



NEWSLETTER

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Peace

Trust

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The week ahead:

April	During School Day	After school
Monday 11th	Summer Term Starts	
Tuesday 12th		
Wednesday 13th		
Thursday 14th	NSPCC Assembly	
Friday 15th	Y3/4 Hockey at Church Stretton School	

DIARY DATES

Thursday 21st April
NSPCC Workshops for Years 5 and 6
Year 3/4 Tennis Festival

Wednesday 4th May
Year 4 Blown Away Day,
Church Stretton School

Thursday 5th May
Year 2 Activities,
Church Stretton School

Monday 9th May
SATs Week

Friday 13th May
Arthog Trip

Thursday 19th May
Year 5/6 Orienteering,
Carding Mill Valley

Friday 27th May
Break up for Half Term

Monday 6th June
School reopens

Friday 24th June
Summer Fair

Friday 22nd July
Break up for Summer Holidays

School News

This has been a relatively short term but as always we have managed to pack a lot in! I hope that through your conversations with your children, chats with the staff, the weekly newsletter and the website you have managed to get a flavour of all the activities we have been involved in.

Children and staff always look forward to the holidays but it is with a little sadness that we finish for our Easter break. We are saying a fond farewell to Mr Burton and Miss Elvins who are leaving the school to seek new adventures and challenges.

I would like to say a huge thank you for all that they have contributed to Condover School and in so doing, helped to make it the special place that it is.



We will all miss you.

I wish all a lovely Easter break.

Kerrie Lewis



Thank You

Many thanks to the parents and children who contributed towards leaving gifts for Mr Burton and Miss Elvins.

After consulting with parents this money was used to buy a Fat Face voucher for Mr Burton and a Joules voucher for Miss Elvins. A big thank you to Mrs Lewington for arranging this for us. We're sure they will be much appreciated.



This week our Sharing Assembly Focus was:

Easter

The music we have been listening to was:

Church Service

Celebrating our achievements

Poppy Cumberlidge in River Class took part in her first Martial Arts competition on Sunday. She won a Gold medal in Sparring and a Bronze in Grappling. Very well done Poppy.

Ellie Kimber (River) has achieved her Stage 4 swimming award this week and Tabby Kimber (Stream) has achieved her Stage 3. Well done girls!



Termly Governor Report to Parents- Spring 2016

It is a joy to come in to school and interact with the children in their learning on a weekly basis, through the Church led assembly, at which Geoff or I am always present.

The governors have also been involved as a body in supporting management and administration throughout the term. We encapsulate some of those responsibilities within this report.

Assessment Data and school performance meeting

This was a joint meeting of governors and teachers which held the school accountable for its assessments and progress in performance. Data was anonymised and governors looked for trends, patterns, areas of strength and areas for development. Both governors and staff are able to use the school tracking system to effectively monitor pupil progress.

In addition link governors have visited school to review core areas of the curriculum. They watched lessons, examined pupil work, spoke to pupils about their learning and looked at resources.

Sports Premium

Mrs Griffiths met with Mr Landers to discuss the impact of the sports premium grant on pupils. Future planning was discussed to enhance sports teaching, fitness and competitiveness and to underline the importance of keeping healthy and fit.

Shortlisting and Interviewing

Three governors and Mrs Lewis were involved in the process of shortlisting and interviewing candidates for the post of Reception /year 1 teacher.

Worship Committee

This group of governors led by Geoff reviewed the school worship policy and examined RE curriculum plans. They also reviewed comments on the Open the Book assembly evaluation sheets completed by the pupils.

Admissions Committee

Met and confirmed the criteria for admissions. They receive the Local Authority List of applicants and confirm this meets the admission criteria specific to Condover CE Primary School

Full Governing Body Meeting

All governors attend this termly meeting which is clerked by an independent, local authority appointee. Minutes from the previous meeting are checked for accuracy and accepted. The headteacher report, which includes the school development plan, self evaluation form, pupil premium spending and sports grant spending is reviewed, questions answered and adopted. Minutes of committees are received, questions answered and adopted. The agenda is drawn up by the local authority who ensure all rules of governance are being complied with and changes to policy and procedures are made where necessary.

Finance Meeting

Governors have monitored budget control, reviewed current and future spending and examined finance policy to ensure compliance with financial responsibility placed on governors.

SENCO Meeting

Mrs Varley and Mrs Peters attended a SENCO network meeting together and discussed pertinent issues as they relate to Condover School. They will meet at the beginning of the Summer term to hold an audit of resources and the allocation of TAs for pupils with SEN.

OFSTED Preparation

Mrs Peters attended a governor meeting at St Peters training Centre and then cascaded that information, regarding the role that Governors play in the inspection process to support the school. Governors produced an information sheet as a prompt for discussion with inspectors.

Attendance at Lads and Dads Workshop Evening

I attended this in my role as Governor and to support the initiative, which directly links to school improvement plans, as well as gain feedback from parents.

Performance Management

Sara Miles and Mrs Lewis, completed performance management meetings with some support staff this term.

Strategy Meetings

The Chair, Sara Miles has met regularly with Mrs Lewis to discuss opportunities for collaboration. Governors have maintained a watching brief on the academy agenda.

Governors attended the Easter Service in Church.

Ray Evanson

Profile of Ray Evanson

I am married to Deb, who grew up in Condober and is a past pupil of Condober School. We live in Bayston Hill and are members of the congregation at St. Andrew and St. Mary, Condober and our two sons, Michael and Alastair, also served as choirboys there.

I am a graduate of St. David's University College, Lampeter. After university I joined Lloyds Bank as a trainee manager before moving into teaching.

I retired from teaching in 2011 having served as Deputy Headmaster, Director of Studies, Licensed Lay Chaplain, Examinations Officer and Commander of the Army Cadet unit among other posts. I have held a licence as a Lay Reader at Condober Church since 1996 and serve the churches of the Condober benefice including Condober, Ryton, Pitchford, Acton Burnell and Frodesley. I have also been the Secretary of Hereford Diocesan Readers' Association since 2011.



I have served as a Foundation Governor of Condober School since the autumn of 2012.

My interests include Army Cadets and, after 39 years as a Commissioned Officer in the Cadet Corps, I have retired from the Army Reserve Forces Association this autumn (October 2015).

I am also interested in genealogy and have discovered that my 8th, 9th and 10th great grandfathers (Thomas, Richard and Thomas Butler respectively) were all baptised, married and buried at Pitchford church in the Condober benefice between 1544 and 1650. So living in Bayston Hill and having ancestors buried in Pitchford may make me an outsider in Condober - but not by much! My other interests include hill walking and travelling which, in retirement, Deb and I are able to do at a leisurely and enjoyable pace.

EXCITING SPACE SEED NEWS FROM MRS LEWIS

During half term I applied for Condober School to be involved in the Rocket Science Experiment and I am delighted to report that our application has been successful!

The whole school will be following the progress of the seeds, which will arrive in school on 18th April, as I am working with River Class they will be leading the experiment, reporting developments and keeping a record of all that we do.

Please read about the journey of the seeds so far...



Rocket Science is giving 10,000 UK schools the opportunity to engage their pupils in a UK-wide live science experiment to contribute to our knowledge of growing plants in space. After participating in a classroom experiment in May and June 2016, pupils will be asked to enter their results in a bespoke microsite so that results from schools across the nation can be collated and analysed by professional biostatisticians.

Two kilograms of rocket (*Eruca sativa*) seeds were launched on Soyuz 44S on 02 September 2015 with European Space Agency (ESA) astronaut Andreas Mogensen and his crew, arriving on the International Space Station (ISS) two days later. British ESA astronaut Tim Peake will take charge of the seeds while on the ISS for his Principia mission starting in December. After being held for about six months in microgravity, the seeds will be returned to Earth with astronaut Scott Kelly, currently planned for March 2016.

Once the seeds have returned they will then be distributed to schools signed up to the project. Each participating school will receive 100 seeds that have been on the ISS and 100 seeds that have remained on Earth. The seed packets will be colour coded, however schools will not be told which packet contains which seeds until national results have been published. Online resources to expand student learning will be available on the website of the [UK Space Education Office \(ESERO\)](#) before, during and after the Rocket Science experiment.