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

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 1st March 2024

Christian Value: Forgiveness

British Value: Democracy

Living out the School Vision this Week: (Y1)

Curiosity: "I liked using making big numbers in Maths, using tens and ones," said Arthur.

Compassion: "I helped Finley when he hurt himself," shared Archer.

Resilience: "We kept going when we found it hard to read our new, yellow books," said Lucy.

Worship quote: "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you," *Ephesians 4:32*.

Remember in our prayers: all those who are working for a ceasefire and the return of hostages in the Middle East.

New Christian Value

Our focus will be on *forgiveness* this half-term. In Worship and during RE lessons, the children will be thinking about ways to repair friendships, when they break down and the importance of giving others a second chance. They will also think about the importance of taking ownership of their own decisions and making things right, if they go wrong.

New British Value

This half-term, the children will be learning about *democracy* and how this works to give people a say in decision-making. Children will also learn about places and countries where there is no democracy and also how many people have fought for this right, over history, including the suffrage movement, in Britain.

New clubs

These began, this week, and have been well attended. The children at cooking club made some tasty fruit kebabs and the children at Art & Craft club painted some pictures using forks! A lot of fun was also had in chess club, construction club and drama. These clubs will run for the rest of this half term and then for two weeks after Easter.

World Book Day

As we believe that reading is the key to all learning, we will be celebrating this event next Friday. Today, a paper plate should have come home for children to decorate. The focus should be a book that they have shared which includes stories or themes from different countries or cultures. It could be about a

character, front cover, or important event. The children can be as creative as they wish! Plates should be brought back to school to be displayed on Friday 8th March. House Captains will be awarding prizes for age categories. See flyer for more info.

Independent School References

From 1st March, the teachers will only do one per child, in Key stage 1 and 2. This is due to their length and the detail required. If more references are sought, a £10 charge will be applied, via School Gateway. This change is reflected in the Charging and Remissions Policy, updated before Christmas.

PTA Events

There is a box in the school entrance for donations of pre-owned gifts, suitable for Mothers' Day. Donations are warmly welcome. These as well as other items will be available for children to select on 6th, 7th and 8th of March. Tickets may be purchased using the link <https://st-pauls-pta-we.sumupstore.com/>

The PTA are holding a 'meet & greet' after Golden Worship on 8th March.

Sports News

Our Y5/6 footballers were in action on Wednesday after school. They played well and sit joint top of their league table.

School Diary

- Fri 8th March: World Book Day celebrations
- Fri 8th March 2.40pm: Golden Worship R, Y1 & Y2, parents of those age groups welcome
- Fri 8th March 3.15pm: PTA meet & greet, after Golden Worship
- Fri 15th March: Comic Relief
- Fri 15th March 2.40pm: Golden Worship Y3-6, parents of those age groups welcome
- Thurs 21st March 2.15pm: Easter Service, Y4 parents welcome
- Fri 22nd March: break up for Easter holiday (no Golden Worship)
- 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

