



# The Staverton Bell

1st April 2021

4th edition

## April Fools...

**Spoiler alert! I have resisted the urge to put an April Fool's item in the newsletter. It's safe to say that we've all been fooled somewhat by the ever-changing weather recently, though I hear that snow is forecast next week...only in England!**

**It's hard to believe that April is already upon us and an entire year of lockdown restrictions. The toll this has taken on us all cannot be underestimated. There has been much pain, suffering and loss. As Easter Sunday approaches, I'm reminded of the disciples who thought that all was lost, until that third day when Jesus conquered the grave. May this 2000-year-old story bring you hope and joy in the uncertainty of the here and now.**

**Staverton will continue to do everything that it can to support its children and families, rain or shine. In the meantime, I hope that the achievements of the children in this newsletter bring you some momentary happiness, there's a lot to celebrate!**

**Mr Powe  
Head Teacher**





## Pringle challenge!

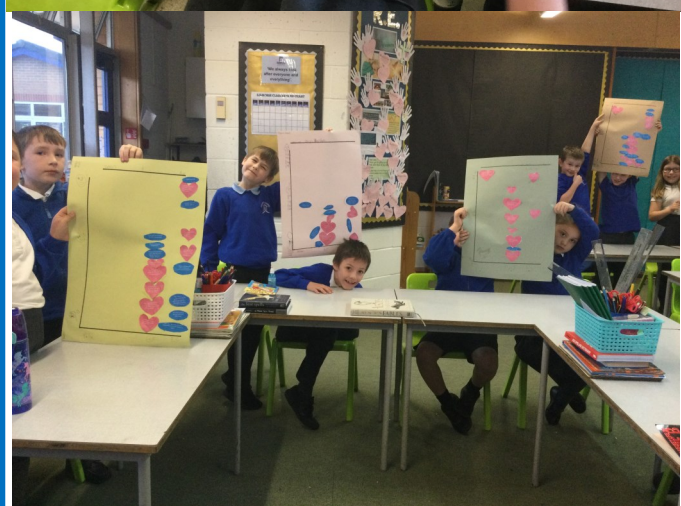
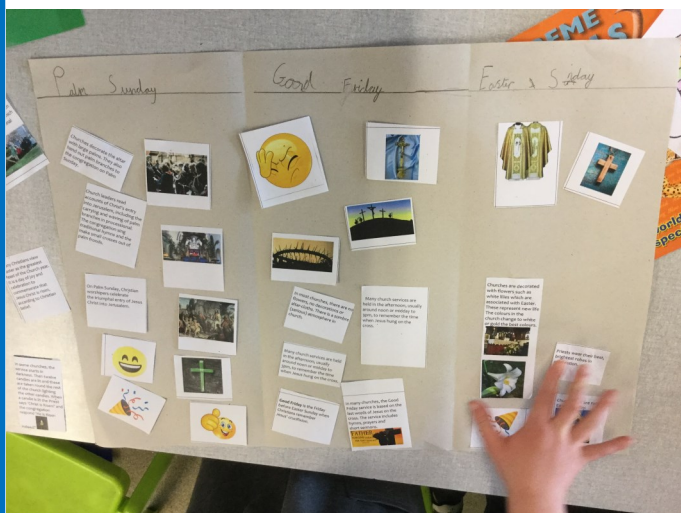
Chimpanzees were set the challenge to post a Pringle crisp to school so that it arrives in one piece, with no crumbs! We have had the opportunity to design something to protect the pringle using objects in school. The real challenge involves us only using paper and card. We will need to investigate how to stiffen and strengthen card so that it forms a safe package for our Pringle. We will also need to think about how we can stop the Pringle rattling around in its packet.



## RE learning

Seahorses and Mrs Ibison spent some time in RE considering how Christians celebrate Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. We had a go at folding palm crosses out of green paper. This was a challenging activity to master!

Also we discussed the different emotions that Mary, Jesus' mother, must have felt throughout Holy Week. We had a go at plotting her thoughts and feelings on an emotion graph. This was a challenging task and it really stretched our brains!



## Outdoor learning

Otters class have been enjoying their outdoor learning lessons with Mrs Kilford and Mrs Otway.





## Hall of fame!

We love celebrating your achievements both in and out of school. Please send them in and we'll showcase them here.

This edition, we celebrate the work of two writers from Hippos class: Blake and Blaize. Both wrote fabulous stories inspired by 'The Magic Paintbrush'. I'll let their writing speak for itself!

**One sunny morning, Shen was sitting on the relaxing shore with a sharp, spiky stick in her hand. The waves were running smoothly to the golden sand and fluffy cotton candy flew across the cyan sky. She drew pictures in the golden sand of a large flying fish and a dancing dog. Out of nowhere, a strange man appeared on the bumpy, silver rocks and gave Shen a magic paintbrush. He said quietly to her that she should only paint for the poor and never for the rich. (By Blaize)**

**Shen rapidly ran home and painted a giant pot of shrimp, fish and oysters. Surprisingly, the food became real. All the curious neighbours heard the news and ask Shen to paint things for them. She paints a melon, a ladder and a fan. The village people are excited. Unfortunately, the Emperor also hears about the magic paintbrush and appears at Shen's tiny house... (By Blake)**



### Howzat?!

Year 5 and 6 have been having great fun learning from cricket coaches. Here they are practising their bowling technique (I could never get the hang of that at school!)



# Dates for the Term

Monday 19th April	Start of Term 5
Tuesday 27th April	Parents' Evening
Thursday 29th April	Parents' Evening
Friday 30th April	School 25th Anniversary
Monday 3rd May	May Bank Holiday
Monday 17th May to Friday 21st May	Year 6 Residential (To be confirmed)
Thursday 27th May	Inset Day (School closed to pupils)
Friday 28th May	Inset Day (School closed to pupils)
Monday 31st May	Spring Bank Holidays
Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June	Start of school holidays

Please see the link on the school website and the online calendar for any additional dates/changes to dates

**A pause for thought..**

*The words of this song are attributed to St Francis of Assisi, and remind us that we can bring peace, love and pardon wherever we find ourselves:*

Make me a channel of Your peace  
Where there is hatred, let me bring Your love  
Where there is injury, Your pardon Lord  
And where there's doubt, true faith in You