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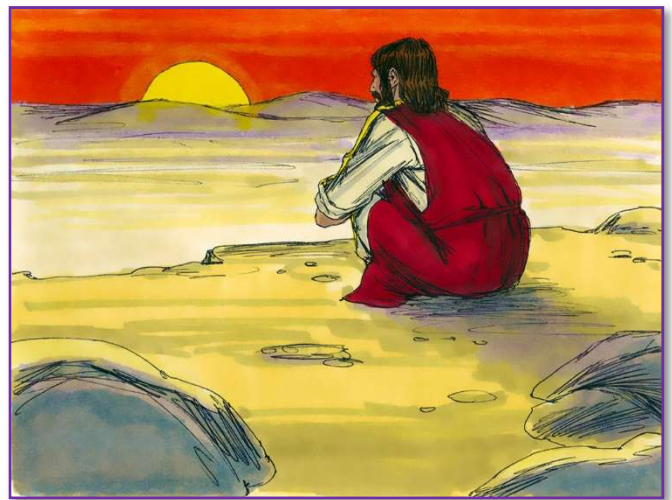
Together we are exploring our special gifts; Together we are growing towards God

Your Tuesday News 3rd March 2020

'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'

In worship yesterday, we explored the Gospel reading of when Jesus fasted in the desert for 40 days and nights. We discussed how Jesus used this time away from everyone to prepare himself for His ministry of spreading God's Word. Together, we came up with three items we thought Jesus could have packed in his suitcase to take with Him into the desert:

The Bible: To represent God's Word - When Jesus was tempted by Satan to turn rocks to bread he replied with 'It is written that Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'



A rock: To represent our trust in God and our Lenten theme 'Our God in whom we trust' - When Satan tempted Jesus to jump off the top of the temple to see if he would be saved by the angels, Jesus replied with, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test'

A cross: To represent Jesus' understanding of the suffering he must endure to show his loyalty to God - The third time Jesus was tempted by Satan to worship him instead of God, Jesus replied with, 'Worship the Lord your God and serve Him only'.

We linked Jesus' time in the desert to our own lives and the need we have for time away from other people to find peace. Therefore, we set our mission this week to: 'find some quiet time to reflect'.

This Thursday, Y1 will lead us all in their class worship and the following week (Thursday 12th March) FS2 will do the same. Parents/carers and families are welcome to join us for both these occasions at 8:55am.

Lenten Prayers

We continue this Thursday following the footsteps of Christ through the Stations of the Cross at 8:30 am in the small hall. Please come along and join us for this very short and peaceful time.

The School Council have been working very hard to organise a programme of fundraising activities for each Friday during Lent. The first one will take place **this Friday** and will be a wacky hair day for the cost of £1 for the Good Shepherd Appeal. The rest of the events throughout Lent are listed below:

Friday 13 March

Sports activity (details to follow)

Friday 20 March

Sponge the teacher £1)

Friday 27 March

Bun sale (donations)

Friday 3 April

Purple Day (£1)

God Bless from Mr Copley and Mrs Haines

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS:

Our Attendance Target for this year is 97%



Where have all the greens gone??

FS2 are the only class who managed to reach our target of 97% last week.

You can see that no class is achieving the 97% mark at the moment.

We need to turn this around while we can still make the target.

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b 24.02.20.	%ATTENDANCE this year to date
FS2	98.00	96.39
Year 1	97.67	96.77
Year 2	93.23	96.37
Year 3	96.77	96.83
Year 4	92.59	96.00
Year 5	93.87	96.94
Year 6	95.48	94.50
Average	95.37%	96.25%
TARGET	97.00%	97.00

TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Well done to our Merit Winners last week: Emily Dunn, Benjamin Matan, William Saunders, Dhillon Whittingham, Mason Nolan, Abigail Dawson, Joshua Hinchcliffe, Harvey Clegg and Mia Walker.

Mrs Haines' Headteacher's Award was presented to Thomas Duff for being an exceptionally good role model in all aspects of school life. Thank you Thomas.

The Big Cat Merit was awarded to Femi-Lee Whittingham for his continuous effort with reading his books at home.

Our Mathstronaut is Billy Hedges in Year 3.

#	Pupil	Groups
1.	 Rhys Leak	Year 3 2019/20
2.	 Finley Carroll	Year 5 2019/20
3.	 Lily-May Cousins	Year 3 2019/20



1.	Year 3 2019/20	62,561,023
2.	Year 5 2019/20	35,800,570
3.	Year 6 2019/20	29,978,945
4.	Year 2 2019/20	15,095,766
5.	Year 4 2019/20	6,653,880
6.	Year 1 2019/20	4,463,027
7.	FS2 2019/20	470,448

Online Safety

Thank you to the parents who came along to the online safety parent meeting with PCSO Geoff Woodrow last Tuesday. It was a very informative session and, even though shocking in parts, there was some really important information shared that will help to keep our children safe online. One of our parents commented, 'I found it really useful. I thought I knew a lot about being online, but I am really shocked by what the children know and access that I have never heard of.' There are spare copies of the hands out in the office if you were unable to make it and would like them.



If you have not yet returned your E-Safeguarding survey please could you do so before the end of the week.

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, Miss Martin or Mrs Laptew

Don't forget the Starlight Clothing collection on Friday 13th May. Clear those wardrobes out and get them summer ready whilst raising money for school and helping seriously ill children.

Parent Consultations

Parents should have received a letter detailing the parents consultations that are taking place next week, along with a text message/email with a link to book the appointments. Parents in Year 2, please note the difference in day for your children. We expect every child to have at least one parent/carer attend an appointment with their teacher and we ask that you make your appointment on the allotted dates within the time frames given. Thank you in advance.

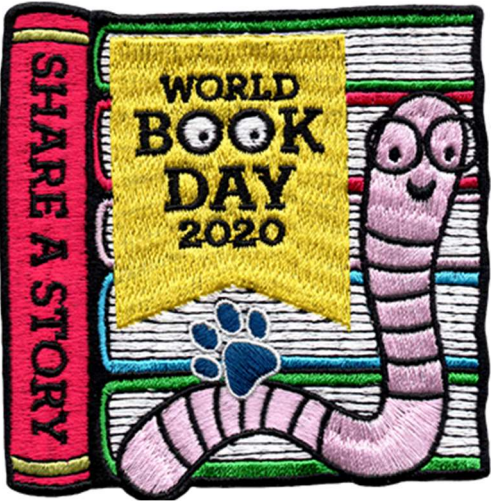
Friday Coffee Mornings



Thank you to all the parents who came to our first Friday Coffee Morning last week. We hope you found this helpful by meeting our family involvement workers who work in school. Even if you just enjoyed a cuppa with other parents, it was lovely to see you all. Mrs Wright will be hosting coffee mornings every Friday morning from 8:40 am for any parents/carers and families. Anyone attending Merit Worship are invited to come along once worship has finished. These are very relaxed, informal occasions where you can grab a cuppa and have a chat with other parents/carers. Babies and toddlers are all very welcome as well and there are plenty of toys, games and books available for them to play with. Furthermore, Mrs Wright has a wealth of experience and information, so if you did need any advice or help with anything, she will be more than happy to give you the right information.

World Book Day

World Book Day is just around the corner - Thursday 5th March. As we have done the last few years, pupils are invited to either come dressed as their favourite BOOK (not film!!) character or in their pyjamas. The exception is in FS1 and FS2 where children are asked to come dressed up as a dalmatian from 101 Dalmatians.



As part of the day, we would like to promote a love of reading to our children and we would like some volunteer parents/carers to help us out. We invite you to become a 'Secret Reader'. You can choose which year group you would like to read and the book you would like to read. We can even help out with providing the book if you need us to! The idea would be to read either a full book (for children from FS1 - Y2) or a chapter of a book for KS2, if more appropriate. It will only be for 10 minutes (unless you would like more time of course!!) and we can work times around you. If you would be interested in being one of our 'secret readers', please ring or pop into the office and let the office staff know. PLEASE DO NOT TELL YOUR CHILDREN if you sign up - it's a SECRET!! Sssshhhhhh!!!

We are also holding an 'Extreme Reader' challenge. Children have to bring in or email in a photo of themselves reading in an interesting or extreme place. There will be a prize for the most extreme reader in each class, chosen by our School Council. The prizes will be awarded at the end of the Y1 Class Worship on World Book Day.



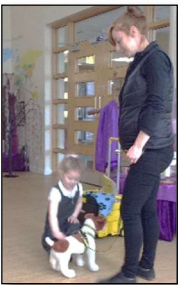
The **Scholastic Book Fair** arrives in school on Tuesday 10th March and will be available both before and after school until the morning of Tuesday 17th March for families to buy their books and other goodies. It will also be available throughout our parents consultations and After School Club. Please come along and buy a book or more - a large percentage of the takings is given back to school to buy more books!

Just a reminder that this Thursday 5th March, Miss Burgess will be running two **Maths Fluency Workshops** for KS1 (Year 1 and 2) parents and children at 3.30 and 5.30. Please sign up online for one of the 1 minute slots which correspond to the 3.30 and 5.30 workshops. We look forward to seeing you there.



Dogs Trust

Yesterday Years 1 - 6 enjoyed listening to a visitor from Dogs Trust. The younger children learnt about caring for animals and different dogs, while the older children found out about the important work the charity does.



Science Week

School is gearing up for Science Week. We started early on Monday with a speaker from Dogs Trust. Then classes will link work through this year's theme: 'Our Diverse Planet' and take part in 'Mission Starlight'. To finish the week children's work will be entered in the national poster competition.

PARENT AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION NEWS



Disco

The ever popular disco is back on Thursday 26th March. Tickets are priced at £4 each which includes entry, crisps, drink and free entry into an Easter Egg Raffle. Sweets and glow sticks will be on sale separately.

FS2, Year 1 & Year 2 - 4.30pm - 5.30pm (parents are welcome to stay)

Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 - 5.45pm - 6.45pm

Please complete the slip below and return to school with the money enclosed

Mother's Day Gift Shop

The PFA Mother's Day Gift Shop will open on Monday 16th March. Children will be able to choose gifts for mums, grandmas or anyone special in their lives. There will be a lovely selection of gifts to choose from, all will be priced at £2.50. Children can buy as many gifts as they would like. Please complete the slip below and return to school with the appropriate amount of money, children will be taken to the gift shop during break times to choose their gifts.

Also, the name of every child who buys a gift will be entered into a draw to win a £20 voucher for Lolabelle's Boutique on Bolton Road.

✂ _____

Name of Child(ren): Classes:

I would like _____ tickets at a cost of £4 each and enclose £ _____



Signed: Date:

✂ _____

Name of Child(ren): Classes:

I would like _____ Mother's Day presents at a cost of £2.50 each and enclose £ _____



Signed: Date: