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"Starting children off through God's love and Jesus' teachings"

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 22nd September 2023

Christian Value: Friendship

British Value: School Qualities

Living out the School Vision this Week: (Y3)

Curiosity: "I liked finding out about the Romans, what they wore and how they fought to take over Britain," reported Oscar.

Compassion: "We have prayed for the people in Morocco and Libya," shared Lavin.

Resilience: "Learning the 3x table was hard but I kept practising," said Hugh.

Worship quote: "Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other," 1 John 4:11.

Remember in our prayers: everyone who is affected by natural disasters and those who help.

Cookie Day

Thank you to all that have supported our fundraiser today. The new school council members helped to serve cookies at playtime. Money raised from sales via the Just Giving page will go to The British Red Cross, who are supporting rescue efforts in both Morocco and Libya. Donations can still be made: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/st-pauls-cookieaday2023>

Pupil Voice Groups

These have all been awarded, this week. House Captains were voted on by Y5 and Y6 pupils. For other groups, staff shortlisted the applications. The quality of applications was extremely high and it was so hard to decide. We hope that those who did not get in this year, are not too disappointed and will try again next year. All Y6s, who applied, were awarded a place on one of the pupil voice teams.

Macmillan Coffee

Parents or grandparents (maximum of 2 people per family please) are welcome to join us for this event on 29th September, from 2.30pm. Coffee, tea and homemade treats, will be available in the school hall, with donations going to Macmillan Cancer Support. Children will be able to join their adults in the hall, and there will be entertainment from the school choir. Please enter school via the hall door, as we do for Golden Worship. We have split the children's surnames, as we did for 'meet the teacher': children's surnames A-M 2.30-3pm; N-Z 3-3.30pm. This is to help us manage numbers. Those

attending the earlier session may take their children home at 3pm, if they wish.

Additional Clubs

These clubs: Art; Bible stories and crafts; cooking, as well as board games and Lego, will be able to be booked from 4pm. Please do not choose cooking, if your child did this last year. Choir will be running at lunchtime on Thursdays. (As this is within school hours, there is no charge.) For other clubs, we will be charging £20 for the series of 6 (2 before half term and 4 after), to cover the cost of resources. Please note, these clubs will not be running for the first week after half term, because of parents' evenings.

Parents' Evenings and Open Classrooms

Virtual parents' evenings will be held on Tuesday and Thursday, after half-term. There will also be an opportunity to come into school to look at your child's work, on Friday 27th Oct. Parental feedback on virtual parents' evenings informed us that parents liked the fact that they kept to time and you could access them from work. However, parents missed being able to see their child's work. Hopefully, open classrooms will address this.

Sports News

Both table tennis teams competed well. The girls won their competition and now go through to the county finals. The boys' team were silver medallists.

School Diary

- Fri 29th Sept 2.30-3.30pm: Macmillan Coffee, 2x parents or grandparents welcome, children's surnames A-M 2.30-3pm; N-Z 3-3.30pm
- Mon 2nd – Fri 6th Oct: Y6 residential
- Fri 6th Oct 2.40pm: Golden Worship R,Y1 & Y2 (parents in those year groups welcome)
- Thurs 12th Oct 2.15pm: Harvest Festival service, St Paul's Church, Y3 parents welcome
- Fri 13th Oct: break up for half term
- Tues 24th Oct: parents' evening (virtual)
- Thurs 26th Oct: parents' evening (virtual)
- Fri 27th Oct: open classrooms, to see children's work, children's surnames A-M 2.30-3pm; N-Z 3-3.30pm

Have a good
weekend,
Mrs Gilchrist

