



Bolton on Swale St Mary's Church of England Aided Primary School

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'Developing the whole child'

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'Words paint a picture in your head' - a visit from the Poet Craig Bradley

The whole school enjoyed meeting the poet, Craig Bradley this week. He started the day with a whole school assembly where he generated lots of laughter and fun along with a very positive message about the impact of reading on all aspects of language development. We explored structure, rhyme, rhythm and repetition with his poetry. He then visited each class and shared his poems and songs.



Easter activities in school - Thursday 11th April We hold a decorated egg and Easter bonnet competition. Children should complete their entries at home and bring them into school on Thursday morning. They may place them on tables labelled for each year group in the hall from 8.45am. The entries are judged and prizes are presented at the egg rolling in the afternoon. Friends of the School kindly provide prizes.

Friends of the School Easter Egg Tombola Please send 50p on Thursday morning; children will take part during the morning while viewing the decorated eggs and bonnets; everyone will win an prize!

Egg rolling 2pm Thursday 11th April Children need to bring a plain hard boiled egg for the egg rolling in the afternoon. Parents/carers are welcome to watch the egg rolling in the playground at 2pm. Friends of the School will provide refreshments and a cake stall during the Egg rolling. Donations of cakes will be gratefully received on Thursday. School will finish at normal time 3.30pm.

School Easter Service in Scorton Methodist Church at 2pm on Friday 12th April

Due to a problem with the heating at St Mary's Church, our end of term Easter Service will now take place in Scorton Methodist Church. This is on the Green in Scorton village. A huge thank you to them for making this available to us at short notice.

This service is led by the children from all classes. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Collective Worship in school All our children regularly take part in Collective Worship. Pictured below are Class 1 sharing the story of Holy Week in our Collective Worship this week.



Fortnite Game and Primary aged children

Following Prince Harry's comments in the press this week about the Game Fortnite, a number of parents have asked us for advice. Fortnite is recommended for children aged 12 and over. It can be addictive and has content considered unsuitable for primary aged children. Teachers in school do notice the impact of the Game on children's ability to concentrate and make the best progress in school.

Last week of Clubs next week New clubs start after Easter. Confirmation slips for places have been sent home today.

Swimming after Easter All children in Y1-Y6 will have a block of 10 swimming lessons at Catterick Leisure Centre with instructors. They will swim in ability groups. Please see the information sent home and return the consent slip before Easter. Payment can be made in ParentPay.

Class 3 will swim for the first time on Tuesday 30th April.

Year 1/2 and Class 4 will swim for the first time on Thursday 2nd May.

Assessment and National Statutory Test Dates

Year 2 complete statutory assessments during May.

Year 6 complete their SAT tests in the week beginning Monday 13th May.

Year 1 complete their Phonic screen check in the week of Monday 10th June.

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Please don't hesitate to contact me with any queries.

Yours sincerely,

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