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Dear Parents and Carers,

Easter Events

As we count down towards Easter, I wanted to inform you about several exciting upcoming activities.



Easter Eggs

Easter Eggs remind us of the importance of new life. On **Wednesday 25th March**, children across the school will complete an orienteering course and answer key questions linked to the significance of Easter to Christians. On completion of the course, children will receive an Easter Egg which the Friends of South Bersted Church of England Primary School have kindly donated.

The Flowering of the Cross

One of our Easter traditions is the flowering of the cross. Using our old Christmas tree, we create a cross using the trunk. The cross is then covered with wire so children can decorate it with fresh flowers. The transformation of a barren cross reminds us of Jesus' death on Good Friday and his resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Over two days, we invite the children to decorate the cross by Key Stage
Can children please bring their fresh flowers in on the following days:

EYFS & Key Stage 1 - Wednesday 25th
Key Stage 2 - Thursday 26th



Easter Fayre

On **Thursday 26th March** we will be holding our Easter Fayre.

There will be several stalls including a chocolate raffle, face painting, games and refreshments.

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Easter Gardens

As part of our whole school challenge, we are encouraging children to create their own Easter Garden. Completed Easter Gardens should be brought to school no later than **Thursday 26th March**.



The Friends of South Bersted will select a KS1 and KS2 winner at the end of the day, both will receive a small prize. Please make sure you include your child's name and class on the Easter Garden. A set of instructions can be found on the following page.



Easter Service

On the last day of term, **Friday 27th March**, Rev Tim Crook will lead an Easter Service at the church, which the whole school will attend. Parents and family members are invited to attend the service between 9:00 – 10:00am.

Please see below the club timetable for the last week of term.

Day	Going Ahead	Finished
Monday	Martial Arts	Football Club Puzzle Club
Tuesday	Sats Booster	Dance House
Wednesday	Albion Football Baking Club	
Thursday		Choir Homework Club
Friday	Premier Sports	

Yours faithfully,

Mr Goodwin
Headteacher

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Easter Garden

You will need:

- Plastic plant tray
- Soil
- Moss
- Small stones, pebbles or gravel
- 1 large stone
- Small flowerpot
- Some small flowering plants, such as mini daffodils
- 6 sticks
- Gardening trowel
- String or twine



Instructions

1. Put your flowerpot on its side in the tray. This is going to symbolise Jesus' tomb.
2. Fill the tray with soil. Make sure the soil also covers the sides and top of the flowerpot (so it looks like a hill).
3. Add your small pebbles or gravel wherever you would like.
4. Dig some small holes in the soil and plant your flowers. Make sure they have enough space for their roots to grow!
5. Use the moss to cover some of the soil (the 'ground') and the hill. This will look like grass.
6. Overlap two of your sticks to form a cross. Use your string or twine to tie them together. Repeat this to make three crosses in total.
7. Push your crosses into the soil so they stand upright.
8. Place the big stone in front of the open end of the flowerpot.
9. Put your Easter garden on display, somewhere where the plants can get plenty of sunlight.



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