

## End of Spring Term Newsletter.

Well, here we are at the end of another busy, enjoyable term – time has gone by so quickly!

It was lovely to chat with you this week at parent's evening and I hope that you are all proud of your wonderful children – they have worked so hard and deserve a lovely break with lots of Easter treats! Your children have made and decorated an Easter basket this week and will soon be bringing it home with some Easter goodies inside.

On Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March, the children will enjoy a special assembly which will involve learning about the Easter story through some drama (with some chocolate eggs thrown in!). This will be organised and led by the wonderful Reverend Ruth Colby.

What a fantastic time we had at Beaumanor Hall! It is no surprise that your children were an absolute pleasure to take away and were a real credit to you, themselves and our school. There were many positive comments from the staff at Beaumanor – lovely manners, listening skills, tidy bedrooms and good behaviour. Well done to all the children who were sleeping in the 'Gage' cabins – your bedrooms were spotless! We were pretty lucky with the weather as it was dry and reasonably mild – it could have been so much worse! However, as you can imagine, the ground was very muddy after all the rain. Apologies if you have had rather a lot of washing to do! This did not stop the children from throwing themselves enthusiastically into every activity – they loved everything and were a pleasure to take away! Our forest school skills were definitely put to use on the second day when everyone contributed to building a waterproof shelter in the woods!

I took lots of photos which are now available in the usual place on the website.

The children have continued to work hard during maths, english and spelling sessions and we have also completed a series of Spring term formal assessments in reading and maths over the last couple of weeks.

We are now ready to start making our beach huts – the plans are in place and we hope to have completed them by the middle of next week. I will take photos of them once they are completely finished so keep an eye out on my class page.

We also managed to complete a spaghetti tower challenge last week which you may have read about in the main school weekly newsletter. The aim was to create a tower that was strong enough to hold one marshmallow on top! The children worked brilliantly as a team on what proved to be a very challenging task as the spaghetti was so brittle.

New spelling lists for the first half of the Summer term will be provided for the children next week. For your information, these are already on my class page of the school website. I will also send out further maths tasks to be completed at home in the new term.

#### Other Information:

- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Easter egg competition (details are on the main school weekly newsletter)
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – return to school for the summer term.
- We will be setting a creative homework task linked to our summer term topic at some point in the new term.
- P.E. days will remain the same next term, but will now both be indoors as it is our turn to work with Gordon Fearn once again on Friday mornings,

As this is the final newsletter for the term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you once again for your support and kind comments – all very much appreciated!

We are all so proud of our children in Key Stage 1. They have worked so hard this term and are ready for a well-deserved break.

I would like to wish you all a restful and enjoyable Easter holiday and look forward to welcoming your children back to school on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April.

Kind regards,

Mrs Gilbey ☺

