

Chadsgrove Newsletter



Headteacher's Message

It has been fabulous seeing the increased numbers of pupils back in school and they all seem to be enjoying being back. In fact at a recent remote School Council meeting it was requested by one class that school opens 7 days a week – I wonder if they were primed by their families?!

This term we are saying goodbye to Julia Atterbury from 8LS and Clare Neal from the College. We are very sorry to see our colleagues leaving but wish them all the best in their new jobs and thank them for their dedication and commitment to Chadsgrove over the years. They will be very much missed!

It is wonderful to report that we have been very fortunate this term to have been donated funding for IT equipment from the Bromsgrove Institute. This equipment has supported home learning significantly, so we are extremely grateful to them, thank you! We are also very excited to have a new mini-bus partly funded through the Lords Taverners, which is fabulous as our old one had a leaking roof! The children have enjoyed going inside it and now can't wait until the restrictions are over so that we can actually move off the car park!

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Asda and Bumble Hole Foods for donating an Easter Egg for every child and also the Women's Institute for donating our wonderful little hand-knitted chicks and eggs – I hope these do make it home!

Assemblies have taken place remotely, both an Achievement Assembly and an Easter Assembly. I have to say that it is very unusual and bizarre to be leading assemblies from my office, just me and the camera! I really do miss all the children together and the feedback they provide on a daily basis but certainly during assemblies, which are always such fun with the contribution from the children, as I am sure you can imagine! Certificates will be coming home soon! We based some certificates on our school values noting where children had worked particularly hard on these, they were a real pleasure to give out and the progress children have made is just stunning, well done to every single child whether they had a certificate or not, we are immensely proud of everyone.

I would like to thank you all so very much for your support and understanding during this continued unprecedented time of crisis. It is always a pleasure working with you all and Chadsgrove wouldn't be what it is without your help and commitment.

I hope you all have a good Easter holiday; it will probably be very similar to last year, which we don't usually say! Enjoy the time together as families and make the most of the opportunities that brings.

Deb Rattley

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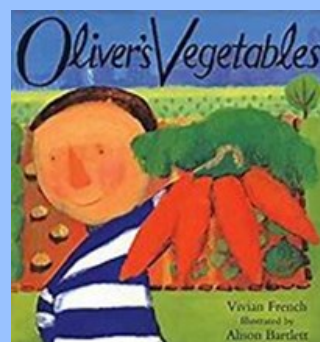
Chadsgrove School Values
Welcoming Teamwork Friendship Trust Independence Fun

2LS

In 2LS we have been enjoying our new playground! We painted on cling film and enjoyed getting messy! We also made kites one day when it was very windy, so we could watch them fly!

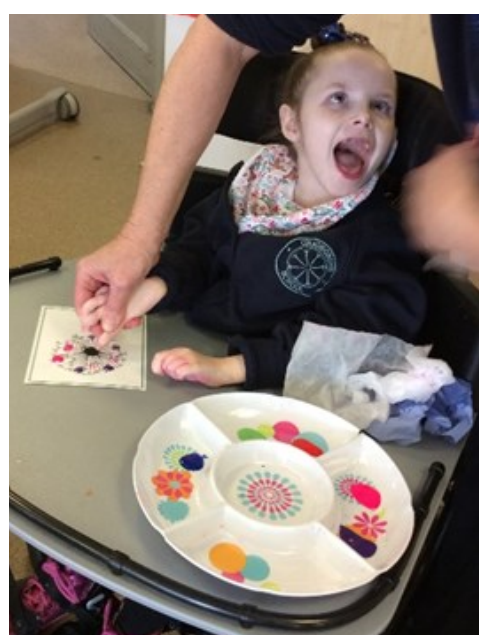


Our story has been Oliver's Vegetables. We learnt about different vegetables by exploring, tasting and cutting them up to print with paint!



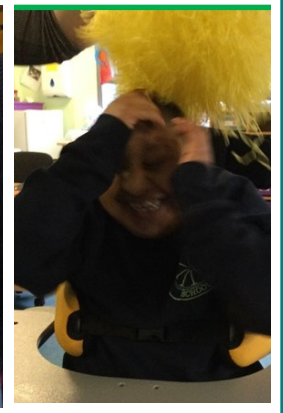
3LS

3LS are really happy to all be back together in class. We've been working hard on our individual targets, and doing lots of activities that help us with our fine and gross motor skills. Our class potatoes are also coming along very nicely!



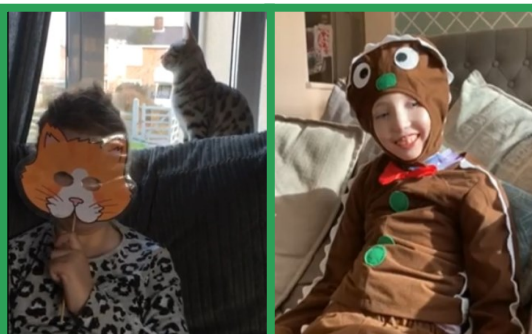
4LS

4LS are really pleased to be back at school! We have been enjoying sensory stories together, which have been lots of fun but also given us opportunities to practise our Communication skills, and Cognition & Learning skills. We've also been really busy working hard on our Motor Skills targets too!

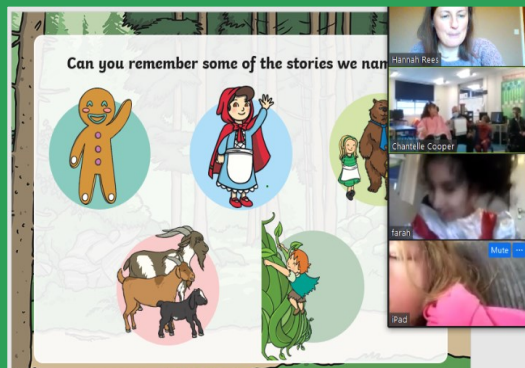


5LS

5LS pupils, both at home and at school, have joined in enthusiastically with their activities.



5LS pupils find ways to be **creative** whatever the topic, whether in art, writing or humanities. They are very proud of the work they do.



The children were very enthusiastic in the **story-telling** that they took part in this term, and showed off their knowledge in a fairy tale quiz.

This term we saw some superb **Science**, with the children's investigating skills. They have been deciding the best material to make a house rain proof and wolf proof.



5LS Have done some marvellous **maths** with their shape and measurement work this term, sorting, exploring and checking predictions.

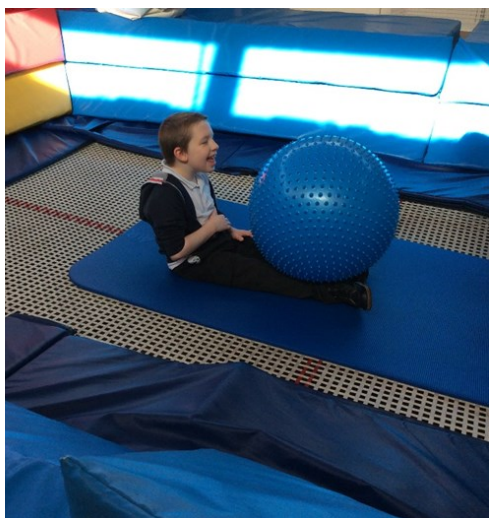
6LS

We had a great afternoon finding out about lambs.



7LS

7LS have enjoyed lots of fun activities this half term.
Alex dressed up for World Book Day and joined in our Sensory Story on Zoom.
Georgia made a Mothers' Day card and plant gift for her mum.
Mason has loved getting back on the trampoline for Rebound Therapy!



8LS

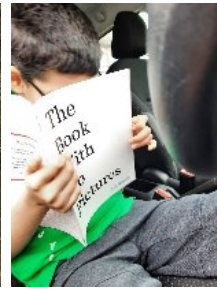


GOODBYE JULIA

Julia our TA is leaving this week to take on a new role in the community.
We will miss her dearly and wish her the best of luck.



WORLD BOOK DAY
8LS rose to the challenge and read their books in some really unusual places! From in the shower, to up a tree, we have all really enjoyed reading this month!



RED NOSE DAY

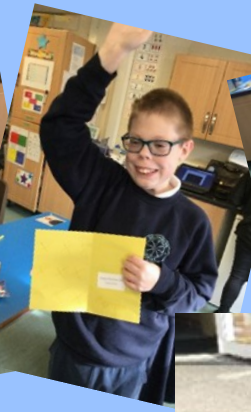
We had SO MUCH FUN completing the Red Nose Day challenges! We had to navigate around the lasers, move like penguins, and take part in a 'nose' and spoon race!

OUR SECOND CHRISTMAS!

We were all so fed up to have missed our Christmas party in December, that we decided to have a Christmas Disco to celebrate being back together!



9US are pleased to be back in school. Joshua used papier-mâché to make a volcano for our topic exploring climates. James helped us to start growing our potatoes, they will be ready to harvest in June. Jasmine enjoyed using role play to work on her money skills and recognising packaging at the "pretend" shop. Morgan enjoyed making his Mother's day card. Finley loved making a surprise for his Mum. Mollie was busy making a Welsh dragon for St David's Day. Finley spent time counting his money to spend in the reward shop.



All of this and we have only been back since the 8th March.
Fantastic work 9US

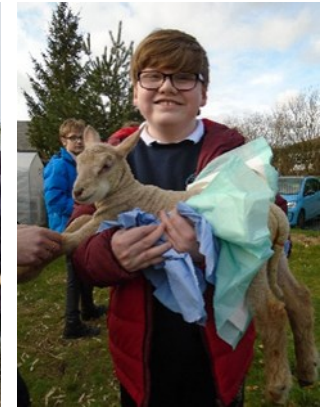
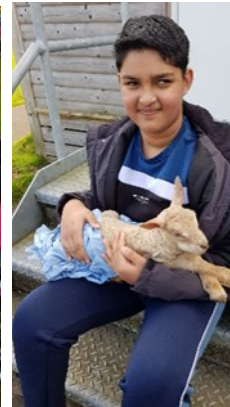




10US have been learning all about growth and new life, particularly learning about transitioning from Winter into Spring. We have helped to sweep up and have a Spring tidy in the sensory garden, ready for us to plant some flowers. Whilst learning about mini beasts we discovered lots about habitats, and using natural materials we each made a 'bug hotel'. We have hidden them in our sensory garden underneath bushes, in trees and amongst the undergrowth! (We are going to see if our fellow pupils from other classes can find them when they are next in the garden!) Wish them luck, as we hid them really well!!



Pupils in 11US had a special visit last Monday from two lambs who were born on Joseph's family farm, just two days before! Nearly everyone in the class was brave enough to have a cuddle, and they almost disappeared home with Ania and Chanelle in their school bags! Neither of the lambs have a mum and are being bottle fed at the moment, and we were able to give them some of their milk. The lambs didn't have names at the time, but pupils decided on Pizza and Baa-bara. Joseph's mum is keeping in touch to let us know how they are doing!



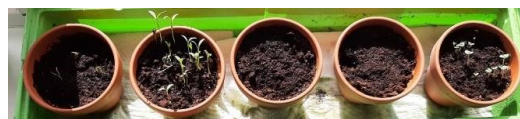
Say hello to
Pizza and
Baabara



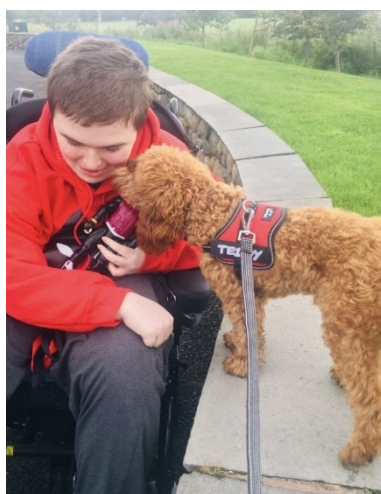
In 12US, we have been focusing on our physical and emotional wellbeing during our return to (almost) normal school life. Pupils have been working hard in the sensory garden by helping Vickie and Justyna plant and decorate.



Tom has also been practising his gardening skills at home. He has grown multiple giant sunflowers from the seeds he saved from last year's sunflowers. He also has plum tomatoes, basil, oregano, chillies and coriander growing.



We have been spending as much time as possible outdoors, especially during the afternoons. Here is we are practising our bowling skills, shortly before we scored a strike!

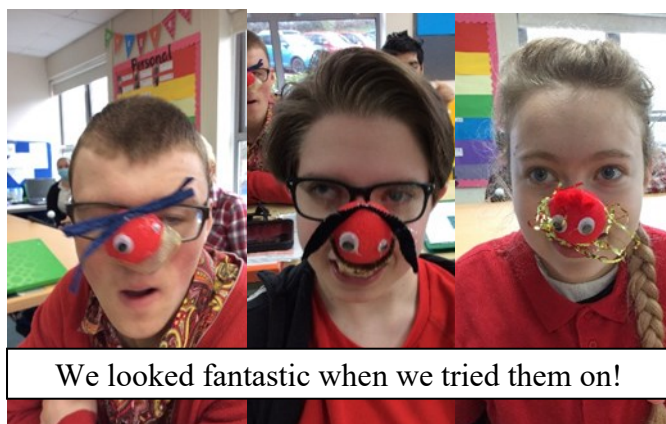


Jess has been refining her cookery skills, one of her favourite things to do. That pasta looks great, Jess! Josh has been spending time outdoors and getting some fresh air with Teddy.

RED NOSE DAY



We had great fun making our own noses in Art



We looked fantastic when we tried them on!

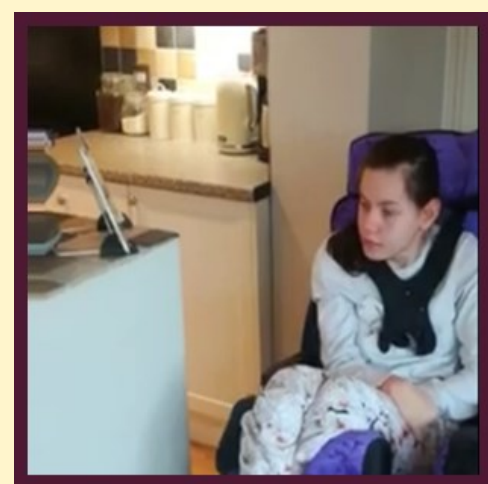


We had competitions to see how many times we could go around the table or in and out of stools before we dropped our noses.



Great fun was also had timing ourselves carrying our noses on our spoons around the track.

14US enjoyed sharing their favourite books and stories with each other for World Book Day.
 Reading together gives us opportunities to learn, have fun, develop our confidence,
 feel connected with our peers, escape from our worries and express ourselves!
 We are definitely book worms in 14US!





15US have been earning money through the week and then spending (or saving) at the reward shop on a Friday morning.
We are practising our numeracy and our independence skills.



We have been learning about Art Deco, particularly Clarice Cliff. We tried slabbing, coiling and building thumb pots. We are adding Art Deco patterns to our finished pots.



We have been practising our co-ordination using different sized balls.
We have also been practising our Boccia skills. It's so much fun and we are all very competitive!



15US started the decoration of our school elephant calf!
Every pupil is invited to make their mark on him/ her and then he/she will join the other elephant sculptures in Worcester City Centre for the Summer 2021 exhibition.

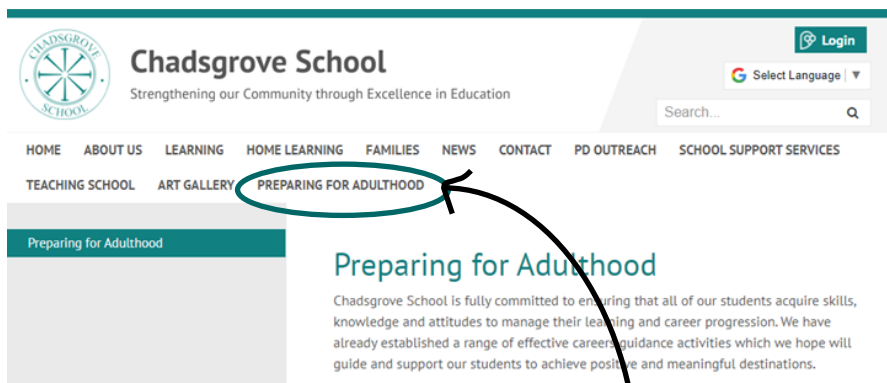
Watch this space, our sculpture promises to be amazing!



Preparing for Adulthood Parent and Pupil Information Page

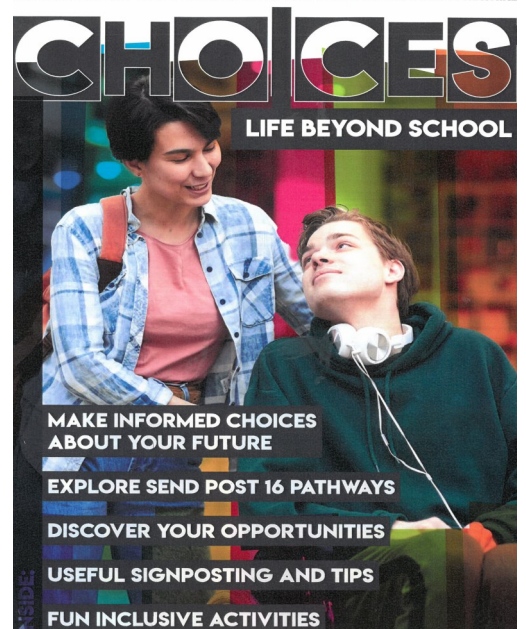
The Preparing for Adulthood, Transitions and Life Beyond Education team at Chadsgrove School are delighted to announce that a dedicated page has been created on the schools website. This page will be regularly updated with advice, information and events specifically to facilitate a smooth transition into adulthood.

Recently teachers sent out an interactive “Choices SEND Life Beyond School” magazine, the resource is full of advice and information and has been uploaded onto the Preparing for Adulthood page.



Visit our Website
for details

CAREERS PATHWAY ADVICE FOR STUDENTS WITH SEND ACROSS WORCESTERSHIRE





Over this term 16US have been exploring different ICT tools.

Will and James in school have put their video editing skills into practice and helped Mrs Taylor create a Red Nose Day video.

While on zoom, the students have learned how to create their own personalised backgrounds.

Our students have gotten really creative with this.

Students have engaged in some lesson using interactive ICT tools.

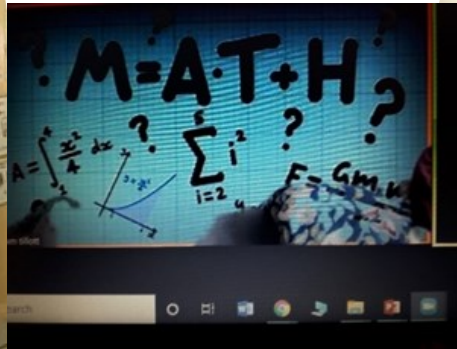
The students actively engaged in a lesson delivered through Nearpod.

Last week the students in school used the VR headsets in a lesson.

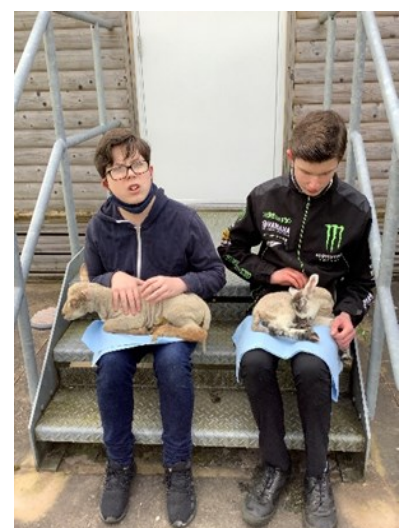
They all had a wonderful experience, there was lots of laughing involved.

Will managed to create a QR code and scan it with the VR headsets.

Well done 16US!!



We helped raise money for Red Nose Day by taking part in the Red Nose and Spoon Race around the track



Cute baby lambs!
We enjoyed holding 2 day old Larry and 1 week old Barbara.
Even the staff enjoyed holding them!

WORLD BOOK DAY

4 MARCH 2021

WORLD BOOK DAY THURSDAY 4TH MARCH 2021

SO, IN 2021, OUR CELEBRATIONS FOR 'WORLD BOOK DAY', JUST LIKE EVERYTHING ELSE THIS YEAR, WERE A LITTLE DIFFERENT.

THANKS TO THE CREATIVITY OF OUR WONDERFULLY TALENTED STAFF (AND HELP AND SUPPORT FROM OUR PARENT CARERS WORKING WITH THEIR CHILDREN AT HOME) OUR CELEBRATIONS OF 'READING' WERE STILL A GREAT SUCCESS FOR OUR PUPILS.

There were lots of different fun 'reading' activities taking place, including an assembly promoting discussions about 'what reading means to us?', extra story 'PowerPoints' and videos to share, some fun challenges and even a unique 'literature inspired' musical collaboration with our friends in the **CBSO**.

For example, fresh from their writing competition success, **6LS** had a go at writing their own stories and designing their own bookmarks.

9US learnt about the life of '**Roald Dahl**' and continued to enjoy reading his children's classic, '**Matilda**'.

15US enjoyed a 'Zoom lesson' sharing the hilarious '**Bad Dad**' by David Walliams. And pupils in **10US** and **14US** joined members of the **CBSO** (who'd dressed up as book characters) for a very special Zoom session themed around music from films adapted from children's literature (including Harry Potter) and traditional tales.



NOTE:

By now you should have received either a paper book token or a digital token worth £1 to spend on either one of the special £1 books or to get £1 off a full price book.

Book shops have promised to honour these (whilst stocks last when they reopen once restrictions are eased).
If you have not yet received a token, please contact your class teacher and Mr Brown will make sure we send one out to you.

Our new Lord Taverners Minibus

We were delighted to receive our new minibus last week.
We could not celebrate the arrival of this bus in our usual manner but we managed a few photo opportunities.
A huge thank you to those who helped raise money to fund our new minibus.



Students of 15US looking forward to accessing the wider community when they are able to.

NEWSFLASH: PUBLISHED AUTHORS IN 6LS

We are delighted to announce that four creative writers from 6LS are soon to have their 'mini sagas' published in a book!

'*Young Writers*' run national writing competitions for young people to inspire them to become confident and passionate writers!

Now in their 29th year, this year alone they've received in excess of 10,000 entries!

Mrs Owen entered the work of four of her talented class to be considered for *Young Writers*' 'A Wander in the Woods' competition, and now all four have had their work chosen to be published in

'A Wander in the Woods - Future Authors'

which is scheduled to be published on 7th May 2021.

Having work published from all four of the pupils

- Amelia, Esme, Jayden and Lillia -

is something we should all be immensely proud of, as it doesn't happen every day!

Although, it is something of a tradition in 6LS, with both Amira and Joshua also having previously had their work published in the last couple of years.

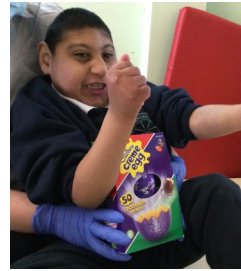
Mrs Roberts is now planning to build on this success and is hoping to enter 6LS pupils' work for *Young Writers*' Poetry Competition, so watch this space!

G Brown





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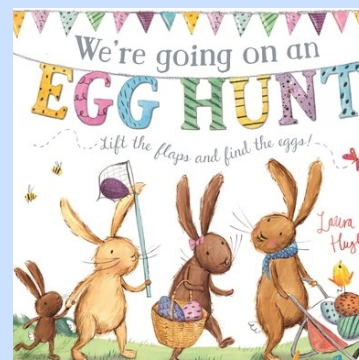
Free Nearly New Uniform

We have a lot of good quality donated uniform items across all sizes and gender to give away free. This includes polo shirts, trousers, skirts, summer dresses, shorts, cardigans and sweatshirts.

If you would like any of these items (and we have stock in the sizes required), please email Sarah Tillsley at st270@chadsgrove.worcs.sch.uk and we will send them home with your child.



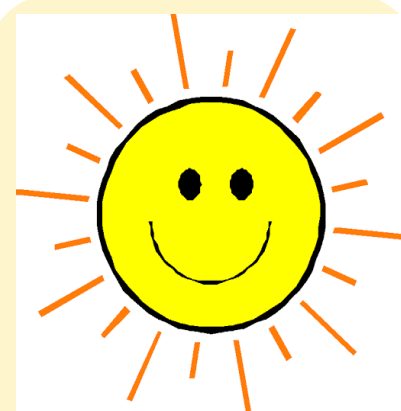
Please refer to our letter sent home and on our website under 'Families', 'Letters Home' for information on Test and Trace Support Payment Scheme



Over the Easter period Welcome Hall Evangelical Church are running a treasure hunt for the children in the village, if you are interested in taking part please contact Gordon Robbins. Associate Pastor 07970-157970 or email www.welcomehallchurch.org

Dates for your Diary 2021

Thursday 1st April	School Closes for Students (3.30pm)
Friday 2nd April	School Closed—Good Friday/Easter Holidays
Monday 19th April	School Opens for Students (9.00am)
Friday 30th April	School Closes for Students (3.30pm)
Monday 3rd May	School Closed—May Day
Tuesday 4th May	School Opens for Students (9.00am)
Friday 28th May	School Closes for Students (3.30pm)
Monday 7th June	School Opens for Students (9.00am)
Friday 16th July	School Closes for Students (3.30pm)
Monday 19th July	INSET Day School closed to Students
Tuesday 20th July	INSET Day School closed to Students
Wednesday 21st July	INSET Day School closed to Students



Look out for Summer Playscheme information which will be sent home at the beginning of next term