

Tockwith

CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY



Our year 6 children had an incredible day in London before Easter – what an absolutely amazing experience! The children caught a coach from Tockwith Primary to York train station where they boarded a train to London.. Upon arrival there was a quick walk through London to Pizza Hut in Leicester Square where the children (and adults) enjoyed an all you can eat buffet followed by ice cream! Following this there was another quick walk through the sights of London to the Houses of Parliament where the group enjoyed a tour around the building as well as a workshop on debating and laws. The journey back to King's Cross was full of adventure as the children experienced the tube during rush hour!! Happy to say that everyone made it back to the train and had an uninterrupted journey back to York!



We were delighted to invite parents, carers and grandparents to our Easter services. Children in Key Stage 1 put on a terrific performance with 4 different songs and 2 poems read by year 1 and year 2. Children in reception wore bunny ears that they had made in class and they all sang beautifully. Children in Key Stage 2 retold the Easter story through the eyes of significant characters present including the donkey, Pontius Pilate, Peter and the Roman soldiers. The children sang Easter songs beautifully with certain children showing great courage and confidence whilst singing solos – very well done to Noah, Fran, Juno and Millie.



We then invited parents, carers and grandparents back to Tockwith Primary to enjoy an Easter lunch of roast turkey or vegetable cobbler followed by an Easter bun. We had over 100 adults attending and over 170 children having a hot meal so the catering team fed over 270 people – wow! Thank you to Mrs Hobson and her staff as well as the Tockwith staff for helping to seat and serve all of the adults and children. Many thanks to the parents for supporting the school and children yesterday and we hope you enjoyed the day as much as we did

Miss Cunningham will be leaving us in July to embark on new adventures in the world of theatre. This meant that we were able to advertise early and seek a fantastic teacher to join our team. Our interview process was rigorous and robust and involved governors, school council, house leaders, teachers and teaching assistants. The school council had some wonderful questions including, pick an adjective to describe yourself! As always their thoughts aligned with ours. After a full day, we were able to offer the position to Miss Bernard who shone during the whole process and was someone we all felt would fit into Team Tockwith really well. Miss Bernard has taught for 2 years in Seaham and has many strengths particularly in the arts.

On Friday 31st March we held our PTFA Easter Fair. There were stalls galore including the popular chocolate tombola, Easter crafts, egg throwing as well as an Easter egg hunt and the rainbow raffle! We had an amazing turnout, with the hall and playgrounds busy from 3pm until almost 6pm – thank you to everyone who supported us through either coming along on the night, or buying raffle tickets. The Easter Bunny made a surprise appearance and the event was chocked full of laughter, fun and chocolate! The event raised an incredible £400



Children in Y5 visited Ripon Racecourse to work with the “Racing to School Education Programme.” This involved a day trip to Ripon Racecourse where the children took part in various activities including measuring the paddock in their silks to calculate how many horses can be safely paraded before a race, learning about distances comparing winning margins and how reflections are used to decide close races. Finally they learnt about horse welfare and how the kit keeps both the riders and horses safe. An amazing day out for all!



Don't forget that school is closed on 1st May for May day bank holiday, 8th May for the King's Coronation bank holiday and finally on the 26th May for half term. School reopens for the final half term on 5th June 2023!