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*As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace  
1 Peter 4:10*

26<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

**\*\*IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING SCHOOL LUNCHES\*\***

We have been notified by Norse (who provide our school lunches) that due to operational difficulties, they will no longer be able to provide the snack pack option after the Easter holiday. I am sorry for the late notice but we were only notified this morning by Norse.

I would like to stress that this is a decision taken by Norse, not the school and will come in to effect from April 12<sup>th</sup>. At this stage we do not know whether it will be a temporary or permanent decision.

The new summer term menu is attached to this newsletter and will also be uploaded to the website.

**Reading: Accelerated Reader and myON**

By the time children leave our school, we aim for them to be confident, able readers with a love of books! The COVID pandemic period has been a major disruption for them and we are determined to ensure that we waste no time in moving each child forward in their learning journey.

To this end, we have invested in Accelerated Reader (AR) and myON as a way to enhance reading skills for pupils in Year 2 to Year 6. AR is an online tool that provides quizzes for your child to take as they complete each book within the AR library. The children have been tested to ascertain their reading range and they can select books from within that reading range from the classroom shelves and the school library. By using the quizzes, we will be able to regularly assess your child's understanding of what they are reading and ensure that they are continuing to make progress.

We have also purchased myON which is a digital library providing books and magazines for your child to read both at home and at school. Your child's assessment data has been uploaded to their myON account which means that they will access materials that are within their range of reading ability. There are lots of helpful features such as note taking tools and audio availability.

Children will not be limited to books within their reading range. They will still be able to select books of interest from the school library shelves. However, having a very systematic approach alongside this, will help to ensure that their reading is carefully guided and monitored and their reading needs are prioritised at all times.

We have introduced your child to the myON platform this week and we hope that you will take some time during the Easter break to look at this with them and encourage them to make use of it.

To log in, please go to: <https://www.myon.co.uk/login/index.html>

Your child's user name and password are the same as those used for google classroom.

The year 2 children in Oak Class won't have been tested or introduced to myON yet as Mr Watson is not in school this week but this will happen once the children return after the Easter break.

You can read more about Accelerated Reader and myON here:

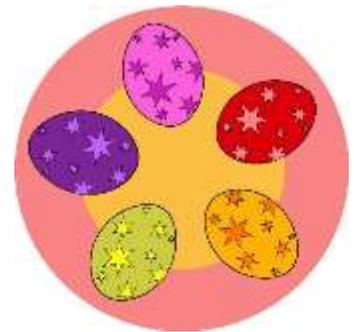
<http://www.renlearn.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Parents-Guide-to-Renaissance.pdf>

### **After school activities**

We are delighted to start offering some after school activities once again. Oak Class children have the opportunity of joining the Forest Schools Club every Monday after school and Mr Smith is resuming his Sports Club which, due to class bubbles, will be offered to children in each class on one day every week. There is a poster at the end of this letter with all the details.

### **School Council Easter Challenge**

The School Council has designed a list of activities for the children to have a go at during the Easter holidays- it is optional but something fun for them to do! Perhaps you would like to take a photo of each completed activity to share when we return after Easter. You will find the Easter Challenge sheet attached with this newsletter. It will also be put up on the Google Classrooms  
Good luck and enjoy!



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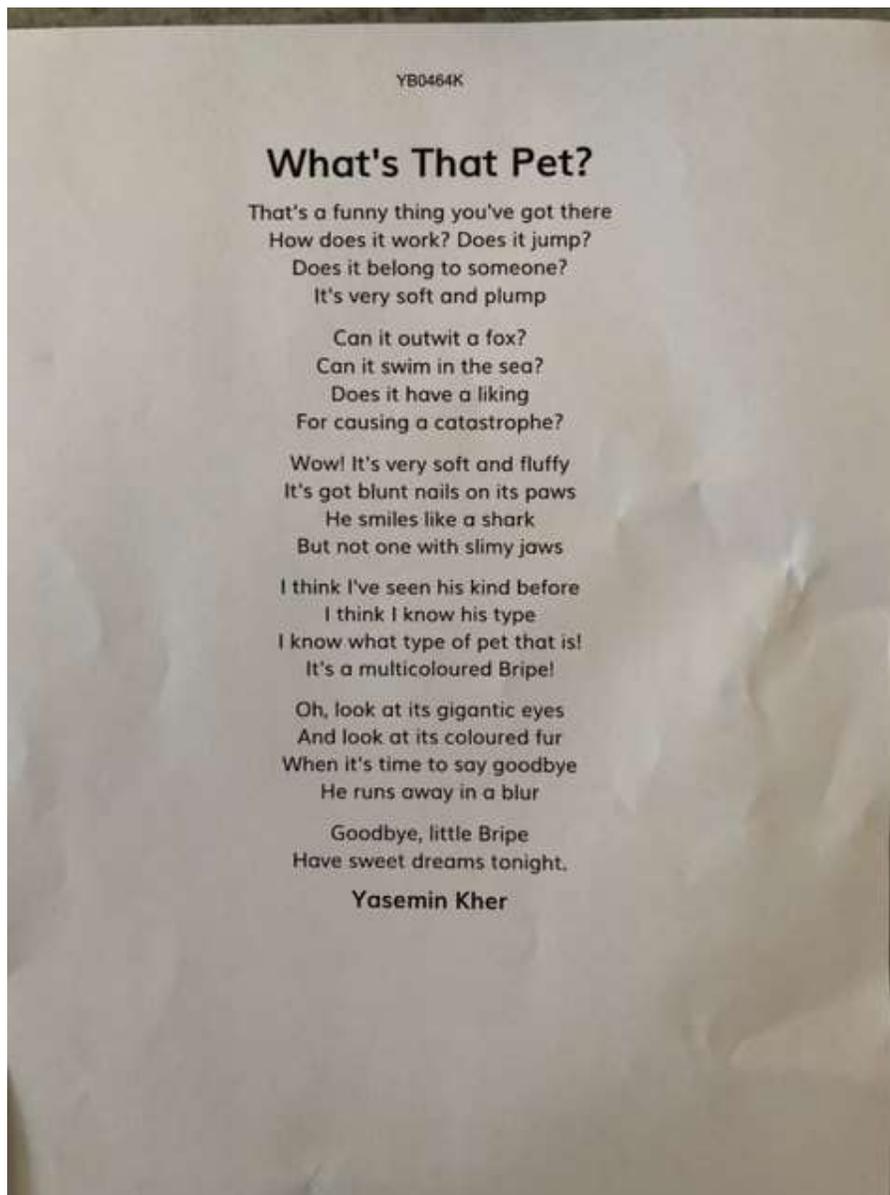


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### **A future Poet Laureate?**

We were delighted to hear that Yasemin in Rowan Class has been contacted by Young Writers to say her poem has been chosen for publication. The category was Peculiar Pets 7-11. We shall have a copy of the poetry book in our library after publication, but in the meantime, here is Yasemin's excellent poem:



## Reminders

### Use of Social Media

We recognise the dangers of children using social media apps and playing online games. It is becoming more and more difficult for parents/carers to fully understand what their children are able to access online and to ensure that what they are doing and looking at is age-appropriate. There are many very helpful sites where parents/carers can get information to help them navigate these issues:

- Think U Know (Parents Section) - [www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/)
- Childnet (Parents Section) - [www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers](http://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers)
- Parentzone - <https://parentzone.org.uk/advice/parent-guides>
- NSPCC (Share Aware) - [www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/share-aware/](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/share-aware/)
- Vodafone (Digital Parenting) - <https://www.vodafone.co.uk/mobile/digital-parenting>
- Internet Matters - [www.internetmatters.org](http://www.internetmatters.org)

Rowan  
Tom



## Celebrations

Value Achievements	Pine	Oak	Sycamore	Rowan	Willow
Gold Book Award					
Reading Passports					
Going for Gold award					
KS1 Merit Badge	Graciemay	Ella			
Bronze (KS2)					
Silver (KS2)					
Gold (KS2)					
Platinum (KS2)					
COURAGE	Imogen	Thomas W			
TRUTHFULNESS					
RESPONSIBILITY					

SERVICE	Thomas		Abigail		
TRUST					
SELF RESPECT					
FORGIVENESS					
GENEROSITY					
FRIENDSHIP		Isley		Connor	William
RESPECT					
KOINONIA					
JUSTICE					
PERSEVERANCE	Jace				
HUMILITY					
KINDNESS					
HELPFULNESS					
CREATIVITY					

**Out of school achievements:**

and finally...

**Heavenly Father,  
Remind us to use our gifts, to serve one another, as good stewards of your  
varied grace.  
Amen**

Wishing you all a peaceful and restful Easter

Kind regards



Executive Headteacher

After School Sports Club

# MR. SMITH'S SPORTS CLUB



Offering the following sports:

Netball	Dodgeball
Basketball	Football
Hockey	Capture the flag
Floorball	Gymnastics
Handball	Tennis and many more...

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Sessions start from the 19th April 2021.

Due to restrictions, each class has an allocated day for their sports club (see below). Six weeks for £12.

Sessions will run from 3:15-4:15.

To book, contact Mr. Smith at [happysports@yahoo.com](mailto:happysports@yahoo.com).

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Mon - Sycamore, Tue - Willow, Wed - Oak,  
Thu - Pine, Fri - Rowan.