

HACKTHORN CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

I am writing this from my home office table, during my Easter holidays, whilst admiring the beautiful cherry blossoms and daffodils. Yesterday, I went for a socially distanced walk with a friend beside a field full of bleating new-born lambs. I love Spring! After such an unprecedented year, full of endless challenges, I am looking forward to the season of hope.

Ernest Hemingway wrote of spring in *A Moveable Feast* that the river will "flow again after it was frozen".

Things have seemed to be at a standstill for so long, but gradually we are catching glimpses of the river flowing again as lockdown measures are eased and more people get vaccinated.

This was certainly true when all of our pupils returned on 8th March. Health and safety measures were still in place but there was a definite air of hope amongst our school community and a desire to re-establish our school traditions. As a church school, we would normally hold an Easter service in the church, which would include lots of lively singing. This is probably the aspect we miss the most. We cannot wait to combine our 'bubbles' and hold our first whole school singing practice again. We still managed to share the Easter story with the children in their separate bubbles and we were delighted when the local community organised an Easter story treasure hunt around the village for our pupils to participate in during the holidays. We were also delighted that the Easter Bunny revisited school (he had a year off last year!) and left loads of eggs on the field for KS2 pupils and on the playground for KS1 pupils. The children were so 'eggs'cited! Our top value of 'happiness' was definitely evident that morning.

Hackthorn school is a happy and exciting place to be. We will soon be organising transition events for the new children who will be joining us in September 2021. Hopefully we'll soon be able to have visits onsite.

Contact the school on 01673 860295 or visit our website www.hackthorn.lincs.sch.uk if you want to know more about us.

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