



# EASTER NEWS UPDATE



Dear Parents and Carers,

Here we are again at the end of another busy term. I hope you enjoy looking at this newsletter to give you a flavour of what has been going on, from Shakespeare Week to Maths Day, hatching eggs to dance festivals. Please keep an eye on our Website and Facebook and Twitter pages to stay up to date with what we are doing.

We have been so pleased to see many of you come and join your sons and daughters in their learning whether that is with Stay and Play in Lower School or in Forest School during Shakespeare week. We are especially thrilled that so many of you are taking part in the Thrive Family sessions and look forward to working with you to support you and your son or daughter's emotional development.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a lovely Easter holiday? I'm sure we will all be looking forward to more exciting learning when we return 24<sup>th</sup> April.

Kindest regards,

Janis

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Break up for Easter Holiday Friday 7th April—normal time

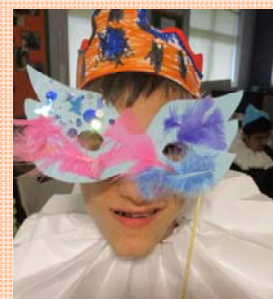
Start back Monday 24th April—normal time

There will be **No After School Clubs** week beginning 24th April

The School will be closed Monday 1st May—May Bank Holiday

Break up for May Holiday Friday 26th May—normal time

Start back Monday 5th June—normal time



## Red Nose Day

Silver and Gold Class had lots of fun on Red nose day we dressed in red and had a funny assembly where people told jokes. We especially loved decorating cakes with a cherry on top to look like a red nose!



## Mother's Day & Knowledge and Understanding of the world

Thank you to everybody who supported our enterprise by buying gifts for Mother's day from our Post 16 enterprise team. We hope you liked them. It was a huge success and we are hoping to run a similar event for Father's day.

G1 to G5 did an amazing job of showcasing their Knowledge and Understanding of the world work in assembly. The students had a great time creating their own Farmer's Market and it was lovely to see all of their hard work. Thank you to the parents who came to support this.



### National Shakespeare Week 2017

Once again Priory Woods celebrated the life and times of William Shakespeare by organising a week of fun events which included music, dancing, drama, art, cookery and Forest Schools activities! Each key stage looked at a different play, Post 16 studied Romeo & Juliet, Upper school's play was The Tempest and Lower school had fun finding out about the fairies in A Midsummer Night's Dream! Bamboozle Theatre Company visited us and some of our pupils were lucky enough to participate in a sensory drama called The Storm which was based on The Tempest. The highlight of the week had to be our Elizabethan Banquet where we played Shakespeare Bingo, had an Elizabethan feast, danced Elizabethan dances, watched a fencing competition between our very own Priory Woods Knights and enjoyed music and

### Dance Festivals 2017

A group of upper school pupils have recently performed at the Pulse Dance Festival at Arc, Stockton and the Best Foot Forward Dance Festival at the Gala theatre in Durham. The pupils worked with Tess and George from Tin Arts to choreograph a dance piece based on the office scene from the film Step up 4! The pupils were also able to visit the 11 million Reasons to Dance photography exhibition currently being held at the Gala Theatre where they saw the Step Up 4 photograph which inspired their dance



### And Finally.....Our Very Own Happy Easter chicks!

This half term Green and Yellow have loved having the living eggs. We watched them hatch out of their eggs and looked after them once they were out of the incubator. We made sure they had enough food and water and when they were old enough we enjoyed holding and stroking them. We had 7 chicks all together, 6 girls and 1 boy who Hannah named 'Bud'. After their stay with us the chicks were taken and re-homed with a family in Osmotherly.

