



The Botwell Bulletin

Friday 23rd February 2024

Book Week

Our annual Book Week will be taking place on the week of 4th March.

During this week, the children in every year group will be looking at the book 'The Lost Thing' by Shaun Tan and completing some fun activities based around this book.

On Wednesday 6th March, the children will receive a visit from Richy K Chandler, the illustrator of Wallace and Gromit. Over the course of the day they will attend an assembly and workshop.

On Thursday 7th March, which is World Book Day, children in different year groups will have the opportunity to read to each other. They will also have the chance to take part in a photo book quiz.

On Friday 8th March, the children will have the chance to dress up as their favourite book character. We encourage families to make costumes from clothing that you already have and adapt e.g. adding cardboard decorations, as costumes from shops/online can be expensive to buy.

We will again be running the extreme reading competition, where the children take a photograph of themselves reading in an extreme location (nowhere dangerous please). Winners will be selected from each year group.

During the week, classes will be organising a book swap event. So if your child has a book that they no longer read that they would like to swap, then please bring it in. Please stress to your child that if they do decide to swap a book then it will be given to another person and they cannot swap back. Books brought in need to be in a good condition or we will be unable to swap.

Reminders for the week will be given on ClassDojo.

Parents' Evening and Book Look Evening

On 14th March, we will be having an informal 'Book Look' session, where parents will get the chance to look at their children's books before attending open evening the following week.

The 'Book Look' will be taking place at the end of the school day in your child's classroom. Further details will be given on ClassDojo closer to the date.

The two parents' evenings will take place on Monday 18th March from 3.30pm-6.30pm and Tuesday 19th March from 3.30pm-4.45pm. More information about booking will be given prior to these dates on ClassDojo.

Upcoming

- WB 26th Feb – Assessment week for Years 1-5
- WB 4th March – Book Week
- Tue 5th Mar – Choir singing at St Mark's Music Festival
- Wed 6th Mar – Author visit for Book Week
- WB 11th Mar – Year 6 Mock Sats week
- Thu 14th Mar – Parent Book Look (after school)
- Mon 18th Mar – Parents Evening 3.30-6.30pm
- Tue 19th Mar – Parents Evening 3.30-4.45pm
- WB 25th Mar – Arts Week
- Thu 28th Mar – Year 5 Stations of the Cross
- Thu 2nd May – School closed for polling day
- Tue 4th June – Potential date for KS2 sports day (at Hillingdon Athletics track)

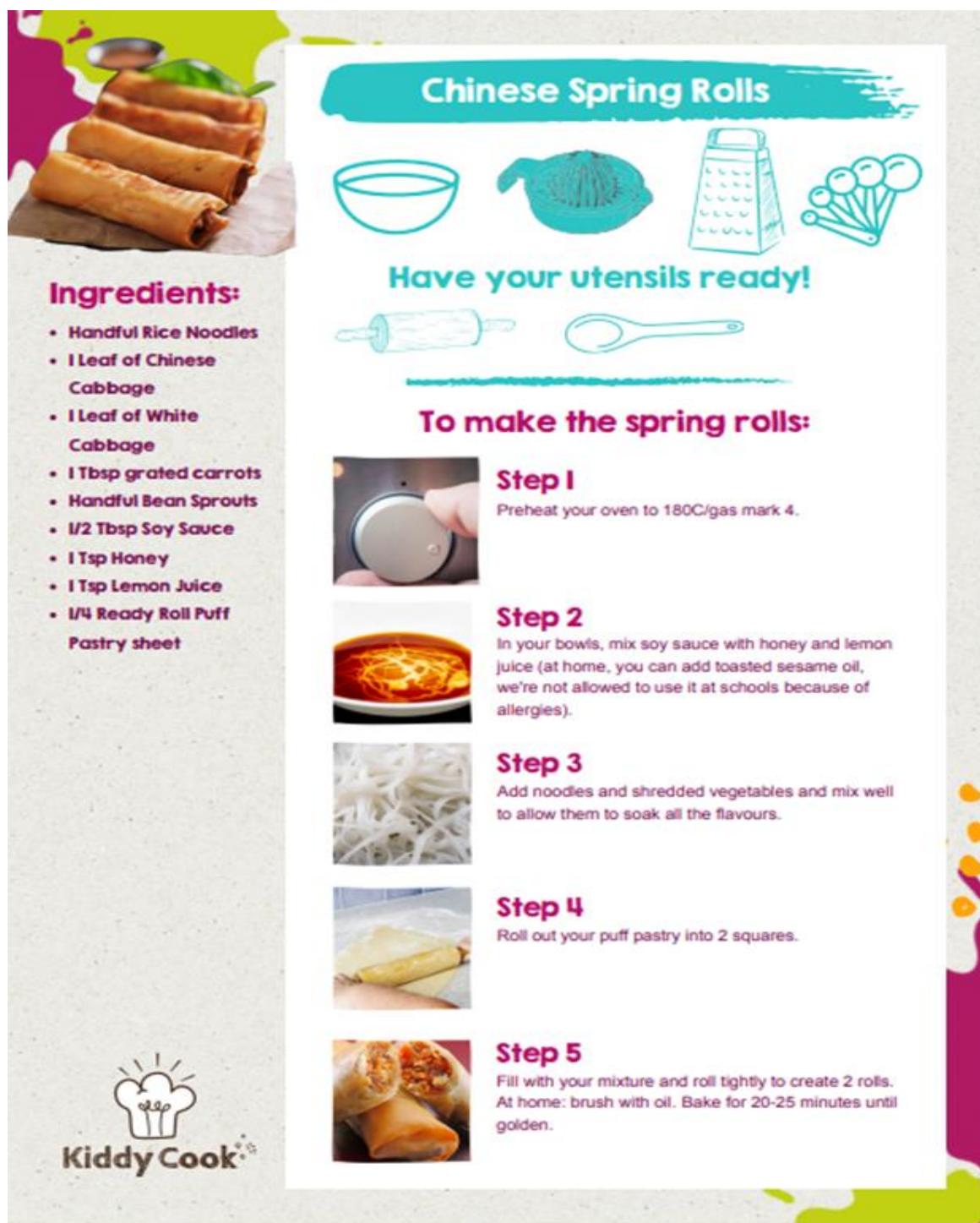
Makaton Our Father

As designated by Pope Francis, and in preparation for the 2025 Jubilee year 'Pilgrims of Hope,' 2024 has been designated a year of prayer by Pope Francis. There is a particular focus on the Lord's Prayer, Our Father, this year. This has presented us with a great opportunity to teach our children how to sign this special prayer in Makaton. We have attached a video link so that you can all participate in this as a family.


<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jTaI-F9sxms>

Recipe of the Week


Many thanks to Gigi Ferrer for providing us with the recipe.



Chinese Spring Rolls



Have your utensils ready!




Ingredients:


- Handful Rice Noodles
- 1 Leaf of Chinese Cabbage
- 1 Leaf of White Cabbage
- 1 Tbsp grated carrots
- Handful Bean Sprouts
- 1/2 Tbsp Soy Sauce
- 1 Tsp Honey
- 1 Tsp Lemon Juice
- 1/4 Ready Roll Puff Pastry sheet

To make the spring rolls:


Step 1
Preheat your oven to 180C/gas mark 4.




Step 2
In your bowls, mix soy sauce with honey and lemon juice (at home, you can add toasted sesame oil, we're not allowed to use it at schools because of allergies).




Step 3
Add noodles and shredded vegetables and mix well to allow them to soak all the flavours.




Step 4
Roll out your puff pastry into 2 squares.



Step 5
Fill with your mixture and roll tightly to create 2 rolls. At home: brush with oil. Bake for 20-25 minutes until golden.




Kiddy Cook

Autism Learning Webinar

A series of 9 interactive webinars will be taking place for autistic adults (18 yrs+, Hillingdon & Ealing residents) who have recently been diagnosed, to support them to understand their diagnosis. The programme covers topics such as, the four key areas of difference in autism and clarifying misinformation and will provide information on what financial, medical and social support is available upon receiving a diagnosis.

Dates of webinar: 27th Feb | 5th Mar | 12th Mar | 19th Mar | 26th Mar | 2nd Apr | 9th Apr | 16th Apr | 23rd Apr

Time: 6pm-7pm

Location: Virtual Zoom Meeting

Bookings can be made through the HACS website: hacs.org.uk

or email: enquiries@hacs.org.uk

ClassDojo

A reminder once again that ClassDojo have extended the number of languages available on their website and are now able to translate all information on the site into Konkani. We encourage our Konkani speaking families to make use of this resource.

Prayer and Reflection

The three traditional pillars of Lent are prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Through the three pillars of Lent we journey to develop a closer relationship to God. The 40 days of Lent should be filled with reflection, service and prayer.

Often times the most overlooked pillar of Lent is prayer. There are so many wonderful ways to pray during Lent. More time given to prayer during Lent should draw us closer to the Lord. We might pray especially for the grace to live out our baptismal promises more fully.

LENTEN PRAYER

*Teach me, O God, to take a good look at myself,
To see what is good about me and what is not so good,
To thank you for the good things
And to ask your forgiveness for the bad things,
So that, with your help, I can grow
To be all that you would wish me to be.
Amen.*

