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

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 13th October 2023

Christian Value: Friendship

British Value: School Qualities

Living out the School Vision this Week: (R)

Curiosity: "I wondered when the olden days Jack-in-a-box was going to pop up," reported Sylvie.

Compassion: "I made space for my new friend Matthew on the carpet" shared Jayden.

Resilience: "I kept pedalling on the 2-wheeled bike," said Ada.

Worship quote: "Behold how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity," *Psalm 133:1*.

Remember in our prayers: all those who are working for peace and restraint in the Middle East.

Harvest Festival

Our Y3 children led a lovely school harvest service at St Paul's Church on Thursday. Thank you for the donations of dried/tinned food and cereal, which will go to the John Storer House food bank. Thank you to Y3 parents, who attended in good numbers.

Ofsted and SIAMS Celebration Afternoon

Today, the children have enjoyed trying circus skills, doing crafts, playing games and having a party tea. Coincidentally, a space dome was already booked for the morning, so some classes enjoyed this too. Thank you for your donations of party food.

Additional Clubs

Please note that these will not be running for the first week after half term, (parents' evenings). Football and Fitness sports clubs will run as usual.

Parents' Evenings and Open Classrooms

Virtual parents' evenings will be held on Tuesday and Thursday, after half-term. Slots can be booked on School Gateway. There will also be an opportunity to come into school to look at your child's work, on Friday 27th Oct.

Old Logo Uniform

Some 'swap shop' uniform is still available for larger sizes. Out-grown, new-logo items, freshly laundered, are always gratefully received.

Holidays in Term Time

The DfE is very concerned about children with persistent, low attendance (below 90%). Holidays in term time will not be authorised. These combined with usual illnesses, often result in attendance below 90%. Fines are highly likely, in this situation.

Santa Fun Run

This event is in support of Rainbows Hospice and will be taking place on Friday 1st December. The children are invited to run wearing a santa hat (or other festive headwear). If children do not already have a santa hat, they may be ordered directly from School Gateway, for £1, before 25th October.

Training to Teach

For any parents thinking of a career change or wishing to go back to a more term-time friendly role, after a break to raise young children, our future multi academy trust (RISE) is now offering post-graduate teacher training. Please contact the office for an information pack.

Governors' News

Our governing body met last night. They looked at the school's self-evaluation and approved the school development plan. They also reviewed several school policies. Minutes of previous meetings are always available via the school office.

Community News

The Parish Council are running a community café, on Tuesdays, from 2-4pm, in the new Youth and Community Hall. On Tuesday 24th October, the Fire Service will be there to share their advice about fitting fire alarms at home. All are welcome.

Sports News

Our first cross-country, took place this week. There were first and second places as well as many in the top ten. There was also a Y5/6 football league fixture with 3 wins. Well done to all who took part.

School Diary

- Mon 23rd Oct: children back after half term
- Tues 24th Oct: parents' evening (virtual)
- Thurs 26th Oct: parents' evening (virtual)
- Fri 27th Oct: open classrooms, children's surnames A-M 2.30-3pm; N-Z 3-3.30pm
- Fri 3rd Nov 2.40pm: Golden Worship Y3-6, parents of those years groups welcome
- Fri 10th Nov 2.40pm: Golden Worship R, Y1 & Y2, parents of those year groups welcome

Have a good
Half-term,
Mrs Gilchrist

