



## Message from Mrs Crocker

Blink and you missed it – that was the Spring Term! At least, that's how it feels! Whilst it is the shortest Spring Term we've had for a long time, we have certainly packed a lot in. I think everyone is ready for the Easter holiday and a good rest! Every class, including preschool, have been on various trips this term. One of the highlights for me was taking the whole school into Hay to celebrate World Book Day and give them the opportunity to spend their book tokens. This was such a pleasure and really showed what amazing children they are. However, the preschool trip to the farm this week was also a truly wonderful experience. I'm not sure who enjoyed it more – the children or me!

Thank you to all those of you who attended our recent parents' evening (or arranged a phone call). It's great to share the children's progress and development with you. It was also fantastic watching the Acorn Class Assembly on Tuesday this week. They did such a great job and their singing and dancing skills were brilliant!

Weatherwise, this term we've had snow, plenty of rain and just this week – a small amount of some much needed sun and a little warmth. Hopefully the holidays will provide a bit more of this to allow the ground to dry out and for outside activities to become a bit more pleasurable.

Looking ahead to the Summer Term (I can't believe I'm writing this already!), we again have many exciting things planned. Please have a look at the dates below.

So, I'd like to wish everyone a very Happy Easter and I hope you all have a safe, relaxing and enjoyable holiday. We're very much looking forward to seeing **all the children back on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April** – apart from preschool who will begin on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April.

## Pre school news

It has been a short but very busy half term! On our daily often very muddy walks, we have searched for signs of Spring; there has been frogspawn, large bird's nests high up in trees, buds appearing on the hedges, daffodils in our garden and baby lambs in the fields. The children had great fun during our first visit of the year to the woods, lots of creativity with our very muddy slide in forest school and constant jumping in muddy puddles!

There has been a variety of cooking activities, this week we made our own egg and cress sandwiches with cress grown in preschool.

During our farm visit the children were confident feeding cattle and bottle-feeding baby lambs, we were very proud of all our children on this trip.

It was lovely to have new and old families join us on our welly walk and then back in preschool for hot chocolate and song time.

We are very fortunate that Ruth Greene preschool SENCO has been visiting preschool and getting to know staff and children.

Thank you for your continued support and wishing you a very Happy Easter,

Julie, Beth and Sophie

### Dates for diaries

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April. Inset day for preschool staff.

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April. Summer term starts.

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April. Welly walk.

### Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> March-Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> April	EASTER HOLIDAY
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> April	School Children first day back of summer term. <b>Preschool closed- Staff planning day</b>
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> April	Preschool first day of summer term
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Preschool Welly Walk
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> - Weds 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Sapling class residential
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATS week
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Oak and Sapling Class to Hay festival
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> May- Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Half term
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> June- Weds 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Oak class residential
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of summer term