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Together we are exploring our special gifts; Together we are growing towards God

Your Tuesday News Tuesday 16th October 2018

'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'

As this week is our 'Democracy Week', Miss Breen led a special worship centred around the Houses of Parliament and how our country is governed. She helped the children to make comparisons between how our country is led and how our school is led. She then explained to the children how during Democracy Week, the children have the opportunity to run for school council. Children from Years 1- 6 are invited to share their manifestos, explaining why they should be chosen



for school councillor, on Wednesday 17th October. Once all the manifestos are shared, KS1 and KS2 classes will attend the election in the small hall on Thursday afternoon and place their votes on ballot papers. The winners will be announced at Merit Worship on Friday morning. We finished our worship by listening to Mark's Gospel, when Jesus chose his 12 apostles. We looked at the reasons why Jesus chose his 12 apostles and linked that to how we need to have good reasons for voting for candidates on our school election and not just voting for our best friends. Our mission this week is to choose our school councillors carefully.



Throughout the month of October, a month dedicated to Our Lady, our Mini Vinnies have been busy leading a voluntary Rosary Club. Children from throughout school have been invited to come along to the small hall at 12:45pm on a Friday lunchtime to pray the rosary together. Thank you to the Mini Vinnies for being so proactive in leading this special time together. The last Rosary Club will be this Friday. Please encourage your children to come along. Rosary beads not required!

God Bless from Mr Copley and Mrs Haines.



EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS:

Our Attendance Target for this year is 97%



Congratulations to Year 2 who were our attendance champions last week with 99.67%. Well done to Year 5 who just missed out with 99.35% attendance.

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b 08.10.18.	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	97.33	94.96
Year 1	97.74	98.05
Year 2	99.67	97.93
Year 3	98.93	98.08
Year 4	95.48	98.25
Year 5	99.35	98.22
Year 6	96.30	98.51
Average	97.83%	97.71%
TARGET	97.00%	97.00%

TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Congratulations to our Merit Winner last week: Lucy Varley, Amelia Clayton, Harley Firth, Elizabeth Bingley, Tobias Donohue, Olivia Brandon, Daisy Ellis and Finlay Whitehead.

Mr Copley and Mrs Haines' Headteacher's Award was given to all Year 6 for their outstanding bravery and resilience at Winmarleigh Hall. They were a credit to themselves and to the school.

The Big Cat Merit Award went to William Setchell for spot on guided reading answers and showing commitment to developing his reading skills.

TT Rockstars Merit was awarded to Cole Hunter for practising all the time at home and getting really good scores.



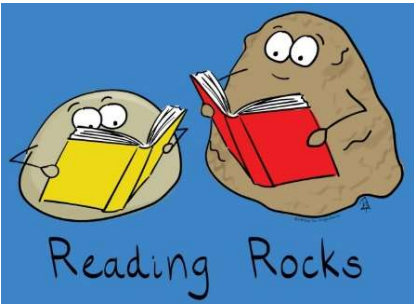
Thank you to Year 4, who last week performed 'Gran Can You Rap?' at the beginning of our Merit Worship as part of our Performance Poetry programme. The children were full of enthusiasm, with great actions and loud voices. Well done!

This week, Year 1 will be performing their chosen poem at the beginning of Merit Worship. Year 1 parents and families are invited to come along to watch and are welcome to stay for the whole of Merit Worship or leave straight after Y1's performance.

Some of our KS2 children have been very busy attending various sports events run by Sports UK over the last fortnight. Pippa and Joshua (Y3), Matthew and Phoebe (Y4), Olivia and Reuben (Y5) and Theo and Kate (Y6) took part in a cross country event last Friday at Swain House Primary School. Matthew and Reuben received medals for sportsmanship. Well done and thank you to all the children involved. Mrs Underwood who accompanied the children at both of these events commented on how well behaved they were and what good sportsmanship qualities they showed.

Tonight, Theo, Charlie, Lucas, Lily, Olivia, Kate, Nico and Maya from Y6 will be taking part in an Inter-School Frisbee competition at Hanson Academy. We wish them all the best of luck!

Reading Rocks!



Thank you to everyone who has already attended the Book Fair and bought some books. The Book Fair continues to be open before and after school and during Parent Consultation on Wednesday. The last opportunity to buy books will be after school on Thursday. If you haven't already had the opportunity to buy some books, please do. All money raised will go towards furthering our collection of inspiring library books, more Accelerated Reader books and also more dictionaries throughout school. Thank you in advance for your support.

Year 1 thoroughly enjoyed themselves on their trip to Eccleshill Library last week. The children were able to choose a book from the large collection to bring back to school. They were all very well behaved and will be returning next half term to return their books and take out a new one. **Keeeeeeep reading!**

This Wednesday, FS1 are holding a '**Stay, Play and Learn**' session for parents and this Thursday FS2 are doing the same. During this time, all parents/carers of these children are welcome to come along to the Foundation unit and share in their children's learning. As part of our Performance Poetry programme, both Nursery and Reception children will perform their chosen poem to their parents/carers during these sessions. We hope you can come along and enjoy.

Lunchboxes in school

Please can we ask that parents/carers ensure that children are given healthy lunches if children are bringing a packed lunch to school. We also ask you not to send any nuts or products with nuts in (such as chocolate spread) as we have children in school with severe nut allergies. Thank you for your support on this matter.





Last week, Y3 and Y4 children took part in very informative workshops on on-line safety with PCSO Izak. They were taught all about the risks and dangers which are present when using the internet. Children were taught how to keep themselves safe and how to spot the dangers when using social media. They learnt about keeping their personal information safe and what happens when they put a photograph of themselves online.

Unfortunately, there was only one person who attended the session for parents. It would be good to get some feedback as to why more people didn't attend so that we can make better arrangements in the future. Perhaps 2:30pm was not a good time, for example. Please pass on your feedback to either the office, Mrs Haines or any other member of staff. Thank you in advance.

Please could all photograph orders be returned to the school office by Wednesday afternoon so we can send them off before we break up. Thank you.



School Calendar

(Please note these dates and times could be subject to change)

Date	Time	Class	Event
Wednesday 10 th October	AM	All	Individual school photos
	9.30 am	Y6	Class Mass in Church
Thursday 11 th October		All	Book Fair arrives in school for one week
	9.00 am	Y3	Class Worship
Friday 12 th October	1.00 pm	Y3/Y4	Online Safety Workshop
	2.15 pm	Parents	Parent Online Safety Workshop
Monday 15 th October	1.30 pm	FS	Parent consultations
	3.30 pm	Y1 – Y6	Parent consultations
Wednesday 17 th October	AM/PM	FS1	Stay, Play and Learn session
	9.30 am	Y5	Class Mass in Church
	1.30 pm	FS	Parent consultations
	3.30 pm	Y1 – Y6	Parent consultations
Thursday 18 th October	AM/PM	FS2	Stay and Play session
	9.00 am	Y6/FS2	Class Worship - Buddies
Friday 19 th October	Break up for half term		
Tuesday 30 th October	School re-opens after half term		
Thursday 1 st November	9.30 am	KS2	Feast of All Saints Mass in Church
Wednesday 7 th November	9.30 am	Y4	Mass in Church
Thursday 15 th November	AM	FS2 – Y5	Flu immunisations

At Forest School last week the children made their own villages and thought about how we work better as a team.



We break up this Friday for the half term holidays and return on Tuesday 30th October. We hope you all enjoy some quality family time over the holidays. Thank you for all your support over this last half term.

If you are worried or concerned about the wellbeing of any of our pupils, please ask to speak to Mr Copley, Mrs Haines, Miss Burgess or Mrs Laptew