



MADRAS V.A. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

FORTNIGHTLY : 28th March, 2019

TERM DATES

2018-19

School opens – 8th Jan
2019

Half term -22nd Feb
School Opens – 4th
March

Break Up -12th April

School opens- 30th April
Half Term – 24th May
School opens -3th June
Break Up -19th July

In the mornings, a member of staff is on the yard from 8.45am. Children should not be on the yard before this time.

Thank you for your co-operation and support

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Please ring or email in case of absence

Headteacher's Surgery

Every Thursday between
9-9.30am

No appointments
needed

Nursery

We are enjoying our People Who Help Us topic. If you need a wall building call in and see us – we know a lot about builders! In maths we have been looking at tall and short. We know who is the tallest and shortest in our class. We have made a surprise for our mummies ready for Sunday. We are using our phonic skills in the writing area and producing fantastic work!

Class 1

We have been continuing our work on People Who Help Us. We have looked at the role of a doctor and nurse and people in school who help us. We have been working on place value in maths- ordering numbers, partitioning numbers into tens and units and hundreds, tens and units. I am very proud of the children because not only can they count to 100 in English but they can also count to 100 in Welsh!

We have also been working hard in our phonics sessions where we are learning new sound, high frequency words and consolidating the sounds that we already know by playing our new word building board game.

Class 2

We had a fantastic start of the week during our 'Growth Mindset Day'. We talked about the importance of trying our best and the power of positivity. We worked with our learning partners to complete the different activities. In maths we have been focussing on telling the time using analogue clocks and will be moving on to digital next week.

In literacy we have been extending sentences, using interesting language. This will help us when we start our Arctic stories next week.

Class 3

We had an excellent start to the week, focussing on 'Growth Mindset'. The children looked at the difference between a 'fixed' and a 'growth' mindset. (Information about this can be found online). They used a range of media to explain the difference. The children then decided on three targets to focus their new mindset on, using the power of 'YET'.

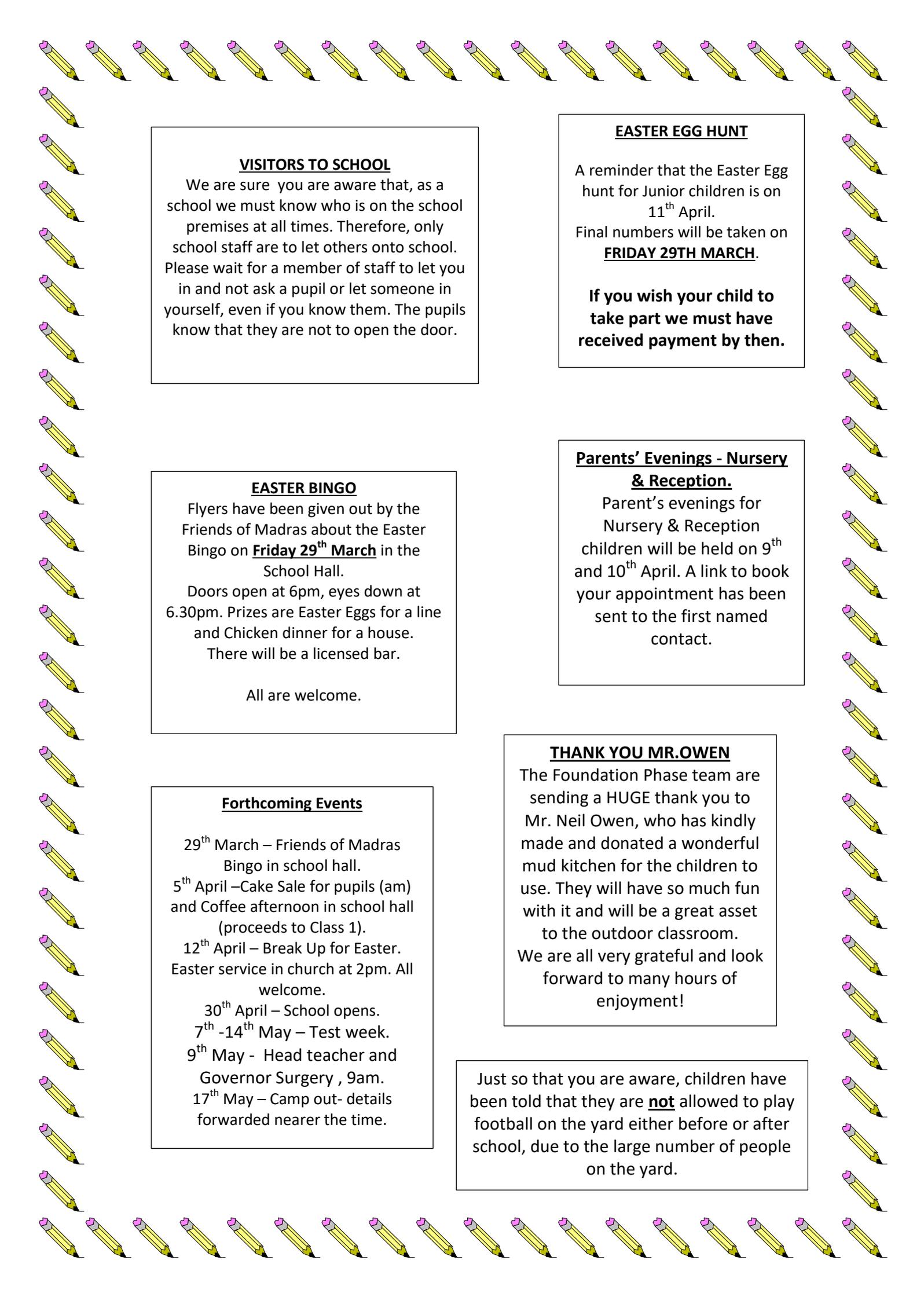
In topic this week we are finding out about Celtic roundhouses. We will use our literacy skills to write instructions for Celtic builders. We would like to build our own mini-roundhouses. If children could bring in items to build them, that would be greatly appreciated ;eg, toilet roll and kitchen roll cardboard centres, cardboard boxes, card, lolly pop sticks, twigs, newspapers, etc.
Thank you.

Class 4

In literacy we are finishing our class story: Hitler's Daughter. Also we are working on fact retrieval, inference and writer's technique in both guided reading and writing sessions.

In maths we will be moving away from probability towards area, perimeter and volume. The quick fire 100 championship we play in class has now reinvented itself in a new game – the 50% game!

In topic we have had some visitors in to talk about their experiences of war/Penley in and after the war. Many thanks to Brian Jakeman, Rob Mazurek, Gwenda Francis, Den Owen and Eileen Young (a former teacher at Madras who was also a WW2 evacuee from Liverpool). Both the children and I learned a lot from their amazing memories and are very grateful for their time.



VISITORS TO SCHOOL

We are sure you are aware that, as a school we must know who is on the school premises at all times. Therefore, only school staff are to let others onto school. Please wait for a member of staff to let you in and not ask a pupil or let someone in yourself, even if you know them. The pupils know that they are not to open the door.

EASTER EGG HUNT

A reminder that the Easter Egg hunt for Junior children is on 11th April.

Final numbers will be taken on **FRIDAY 29TH MARCH.**

If you wish your child to take part we must have received payment by then.

EASTER BINGO

Flyers have been given out by the Friends of Madras about the Easter Bingo on **Friday 29th March** in the School Hall.

Doors open at 6pm, eyes down at 6.30pm. Prizes are Easter Eggs for a line and Chicken dinner for a house.

There will be a licensed bar.

All are welcome.

Parents' Evenings - Nursery & Reception.

Parent's evenings for Nursery & Reception children will be held on 9th and 10th April. A link to book your appointment has been sent to the first named contact.

Forthcoming Events

29th March – Friends of Madras Bingo in school hall.

5th April – Cake Sale for pupils (am) and Coffee afternoon in school hall (proceeds to Class 1).

12th April – Break Up for Easter. Easter service in church at 2pm. All welcome.

30th April – School opens.

7th -14th May – Test week.

9th May - Head teacher and Governor Surgery , 9am.

17th May – Camp out- details forwarded nearer the time.

THANK YOU MR.OWEN

The Foundation Phase team are sending a HUGE thank you to Mr. Neil Owen, who has kindly made and donated a wonderful mud kitchen for the children to use. They will have so much fun with it and will be a great asset to the outdoor classroom.

We are all very grateful and look forward to many hours of enjoyment!

Just so that you are aware, children have been told that they are **not** allowed to play football on the yard either before or after school, due to the large number of people on the yard.