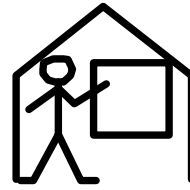
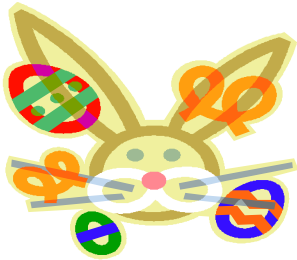


The Redway School
April 8th 2011



Dear Parents and Carers



It's amazing how quickly this term has gone and that today we are breaking up for the Easter Holiday. Let's hope that the lovely sunny weather continues - spring is definitely here! We ended the term with a rousing full school assembly with lots of music and singing as well as saying 'Goodbye and Good Luck' to Patrick.



Over the Easter holiday we are having some improvements made in the main playground. A new fence is being put up around the new swing and roundabout area, plus a huge shed is being built to store all our specialist bikes.

Our new Sensory Integration Room will also be ready for use next term which is fantastic news! Cathy and Sandy have been working really hard to get this sorted.



Rowan are Class of the Week

This term in Rowan we have been working on the school allotment. In January when it was very cold we walked to the allotment and put down the weed control fabric so that we do not have to do too much digging. We have spent a lot of time deciding what we would like to grow and we decided on:

- Beans
- Tomatoes
- Cabbages
- Carrots
- Strawberries
- Potatoes
- Shallots
- Beetroot

We then planted the seeds into small pots and containers in the classroom, and left them on the window sill to grow. We planted some tomatoes, pumpkins and courgettes which grew really well in our warm classroom but unfortunately it was too cold for them to survive outside and they died.

It was a very good lesson for us to learn so we waited a few weeks for it to get a bit warmer before we planted some more seeds.



Jaydon planted some tomatoes, Ben planted some carrots, Samira planted some cabbages and Kirstie and Tony helped plant some beans. Each day we have checked them to see if they need water and to see how much they have grown. Now that the weather is warmer they are now ready for us to take them to the allotment, so that they can carry on growing in our vegetable plot. Sam was amazed to see how much the beans have grown. We are going to put them in a grow bag so they can grow tall and strong. Jack has enjoyed taking his turn at watering the plants, most of Rowan gets wet when he does it. We are looking forward to next term when we will go to the allotment weekly to see how much everything has grown; hopefully some of the things will grow before the summer holidays, so we will be able to eat them.



Easter Holidays

I hope that you all have a really good Easter break. School reopens on **Tuesday April 26th** and is closed on **Friday April 29th** (Royal Wedding Bank Holiday) and **Monday May 2nd** (Bank Holiday) but will be open as usual as from **Tuesday May 3rd**.

Have an enjoyable weekend and we will all look forward to seeing the pupils again after the holiday.

Ruth

