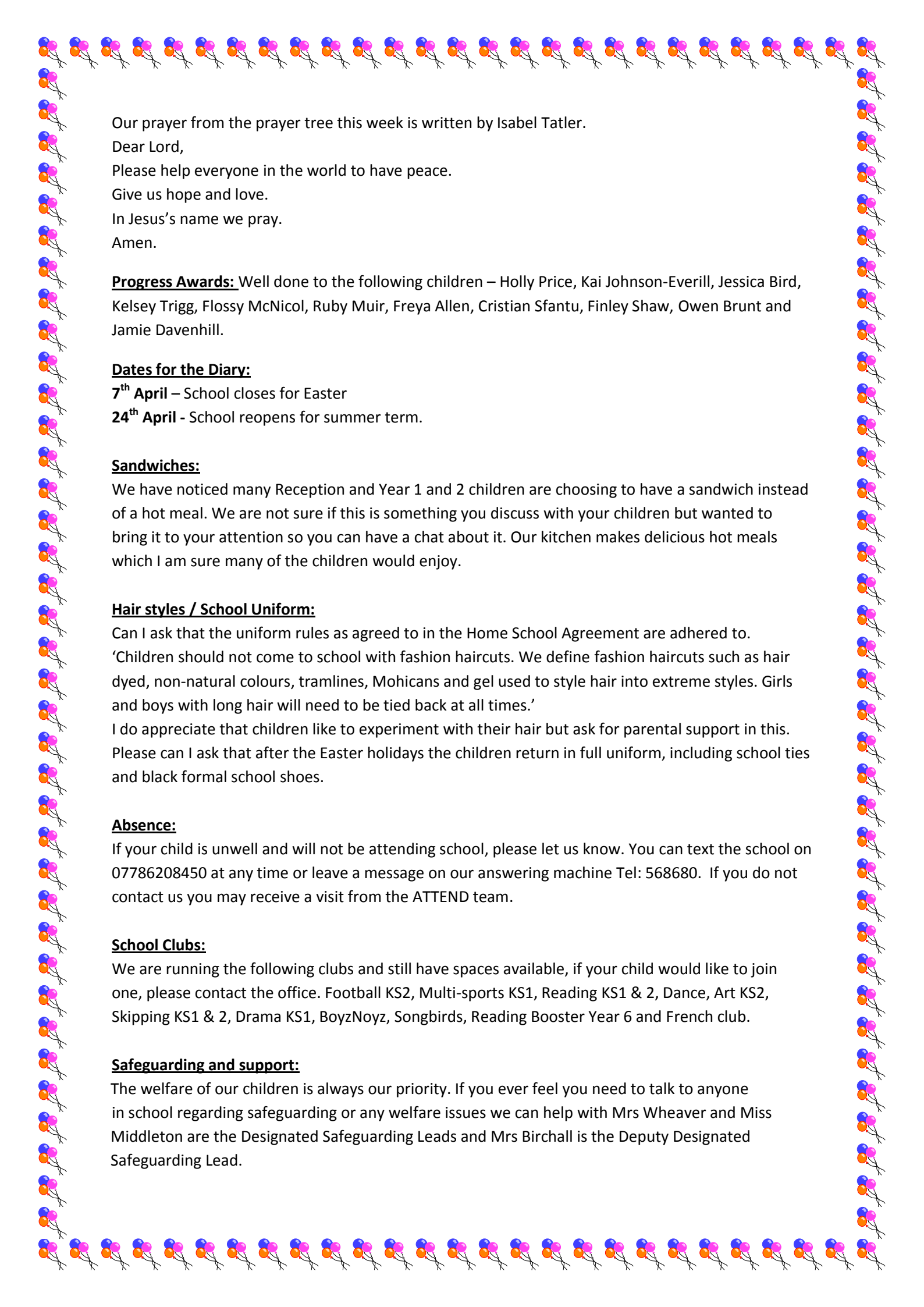
Just a reminder that the school office is open from 8:30 to 3:30 Monday to Friday

### **Attendance:**

Our whole school attendance is 95.5%. This week we achieved 94.6%

### **Worship and Church News:**

Our School's Christian values are COMMUNITY, RESPECT AND PERSEVERANCE. Spring Term: RESPECT. This week during Worship we have been continuing to look at the Easter story. The children led our Easter service at the church and we thank the parents who came to worship with us. It was lovely to celebrate Easter with you. We have also reflected on how we can live like Jesus by being kind, caring and loving. Perhaps, along with your child, you could explore ways in which you could demonstrate these values.



Our prayer from the prayer tree this week is written by Isabel Tatler.

Dear Lord,

Please help everyone in the world to have peace.

Give us hope and love.

In Jesus's name we pray.

Amen.

**Progress Awards:** Well done to the following children – Holly Price, Kai Johnson-Everill, Jessica Bird, Kelsey Trigg, Flossy McNicol, Ruby Muir, Freya Allen, Cristian Sfantu, Finley Shaw, Owen Brunt and Jamie Davenhill.

**Dates for the Diary:**

**7<sup>th</sup> April** – School closes for Easter

**24<sup>th</sup> April** - School reopens for summer term.

**Sandwiches:**

We have noticed many Reception and Year 1 and 2 children are choosing to have a sandwich instead of a hot meal. We are not sure if this is something you discuss with your children but wanted to bring it to your attention so you can have a chat about it. Our kitchen makes delicious hot meals which I am sure many of the children would enjoy.

**Hair styles / School Uniform:**

Can I ask that the uniform rules as agreed to in the Home School Agreement are adhered to.

‘Children should not come to school with fashion haircuts. We define fashion haircuts such as hair dyed, non-natural colours, tramlines, Mohicans and gel used to style hair into extreme styles. Girls and boys with long hair will need to be tied back at all times.’

I do appreciate that children like to experiment with their hair but ask for parental support in this. Please can I ask that after the Easter holidays the children return in full uniform, including school ties and black formal school shoes.

**Absence:**

If your child is unwell and will not be attending school, please let us know. You can text the school on 07786208450 at any time or leave a message on our answering machine Tel: 568680. If you do not contact us you may receive a visit from the ATTEND team.

**School Clubs:**

We are running the following clubs and still have spaces available, if your child would like to join one, please contact the office. Football KS2, Multi-sports KS1, Reading KS1 & 2, Dance, Art KS2, Skipping KS1 & 2, Drama KS1, BoyzNoyz, Songbirds, Reading Booster Year 6 and French club.

**Safeguarding and support:**

The welfare of our children is always our priority. If you ever feel you need to talk to anyone in school regarding safeguarding or any welfare issues we can help with Mrs Wheaver and Miss Middleton are the Designated Safeguarding Leads and Mrs Birchall is the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead.