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THE NEWSLETTER FOR HURSTBOURNE TARRANT CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our Core Christian Values are: Respect, Effort, Aim High, Honesty, Care and Love
Collective Worship Theme: Compassion

Dear Parents,

The last two weeks seem to have flown by with sporting events, outcome activities, a whole class trip to the Living Rainforest, an Easter service and the Easter Bazaar.

It was great to see so many of you at the church yesterday at our Easter Service. The performance of 'Good News' by Autumn Class was simply brilliant. For me, it is always wonderful to see our children have the confidence to perform a play on a stage to an audience. Over the year, all the children at Hurstbourne Tarrant have to opportunity to perform plays which I believe is a real strength of our school!

Following the questionnaire sent out by Vicky Bradley from the **Red Kite Kids Club**, 37 families responded in total. 32 out of 37 families said they needed after-school childcare because their current arrangements don't work, or don't always work. 18 families said they would use an after-school club regularly. 15 families said they would use it occasionally. 4 families said they may use it. Once Vicky had looked at the numbers and costings, she drew the following conclusion. *'Based on the figures, the numbers are unfortunately not quite at the level the club would need to be viable as an externally run provision but they are close'*. Moving forward, this will be something we will continue to monitor.

As part of the 2026 National Year of Reading initiative, I would like to thank the Friends of HBT (especially Mrs Juniper) and Mr Solomon for organising the **Readathon** as well as all the children who took part. The total raised was an amazing £1775.80. The money will buy new resources for our library and our early reading provision.

And finally, I would like to wish everyone a restful, peaceful Easter. The next term begins on Tuesday 14th April.

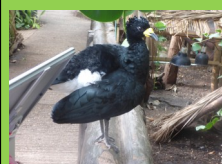
Best wishes as always, Gareth Dee

Prayer of the week
This week's prayer was written by
Winter Class.

Dear God,

Thank you for Easter. Thank
you for Jesus, who brings hope and new life.
Help us to share kindness, joy, and love with
everyone we meet.

Amen.



Living Rainforest Visit

On Friday 20th March, Autumn Class visited the Living Rainforest. When we arrived, we got into our groups and set off. We saw a black toucan with a brightly coloured beak and black beady eyes. We also saw Blue Dart Frogs. They were as still as statues and not easy to spot. We then saw a brown patch of fur which was Cinnamon the Sloth. Everyone was very excited to get a glimpse of her as she likes to hide among the trees.



Half way through the day we headed back to the café and gift shop and had our lunch. Once we had finished, Miss Kearsey and Mrs Smith's groups merged together and went on a guided tour of the rainforest. The expert talked to us about the different adaptations of the animals that helped them survive in the rainforest. After that, we all got back on the coach and headed back to school. We played a guessing game based on all the animals we had seen in the rainforest.

Ruby and Wren (Year 4)

Summer Fair—a plea for help from the Friends of HBT!



Just a heads up that plans are currently afoot for The Summer Fair on Saturday 11th July - our big extravaganza in the Summer! This year it looks like it is going to be better than ever! But we really need your help. If you can spare an hour (or two) on the day it will make all the difference. This could be helping set up on the day or doing an hour on the bar, BBQ or games. Please

contact a member of the Friends either via the class WhatsApp or email hbtfriends@gmail.com if you can help.



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