



**Bolton on Swale St Mary's Church of England Aided Primary School**

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*'Developing the whole child'*

**Newsletter Friday 8th June 2018 Our Christian value this half term is 'Thankfulness'**

**Whole School visit to Fountains Abbey and Studley Royal Water Gardens** We had a wonderful day on our whole school visit on Tuesday. Class 1 explored the Abbey and grounds on a sensory trail workshop—a particular highlight was ringing the bell at the water mill. Class 2 went pond dipping finding amazing creatures: pond skaters, water boatmen and even a newt. They loved the hidden nooks and crannies of the Abbey buildings. Class 3 set out on a mammal to minibeast hunt with magnifying pots and binoculars. Discovering the herd of red deer was amazing. In the afternoon they visited the water gardens, Abbey and folly art installations. Class 4 enjoyed their art workshop day—comparing Georgian and modern follies and using this as inspiration for their own collage and clay work.



**Year 1 Phonics Screen Check** Class 1 and 2 teachers will carry this out with Year 1 children during next week.

**'Sing and Strings' Class 3 Music Concert at Richmond School on Wednesday 20th June at 6pm** Please refer to the information in the letter sent home today. Please return the attached consent slip and request tickets if you would like to see your child perform. They will be playing their violin or cello and singing as part of a choir.

**Instrumental Lessons in school** We have availability for violin, cello and flute lessons from September. There is already a long waiting list for piano. Children receive lessons from qualified teachers and pay for a block of 10 lessons per term. Children in Year 4 will be finishing their free violin and cello lessons at the end of the summer term. If you have enjoyed these, you may wish to continue with small group or individual lessons. Please speak to Mrs Dobson or Mrs Newton if you are interested.

**Summer Production - 'Mystery at Magpie Manor'** Our KS2 Summer Production this year is on Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th June at 6pm in Scorton Village Hall. Class 3 and 4 children are taking part. Letters have gone home tonight for ticket requests returns.

**Cookery Club** need a new team of leaders when the present long serving team step down this summer. Might this be for you?

**Pet Service at St Mary's Church, Bolton-on-Swale** this Sunday at 3pm. All humans and pets welcome. Refreshments and lots of child friendly activities. Be thankful for your pet.



**Online safety for children** All children in Class 4 received letters yesterday alerting them to online safety issues for children particularly as they prepare to transfer to Secondary School. O<sub>2</sub> and NSPCC are working together and have a free online safety helpline open weekdays, evenings and weekends for free advice about any issues. They will guide you through how to put parental controls onto devices and queries about the suitability of Apps and games your child may want to download.

**O<sub>2</sub> NSPCC free online helpline: 0808 800 5002**

**O<sub>2</sub> stores will also put parental controls onto your child's devices if you take them in to a store. There is no charge and you do not have to be an O<sub>2</sub> customer.**

**O<sub>2</sub> NSPCC also recommend the website <https://www.net-aware.org.uk> Search for a site, game or App and it will give you advice about the content and age suitability.**

**The key message is to have conversations with your child and share in any online activities. Be a TEAM: Talk, Explore, Agree Manage.**

**Fruity Friday reminder** Please bring 30p on a Friday and enjoy a piece of fresh fruit.

**Friends of the School** are meeting at 3.30pm next Wednesday 13th June. They are planning for the Summer Fair and end of term activities. All welcome.

**Bags2School Fundraising** Please return these on Thursday 14th June by 9.00am.

Please don't hesitate to contact if you have any queries about school.

Yours sincerely, Nicola Dobson