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Thomas, Gabriel and Henry enjoying a book during break time in the Sensory Garden.

We can't quite remember such a busy Spring Term at school, at least that's my excuse for the lack of newsletters. I hope you have been able to keep up to date with what's been going on at school through the revamped school blog and through the website and letters home. If you have missed out on the wonderful things that have been going on at school recently then please visit our blog: <http://appleshawschool.edublogs.org/>.

I have been privileged to visit the House of Lords twice in the last few weeks. Once to present our Year 6 Charter at the APPG on a Fit and Healthy Childhood (the meeting was

chaired by Baroness Floella Benjamin!) and again this week to follow that up to meet with Lord Storey who has a special interest in education and whom I'm hoping will visit our school in the near future. Please see the attached letter about some filming that is taking place at school on Tuesday 2nd April in relation to the work I have been doing to promote a broad and balanced curriculum for all pupils in primary school.

Quiz Night

Thank you very much to Sally Brown and the fantastic PTA team for organising a fabulous Quiz Night last Friday evening. It was thoroughly enjoyable and the feedback I have had from those who attended has been very positive and indeed asking for similar nights in the future. Funds raised will be split between the Church, who are raising funds for renovation (<https://www.appleshawchurch.com/>) and the PTA.

Parents' Evening and Bandana Bake

Next week is Parents' Evening week. Make sure you have signed up for an appointment and remember that your child will be leading the first part of the meeting with a review of their progress thus far. We have supported the Big Bandana Bake for the past few years but could not find a suitable day to hold the event on. Therefore we thought that perhaps if we had some donations of cake for Tuesday and Wednesday this week we could make the Parents' Evenings our Bandana Bake; donations of cake to the school office during the day on Tuesday would be most welcome. PTA will also be on hand on Tuesday and Wednesday evening selling second hand uniform.

Play

The Knight, Seymour and Granger Families have kindly donated what we call 'loose materials' - tarpaulin, cable reels, crates and so on - to enrich children's lunchtime play. Great fun has been had constructing all sorts of wonderful dens and I am pleased to say that following some work on



'compassion' in worship the signs on the entrance have changed from 'No Boys Allowed' to 'All Welcome'.

Play, including 'risky play', is an essential part of children's development and I am really proud of the rich opportunities pupils have at Appleshaw. The new fixed play equipment, which has recently been constructed and offers a unique challenge, will be opening after the Easter holiday.

PE and Sport: A message from Mrs Dabill...

"I would like to pass on my deepest gratitude for all you have done to help us with sport so far this year. Without your help, we would have found it very difficult to give our children the opportunities they have had to take part in competitive sport. This is so important in encouraging our children to keep fit; to experience competition, develop/practise their physical skills and to socialise alongside pupils from other schools. Thank you for taking the time to arrange transport to and from venues which allows our children to take part. Our younger pupils have also been given the opportunity to participate which is brilliant. A log of all children that have participated has been kept and will be referred to when selecting children to take part in future events during this academic year and in future years. The events we have taken part in so far this year are:

- *Year 5 / 6 athletics at Harrow Way*
- *KS2 Cross Country running*
- *Year 5 / 6 tag rugby tournament at Shipton Bellinger (Year 3 / 4 tag rugby was hosted at Appleshaw)*
- *Yr 6 Bronze Ambassador training at Knights Enham Infant School*
- *Year 1 Skills4Life at Harrow Way*
- *Year 2 / 3 Skills4Life at Harrow Way*
- *Year 2 and KS2 New Age Kurling at Harrow Way*
- *Year 1 and 2 Tri-Golf at Harrow Way*
- *Year 5 / 6 Quad Kids (athletics) at Winton*
- *High Fives netball tournament at John Hanson*

Also, thank you to Year 5 and 6 parents for bringing in the children's bikes for 'Bikeability' which enables our pupils to learn the skills of being safe on the roads.

In school, our team captains and Bronze Ambassadors have organised and run a multi-skills and tag rugby afternoon for all of Key Stage 2. We are very proud of our children and the way in which they conduct themselves in such events. They demonstrate our schools values impeccably and are a credit both to us as a school and you, as parents."

Tennis Day Camps

Andover Lawn Tennis Club are running Tennis Day Camps to coincide with the various INSET Days that schools are holding over the coming months. The dates on offer and a link to a booking site is provided below.

- April 5th, 23rd
- Friday May 24th
- Monday June 3rd, 21st, 28th
- July 1st, 4th, 5th, 22nd, 23rd

Link for booking for all dates:

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/AndoverCoaching/Coaching/Camps>

Uniform

Very soon we will be changing our School Uniform supplier. We have become increasingly frustrated with the service from Tesco Embroidery and have decided to start using a local supplier who is already working with local schools and comes well recommended. The school office will be writing to you soon to confirm the new details and how uniform can be ordered. We hope you will be pleased with the improved quality and service when it comes online.

Our children always look smart in their uniform but sometimes we get a bit of a random combination of clothes for PE. Please make sure that children have the correct PE kit and that it is in school every day. The Easter holiday is probably a good time to check on uniform and shoes sizes!

Arts Week

We secured funding from the Ewelme Trust to run a whole school art project this year. I'm pleased to say that the artist behind the 215 WW1 Commemoration will be working with us next term to create an installation inspired by nature.

Breakfast Club

To ensure that we continue to cover our costs we will be increasing our prices for Breakfast Club after Easter. The new price will be £2.50 per child per day but we will be opening at the slightly earlier time of 8:00am each day.

After-School Care

I am still looking into the options and am personally very keen to get something off the ground. I don't have anything new to update you on at this stage but hope to in the near future.

DIARY DATES

2/3.4.19: Parents' Evenings

8.4.19: Easter Holiday

23.4.19: Pupils Return to School

24.4.19: Easter Service at Appleshaw Church (9:45am)

26.4.19: Non-Uniform Day in support of the Air Ambulance (wear green/yellow)

29.4.19: SATS Arrangements - presentation for parents of pupils in Years 2 and 6 at 3:30pm

2.5.19: Bags2School Collection

6.5.19: May Day Bank Holiday

13.5.19: YEAR 6 SATs WEEK

16.5.19: Year 2 visit to Anton Lakes

20.5.19: Walk to School Week

23.5.19: Class Photos

27.5.19: Summer Half Term

3.6.19: Pupils return to school

10.6.19: Arts Week

16.6.19: PTA Appleshaw Scavenger Hunt

21.5.19: Year 6 Leavers' Service at Winchester Cathedral

26.6.19: Wear something purple for the day (Faith's Birthday)

28.6.19: Country Dancing Festival at John Hanson School

28.6.19: Leavers' Disco

19.7.19: Last day of the school year