

## End of Spring Term Newsletter

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

It was lovely to chat with you all last 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 with some Easter treats inside – I hope the contents manage to make it home before being consumed today! To finish off our Easter celebrations, I was amazed at the wonderful ideas, creativity and thought that so many children put into the Easter egg competition today – we were able to enjoy looking at all the entries on display across the school – a big well done to everyone who took the time to take part in what has been a very busy week!!

The children enjoyed a wonderful "Easter Experience" on Tuesday at St. Peter's Church which involved learning about the Easter story at six different 'story stations' as well as every child receiving a palm cross plus some eggs! This was organised and led by the wonderful Reverend Ruth Colby. Our thanks go to Ruth for all of her hard work to make the event so enjoyable and successful.

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 and behaviour. I was very proud. The weather, however was not particularly kind to us – it rained all day on Wednesday and there was so much mud – more than we have ever known. Apologies if you have rather a lot of washing to do! Thursday was slightly better but very muddy. This did not stop the children from throwing themselves

enthusiastically into every activity – they loved everything and were a pleasure to take away!

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

The children have continued to work hard during maths, english and spelling sessions over the last weeks. We have now increased our focus on revision, consolidation and past SAT papers for reading, arithmetic and mathematical reasoning in preparation for the forthcoming SATs in May. We will continue to do this after Easter over the four weeks leading up to May 15<sup>th</sup> (Key Stage 1 SATs start date)

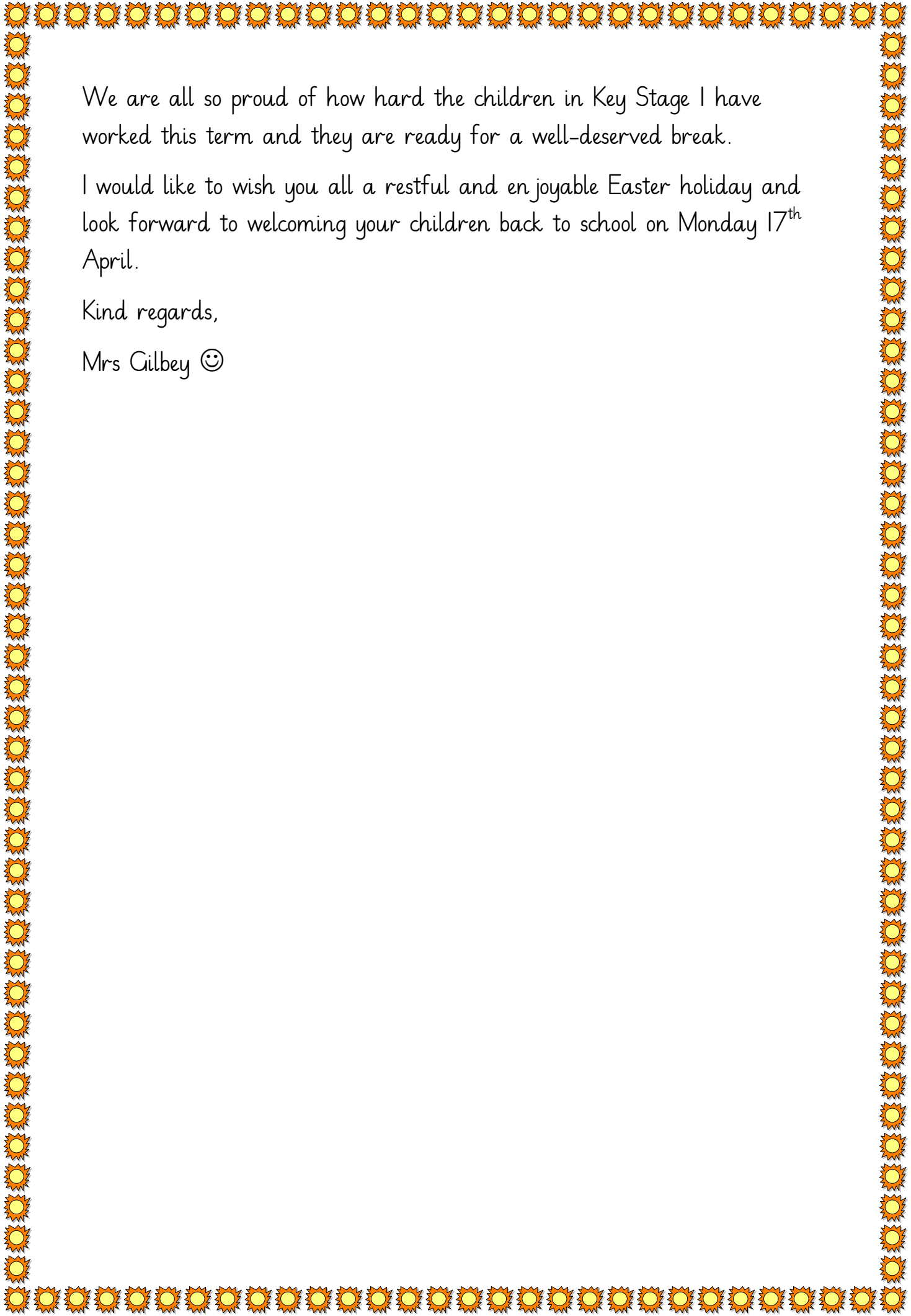
### Optional Holiday Homework:

In addition to regular reading and the mental maths sheets that were given to you at parent's evening, I am attaching an optional reading comprehension booklet which is similar to the ones we work on at school. It would also be very useful (if you have the time) to revisit past spelling lists and rules to keep these ticking over – thank you!

### Other Information:

- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April – return to school for the summer term.
- W/B 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Key Stage 1 SATS.
- 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.

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 – it is very much appreciated!!



We are all so proud of how hard the children in Key Stage 1 have worked this term and they 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 17<sup>th</sup> April.

Kind regards,

Mrs Gilbey ☺