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

Weekly Newsletter

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Christian Value: Respect
British Value: Rule of Law

Living out the School Vision this Week: (R)

Curiosity: "I liked painting my daffodil. When can we paint again?," asked Luna.

Compassion: "I help when my friend needs me," shared Ada.

Resilience: "I found the pancake races hard but I kept running," said Zach.

Worship quote (Lent): "Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time," *1 Peter 5:6*.

Remember in our prayers: all those who will be travelling over the half-term holiday and reuniting with family or friends.

Open Classrooms and Pancake Races

We hope you enjoyed the opportunity of seeing your children's work, at the open classrooms event. The pancake races also went well, and the weather was kind. Total scores were as follows:

Beacon- 58

Jubilee- 51

Charnwood- 44

Bradgate- 37

Well done to all who competed and it was lovely to see the pre-school brothers and sisters having their race too.

PTA Events

The PTA are re-launching and have some great events planned. They begin with sales of Mothers' Day gifts on 6th, 7th and 8th of March. More details are to follow, after half-term. Please find the accompanying letter from the new committee. There will be a meet and greet event, after Golden Worship, on Friday 8th March.

We thank our outgoing PTA members, especially Mrs Hewlett and Mr Pole for all their efforts, over the previous years.

Baby News

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Houghton is expecting a baby, due towards the end of June. We send our congratulations to Mr and Mrs Houghton for their forthcoming happy event. We hope to be able to cover the end of the academic year and the rest of Mrs Houghton's maternity leave, with our existing staff. More details will follow.

Uniform & PE Kits

Thank you for your support in ensuring that the children look smart and have a sense of belonging, at school. Please note that flared trousers or PE bottoms, are not in our uniform and can be quite problematic at playtime and during PE.

Spirituality

Our SIAMS (Church School) inspection, back in September, gave us the development point of improving the children's spirituality. The governors approved a policy for this, last week. We will use the Children's Trust definition: "concern or care for the human spirit or soul. This can include ideas about, or belief in, God". When using these ideas with the children, teachers will use the concepts of 'Wows, ows, and nows'. Wows: amazing things that are present in our world; ows: things that make us sorry, worried or a bit upset and nows: things happening in the world, currently. It is hoped that a focus on this aspect, will enable our children to be even more curious, compassionate and resilient.

Governor News

The governors met last week. The CEO from RISE, Mark Cole, led a session on how the governing body will change slightly, after we join Rise (on 1st April). Much of the work that governors do, including vision, values and Christian ethos, will remain the same. As will a school-level focus on academic standards and school improvement. In fact, there will tend to be more of a local and school-level focus on championing the children and the local community. The over-arching responsibility for finance, the quality of education and line-management of senior leaders, will sit at trustee/director level, similar to the commercial sector.

School Diary

- Mon 19th- Fri 23rd Feb: half term holiday
- Fri 1st March: Golden Worship Y3-6
- Thurs 21st March 2.15pm: Easter Service, Y4 parents welcome
- Fri 22nd March: break up for Easter holiday
- Mon 8th April: back to school
- Mon 27th – Fri 31st May: half-term
- Tues 9th July: break up for summer.

Have a good
Half-term,
Mrs Gilchrist

