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Dear Parents and Carers

This term the children are studying Christianity as part of their RE curriculum. The children are learning about Easter in line with our school's Anglican tradition.

Easter is the most significant celebration on the Christian calendar and is an opportunity to celebrate 'New Life' given as a result of Jesus' journey to the cross. Of course the school community also recognise that new life is all around us during Spring. The children observe Spring on their walks to school and to our woodlands and we study seasonal 'new life' during science.

To help bring Spring and Easter alive the children will be making an Easter garden. To find out more about the Easter Gardens please refer to the letter you will have received from Mrs Maynard.

This year we have decided that we would also like to decorate our school cross with daffodils (an example of this can be seen here). Our hope is that all children, staff and parents could contribute daffodils that can be attached to the cross which will be displayed throughout the day in the school playground and then at different stations in the village/church. Please could your child bring in a small number of daffodils to put on the cross?



You will also have heard the message that each year we try to support a number of charities as well as raise money for the school. This year we have decided that one of these will be Brain Tumour Research. Brain tumour Research are organising a 'Hatastic Day' when participants are asked to wear a hat for a day and give a contribution to their charity for doing so.

We would like to take part in this activity and are combining this event with our Easter Hat Parade. We would like each child to design and decorate an Easter hat to wear into school on 31<sup>st</sup> March there will be small prizes for a variety of categories!

We have one last Easter/Spring initiative; we are delighted to be having two lambs at school in the term following the Easter holiday! This was very successful last year and we are sure the children will enjoy having lambs at school again this year. The lambs are very happy eating scraps of vegetables and old bread (they don't like citrus fruit but love bananas). We would be very grateful for a regular supply of scrap foods please!

We are confident that giving the children an opportunity to make their Easter Gardens and decorate an Easter cross alongside caring for our lambs and supporting a worthy charity will help bring RE, our Values and Science alive during Spring time.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. Sheppard". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Mrs D Sheppard