



**BEMERTON ST JOHN C.E.AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
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**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

Dear Parent / Guardian,

We are now reaching a busy time of the year, with assessments, parents' evenings and the Easter service fast approaching.

**Year 6 Residential** - What a great week we had away with Eagles class. The children all pushed themselves hard over the week with most children conquering their fear of heights. The children completed abseiling, climbing, zip wire and trapeze activities. It was wonderful to see such courage, resilience and determination used over the week with the majority of children. There was also a great caring ethos amongst the class over the week. This was truly evident with one pupil abseiling down the wall while encouraging and holding another child's hand to get them to achieve the task. A massive thank you to Mrs Lawrence, Mrs Saykouk, Mrs Musslewhite, Mr Hope and Miss Beldham for giving up their week for the children and for putting up with me! Pictures of the week are on our school website.

**Parents' Evening** - Hopefully now everyone has managed to book in a parents' evening appointment with their class teacher. If you have not yet done so and are having difficulty please speak to either Mrs Medhurst or Mrs Shield who will be more than happy to help you.

**School House** - You may have noticed that some work has commenced with the development of the house as it is now part of the school. The trees have been cut back in the garden area in readiness for the new entrance to the school with further work taking place over the summer holidays.

**Mental Arithmetic** - During parents' evening your class teacher will give you a copy of the school policy on CLIC. This is how we teach mental arithmetic to the children across the school. This is in addition to the children's usual maths lessons. This helps children be more confident with number and mental calculations. If you have any questions regarding the document please don't hesitate to speak to the class teacher or Mrs Pearce, the Maths lead.





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**Easter Service** - On Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April we are holding our Easter Service. Our Year 3 and 4 children will lead the whole service. I hope you will be able to join us in St John's Place at 2pm.

**Waste Week** - Last week, the school observed Waste Week. The children worked on a variety of 'Eco-topics', including looking at the life-cycle of an aluminium can; the damage done to oceans when plastic is dumped and biodegradable packaging.

The children took part in activities that covered many subjects - Re, Science, Geography, English and Art.

The children in all year groups also spent an afternoon in mixed age groups, producing some 'trashion'. On Thursday we all thoroughly enjoyed our 'Trashion show'. All of the items were made by the children and were quite remarkable, given they were all made of rubbish!

Hopefully, the children will continue considering carefully how throwing items away in an irresponsible way negatively impacts the environment.

Good fun was had by all!

**Reminders** - Any cards such as the Pokemon cards are not allowed to be brought into school.

KS2 children should be bringing in a fruit/vegetable snack for breaktime - they end up being very hungry by lunchtime at 12.45pm without a snack!

Please do not park on the zigzag lines or on the pavements outside the school at anytime. An incident was reported by a staff member last week when a parent pulled up onto the pavement outside the breakfast club entrance just as a child was running along the pavement, this nearly resulted in a serious accident. Please be reminded that the safety of our children is paramount which is why we request that you should all park in the council carpark.

