

## Reception class newsletter

Week ending 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023

It was lovely to welcome all of the children back last week after the Easter holidays. Everyone seemed happy to be back at school and we really enjoyed hearing all of the children's news.

This half term our topic is going to be 'Oceans/ pirates/ mermaids' so there should be something in there to interest everyone! If anyone has any resources connected to these topics which they'd like to donate, we'd be very grateful. Things such as small play figures, jigsaws, toy telescopes etc would be amazing. Things like the little decorative glass beads which can go in vases, or unwanted costume jewellery would be super for our small world and role play areas.

Our first RE topic of the term is 'Good News'. The children have loved sharing their good news with us. This week we have read and re-enacted the story of Pentecost. It is difficult at this age for children to understand the abstract concept of the Holy Spirit.

**We use images such as air and wind to help us explain the power of the Holy Spirit. We made streamers which we took outside to witness the power of the wind. The effects of these elements are what we want the children to explore and thereby deepen their understanding.**

**Today our lovely Mrs Atkinson will be saying 'Goodbye' to us for a while as she starts her maternity leave. We'll miss her very much and can't wait for her to visit with her lovely new baby in a few weeks time. We love you Mrs Atkinson!**

