



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

22ND MARCH 2024

Word of the week – Diversity
**Worship Theme of the week – International Day for
the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (21/03)**
Core value of the week – Display empathy
Biblical reference of the week – Galatians 3:26-27

This will be the last newsletter of another fantastic term here at St Edward's. We finish this term next Thursday, culminating with our on-line Y7 Parents' Evening.

A great chance for all parents to receive wonderful feedback about how hard children have been working and to go over their assessment and progress data. As I think back over everything we have done this term it fills me with immense pride about the amazing experiences on offer and the many celebrations of hard work and success.

Next term we can look forward to even more success and enjoyment. Can I extend my sincere thanks to everyone for the encouragement you give your child in their studies, in their appearance, and how you support the school. As we move towards Spring Bank, I will continue to share the developments of the new site and the plan for the grand opening in September. Can I wish you all a restful and enjoyable Easter break with your family and we look forward to seeing the children back with us on Tuesday 9th April.

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CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

Our end of term celebration assemblies reward students for their efforts across the term and they have the chance to win some 'real plastic gold' awards! The way our children recognise each other's success and embrace being talented is a pleasure to see. We need to ensure our children always have high aspirations and expectations of themselves and one another. They truly can achieve anything and everything they set their mind to. Below are some photos of the children and their awards.



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STEM INDUSTRIAL CADETS

Four of our student STEM ambassadors from Year 9 started their project this week where they had their first online training session. The 12-week project will allow students to gain key skills for learning, life and working as a team on a set STEM project. Students will learn about potential future career paths and the exciting STEM opportunities available to them, working alongside an industry mentor. At the end of the scheme, students graduate as Bronze-level Industrial Cadets, a nationally recognised award that students can use as evidence of their experience and take forward to complement their future applications and career journeys.



EASTER SERVICE

On Tuesday next week we will be holding our Easter liturgical service at St Mary's Church. Vanessa, our Chaplain, has planned a fantastic service for the children. We are a Church of England school and a school of all faiths and none, it is important considering the challenges in today's society that we allow our children to learn about and experience as many faiths and cultures as possible. Next week enables us all to celebrate this special time of year in the Christian calendar.

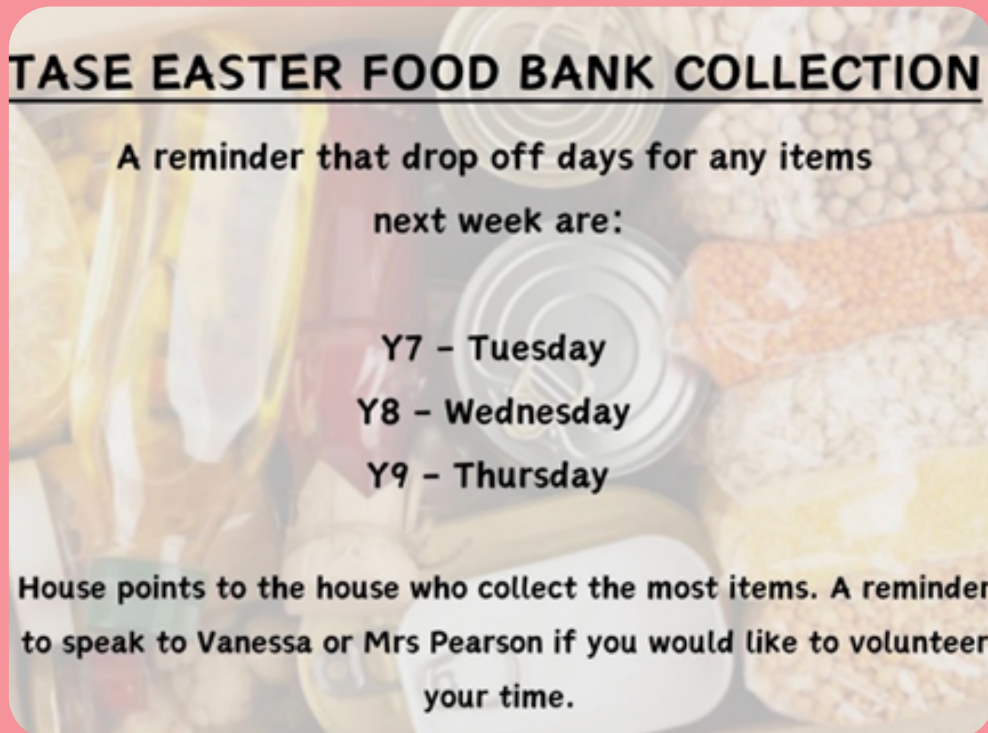


YEAR 9 COOKING EXPERIENCE

On Friday, a group of Year 9 students have been involved in a cooking experience. We have been working with an outside agency who have enabled us to convert our current DT room into a cooking space. We wanted to enable Year 9 students to experience food technology, especially those who may be thinking of selecting it as an option. From September, in our new build, this will be a curriculum area open to all year groups. We really hope the students enjoyed the experience.

FOODBANK DONATIONS

Next week we are collecting any donations that families may have to support our local foodbank. Please see below for the drop off days.



PARACETAMOL AND MEDICINES



After half term we will not be administering paracetamol to any students during the school day. If your child requires medication due to an injury or it is prescribed by a GP, it needs to be sent with them in a marked envelope and they need to hand it in to reception. We will no longer allow students to take paracetamol supplied by school, even with permission from a parent. We will always aim to support children who feel unwell, we are however not a pharmacy and there have been too many occasions where children (who have parental permission) are coming to reception for medication. Any child who needs regular medication that has been previously agreed, and it is part of their medical plan, will of course still be supported.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY/UPCOMING EVENTS

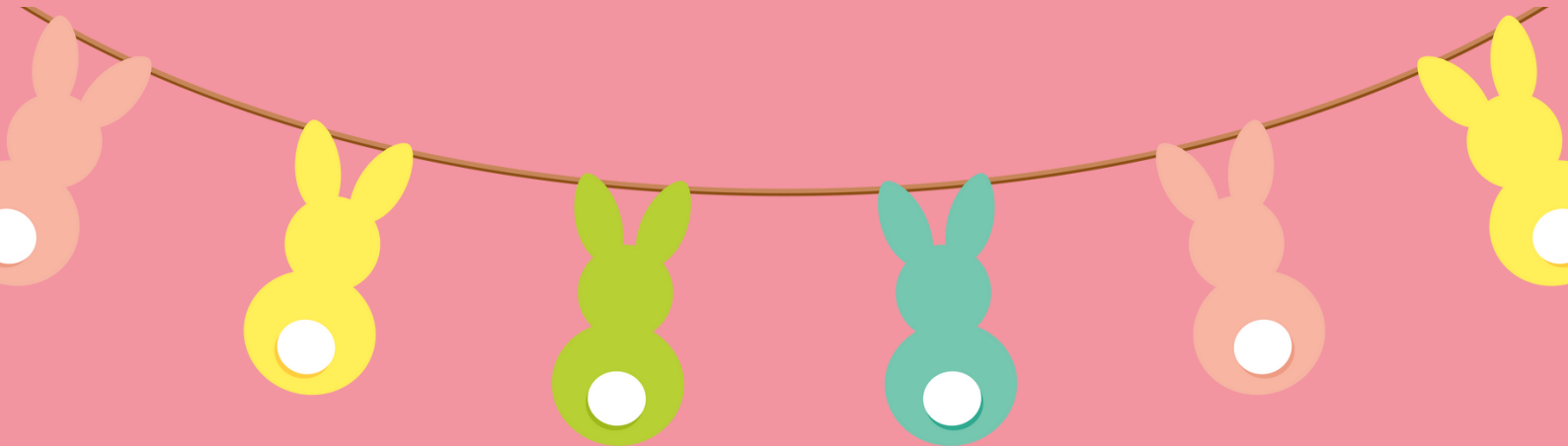
**Tuesday 26th March
Easter service at St Mary's Church**

**Wednesday 27th March
Masters of Recall Big Quiz**

**Thursday 28th March
Y7 Parents' Evening – online**

**Thursday 28th March
School closes for Easter break**

**Tuesday 9th April
School re-opens**



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