



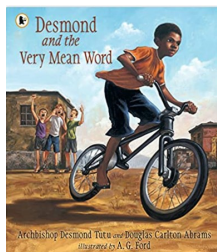
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WORSHIP THEME - FORGIVENESS

"For God loved the world so much he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life."

This week in worship we have not only looked at the Easter story, but the message of forgiveness that is rooted in this story. We have also looked at another inspirational person who has used Jesus' teachings to think about the way they behave and how to show forgiveness in the face of adversity.

This week in worship we have read a truly amazing book based on a true story from the life of Archbishop Desmond Tutu. In this story Desmond is called a very mean word because of the colour of his skin. This nasty word eats away at him, until in the end he retaliates. He immediately feels bad and apologises for his actions. This in turn leads to the person who was unkind to him to apologise too.



What we learn is that if we don't forgive then unkindness can spread, but with forgiveness kindness is allowed to flourish. With forgiveness you can slowly begin to change the world and make it a better place.

GREAT DIXTER SCHOOL TRIP

On Wednesday the reception class went on their first school trip and visited the lovely gardens at Great Dixter. The children were very excited, especially because they got to go on a coach!

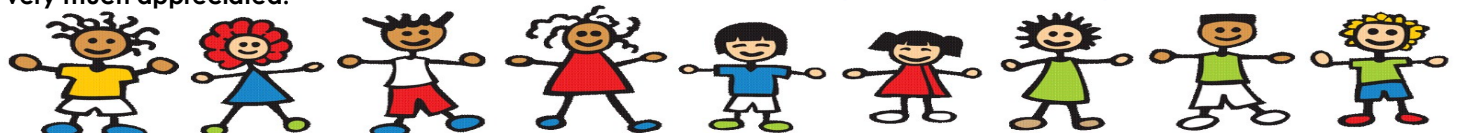


The children behaved brilliantly and were very well-looked after by the staff at Great Dixter. The children had a great time exploring the gardens, the woods and pond dipping. Well done Reception on representing the school so well.

EASTER SERVICE

I would like to say a huge well-done to all the children who took part in our two Easter Services yesterday morning. The children walked to the church very sensibly and then behaved brilliantly in church. All of the children got up and shared their learning about Easter and showed great courage. Especially the children in the infants who haven't had many opportunities to attend church and it can be quite overwhelming.

A big thank you to everyone that helped with walking the children to church and came and joined our services. It is very much appreciated.



EASTER EGG HUNT

All of the children at school today got to take part in our annual Easter Egg Hunt. The weather didn't stop us and the children had great fun exploring the school looking for a tag with their name on it. Once they had found their name tag they were able to swap it for an Easter Egg. Thank you to the PTA for donating an egg for every child. I know it is one of the children's highlights of the school year!

SUMMER UNIFORM

After the Easter holidays the children can choose to wear summer uniform if they wish. The summer uniform is outlined below:

- Checked, blue summer dress (no striped dresses, part checked dresses or play suits) with white socks (not tights)
- We recommend that navy blue cycling style shorts are worn under summer dresses, for older children in particular

OR

- Grey skirt, shorts or trousers with grey or white socks
- White shirt or short sleeved polo shirt
- School cardigan or jumper with school logo

Please note children must have school shoes that can be polished (no trainers). Boots & sandals are not part of our school uniform and therefore should not be worn to school.

SWIMMING

The following kit will be needed for swimming lessons:

- Towel
- Swimming hat (can be purchased from the school office)
- Swimming costume (not bikinis or two piece swimsuits revealing midriff)
- Swimming shorts (must finish above the knee)
- Long sleeved swimming tops can be worn

We are always in need of spare swimming kit. If you have any outgrown swimming kit in good condition please can we have it.

BREAK THE RULES DAY

This term a number of children have asked me when they can have another Break the Rules day. Apparently it is their favourite day of the whole year! We have booked this in for Friday 21st April, before we start swimming as we don't want hair dye and gel in the swimming pool!

On this day there are a number of school rules the children can break in exchange for a donation to the PTA. There will be a poster to follow letting the children know which rules they can break and how you can make payment.

Attached is the Recommended Reads Newsletter with lots of holiday reading recommendations.

Happy Easter & Happy Reading!

WEEK AHEAD REMINDERS:

- **Tuesday:** Sign up for Parents' Evenings which are taking place on Monday 24th April & Wednesday 26th April
- **Friday:** PTA Break the Rules Day