



3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023

## School Newsletter

### A message from the Headteacher

It was wonderful to see everyone safely back at school after the half term holiday. Thank you to everyone who bought tickets for our Fireworks evening! It is a sell-out event and we are eagerly anticipating a wonderful evening. A huge thank you to all of the staff who have worked so hard to organise the event but especially to Mr Russell and Mr Gill. I look forward to reporting back on the evening in next week's newsletter.

### Words of Encouragement

The words of encouragement for this week are found in [Isaiah 40:8](#)

*The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.*

As the weather turns colder and the days are shorter it can lead to people feeling less positive. Keep in mind that whatever the season God's love is constant.

### Look what the children have been doing!

#### Nursery

We hope you have all had a wonderful half term! Our topic this half term is 'Brilliant Bears and our first story is 'Going on a bear hunt'. The children have enjoyed exploring the environment and using sensory materials to retell the story. The children have also been very busy sorting by colour, size and shape!

We have now opened the mud kitchen, please ensure your child has wellington boots in nursery so that they can play in this area.

We will start to post home links on Tapestry so please also ensure that your Tapestry account is active. If you need help please speak to a member of staff.



## Reception

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term.

This week we have been focusing on the story of the Three Billy Goats Gruff. We learned some information about goats and labelled the parts of a Billy goat. We ordered the goats from smallest to largest and made stick puppets to tell the story with our friends.

For maths we have been working on the composition of numbers and thinking about the different ways that numbers can be represented.

This term our RE topic is 'Why is Christmas special for Christians?' We began with a lesson about how to prepare for the birth of a new baby as we begin to set the scene for the birth of Jesus Christ.

Please note that letters have been handed out **to Reception Blue parents for the rescheduled Parent Consultation on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November.**

## Year 1

The children have been learning the WW1 songs and playing some war games in PE. Also they had a carousel activity where they looked at and discussed different items of WW1 in groups.

In RE, they have continued their learning on why Saints are important to Christianity. The focus this week is on developing their understanding of the importance of saints and All Saints Day to Christians,

In Maths, the children were introduced to subtraction and are learning to use crossing out and number line strategies to subtract.

## Year 2

It has been a wonderful return to school for Year 2. This week we have thought about and learned the poem 'Remember Remember.' The children did an amazing job reciting the words of the poem using a visual map to help guide/support them. It was also great to see so many FITT projects return back to school. Model, houses, posters and power-point presentations have all been fantastic. We look forward to receiving more over the upcoming weeks.

## Year 3

As part of our 'Light' topic, we have been reading 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' by Philip Pullman. Year 3 are enjoying the story so far. Here they are, acting out a scene from the play, where Lila is captured by the pirates! It was great to watch. We are also starting to write our own play scripts based on the story.



## Year 4

Year 4 were very excited today this week as they investigated what happens to a lightbulb when you add more components to an electrical circuit. They all noticed that the bulb grew dimmer as more components were added.



Furthermore, they were fascinated at making the motor work and see it spin using a rubber or paper attached to the spinner.



### Year 5

We have started our half term with our topic 'Achievements and Legacies' in which we will be learning about 4 civilisations (Ancient Rome, Ancient Egypt, Ancient Greece and Ancient Benin). To celebrate OUR Year 5 achievements, the students worked on making their own shields. Throughout the year, the children will collect stickers, badges and pins for their own achievements (scoring 10/10 on spelling tests, certificates, trips, and for many more) and build their shields. These shields will be in our classrooms so the children will be able to see their achievements and this will encourage them to work harder. We will also have a class shield to celebrate whole class achievements.



## Year 6

Year 6 have started a new science topic 'Electricity.' Children created circuits and drew circuit diagrams in their science lesson. They experimented with different components and discussed the effect each component had on their circuit.

Our RE lessons this week have focused on the diversity within the Anglican church and the different styles and traditions of worship.

We have spent time looking at the abolition of slavery in our topic lessons and the social climate of the time leading up to the Civil Rights Movements. We began by exploring some key figures in the Civil Rights Movement: Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King.

### Attendance award

This week's attendance award winners are:

Reception Blue

2 Red

4 Yellow

6 Yellow

Very well done!!

### A message from Tottenham Hotspur

We are delighted to invite your community to apply for up to four complimentary tickets to our next home match vs Liverpool Women on Sunday 12 November (12.30pm KO).

Please use the link below to complete requests by 17.00pm on Sunday 5 November to register their interest.

[GFD Partner Ticket Request - Tottenham Hotspur Women v Liverpool Women](#)

Please note that tickets are not guaranteed, therefore applicants will be notified if their application has been successful.

## Maths Big Question

**What Maths is in  
YOUR name?**



### Dates for your diary

*Please make sure you check these dates regularly as additional events may be added.*

- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec: Break for Christmas holiday at 1.30pm (No after school club this day)**  
**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2024: Children return to school after Christmas**  
**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb: children break up for half term at 3.15pm**  
**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb: Children return to school after half term**  
**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> Mar: Children break up for Easter 1.30pm (No after school club this day)**  
**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April: Children return to school after Easter Holiday**  
**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April: Class photographs**  
**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May: Children break up for half term at 3.15pm**  
**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June: Children return to school after half term**  
**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July: INSET day (No children in school)**  
**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July: Children break up for Summer holiday at 1.30pm (No after school club on this day)**

If you have any queries about information in the newsletter please do not hesitate to contact school via the office or to ask one of the staff team in the playground at the beginning and end of the day.

Best wishes

Katy Brennan

Head teacher

*In our school we love deeply, respecting everyone and treating them with dignity;  
we aspire with confidence, working hard and embracing challenge and  
we serve God and the community, following the example of Jesus, to create a better world.*

**Ephesians 5:2 (NLT)**

*“Live a life of love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us”*

