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

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 2nd February 2024

Christian Value: Respect
British Value: Rule of Law

Living out the School Vision this Week: (Y5)

Curiosity: "I wanted to find out more about 'Arthur's Quest', our class text," reported Kitty.

Compassion: "I helped a Robin put their coat on when they were struggling," shared Sienna.

Resilience: "I found decimals hard but I didn't give up, I kept trying," said Agnes.

Worship quote: "So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the law and the prophets," *Matthew 7:12*

Remember in our prayers: all those who work peace and restraint in Gaza and Israel.

Parents Evenings

These continue to be virtual, on Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th February. There will be an opportunity to see the classrooms and your children's work on Friday 16th February, before the pancake races. The booking system is live, so please book on if you have not already done so.

Drama skills after-school Club

A drama skills club, run by Miss Miller for Y5/6, has been added to those already on School Gateway. These clubs will be running for four weeks after the half term holiday and for two weeks after Easter. There is still some availability for construction/lego. Please book, via School Gateway. There will be a charge of £25 to cover the cost of extra materials. This is a small increase from last time.

Mental Health Support

We welcomed Trish Exley and her colleague, from the NHS mental health and wellbeing partnership, to speak to parents after Golden Worship. She talked to parents about the support available to children in primary school. If you feel that your child would benefit from having some help and support, please email the school office. All referrals will be handled with sensitivity and discretion.

Assessment Results

This week, I have analysed the assessment results at the mid-year point, for all classes. The teachers and I have met to discuss successes and where children's progress may have slowed. It is very clear that those children who read regularly at home (with parents recording this in the partnership

book) have made more rapid rates of progress. Not just in reading, but in all subjects. Reading really is the key to all learning and we really appreciate the support that parents give.

X Table Rockstars

Y4 will have their x table check in June and we have some new resources to build enthusiasm and engagement. X Table Rockstars in an online platform where children can practise and collect rewards, as well as entering class, school and national competitions. It is proving very successful so far. Other Key Stage 2 classes will also have log-ins so please encourage your child to have a go at home too.

Sports News

Our gymnastics squad took part in a competition on Thursday. They had to perform several routines, including some rhythmic gymnastics with a ball. They represented the school very well and we await the results.

Our cross-country runners will be competing at an inter-schools event next Tuesday. This is within the school day due to this event needing to be outdoors and the darker afternoons at this time of year. We appreciate that this has been a more difficult event for parents to transport their children. We will feed this back to the organisers.

School Diary

- Fri 9th Feb 2.40pm: Friday 26th Jan 2.40pm: Golden Worship R, Y1&2, parents from those age groups welcome
- Tues 13th Feb: parents evening (virtual)
- Thurs 15th Feb: parents evening (virtual)
- Fri 16th Feb: Open classrooms and pancake races, 9.05am for R, Y1&2 and 2pm for Y3-6
- Mon 19th- Fri 23rd Feb: half term holiday
- 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

weekend,

Mrs

Gilchrist

