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'To love, live and learn together'

Newsletter Friday 20th November 2020 Our Christian value this half term is 'Peace'

Celebrating what it means to be a Good Friend This week all our classes have been looking at the qualities which make good relationships: Respect, Trust, Kindness, Honesty, Forgiveness and what we need to do to bring Peace to our school, homes and communities: taking turns, sharing, being tolerant, inviting others to join in our games and not leaving anyone out. We also looked at activities linked to National Anti-bullying week. This focussed on a zero tolerance of bullying; making sure we always TELL and a correct understanding and use of the word. Bullying is intentional and has the potential to be repeated; it is not falling out with our friends or even being unkind once as we can all make mistakes. Parents received an email this week with important information on how to keep your child safe online. Our KS2 children in particular looked at how to keep themselves safe online. **Advice for parents on internet safety and safe settings** at home can be found on: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>
Class 4 celebrate Odd Socks Day Class 4 decided to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique and to promote diversity and respect for difference.



Virtual Christmas Nativity We are planning to film and record a Christmas Nativity which will involve children from all classes. We hope this will help you to share the good news of hope at Christmas with your families and friends. It will be available to watch through our school website in the last week of term. We are aiming to use nativity costumes we already have in school for those who need costumes (if you have any nativity costumes you no longer want please send these in with your child or drop them at the office entrance). All costumes are being washed before use. Class teachers will send home any additional instructions for their classes. There should be no need to buy anything.

Special Mentions this week from Class 1

Mrs Reynolds says: 'This week in Maths we have focused on number formation, counting forwards and backwards and number bond addition. In English we have continued to work hard with our phonics and letter formation. In Art this week we have been painting in the style of Picasso. I was very impressed with all the art work produced. Well done for a great week Class 1'.

Star of the Week is William B for consistently working hard and giving of his very best.

Special Mentions this week are for Tom, Olivia, Betsy LN and Henry for excellent art work when creating their Picasso pictures.

For William B, Theo and William Mc, for excellent phonics work.

For Edward S, Katie-Belle and Maisie for displaying excellent friendship qualities.

We say farewell to **Betsy LN** this week and wish her and her family the very best for their move. It has been a pleasure having you in school with us.

Special Mentions this week from Class 2

Mrs Smith says: 'This week Class 2 have focussed on Road Safety. We have learnt about how to cross the road safely, discussed safe places to cross the road and written our own instructions'.

Star of the Week is Poppy B for always having a positive and enthusiastic attitude towards learning.

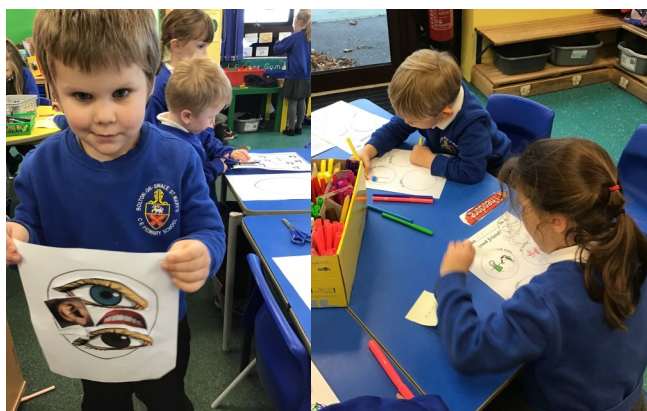
Special Mentions this week are for Emily and Emma for excellent writing of road safety instructions.

For Freya and Bertie for great work when playing instruments

For Ethan for displaying excellent friendship qualities.



Pictured here are Class 2 talking about how to cross the road safely



Special Mentions this week from Class 3

Mrs Jones says: 'We have had an exciting week in Class Three involving hard work learning times table and division facts, exploring what it means to be a good friend, studying the playwright, William Shakespeare, working on our Tudor cross stitch and developing our Hockey skills'.

Special mentions this week are for:

Charlie L for great work in Maths problem solving using times table facts;

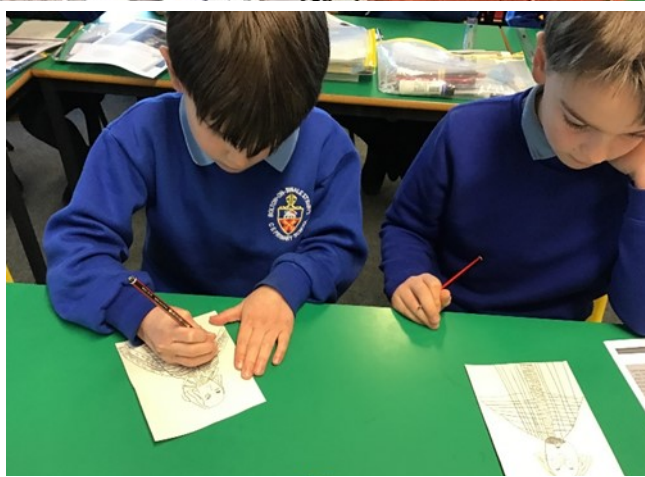
Isaac, also for marvellous Maths when using times tables to help answer other calculations;

Charlie I for a very good piece of work comparing the lives of rich and poor in Tudor times;

Myles for a lively portrait of William Shakespeare;

Rupert for thoughtful ideas about cyberbullying and the impact it can have on others.

Pictured below are Class 3 looking at a model of the Globe Theatre and sketching William Shakespeare.



Special Mentions this week from Class 4

Mr Ramsbottom says: 'This week we have been adding and subtracting fractions with different denominators in Maths; writing letters to our local MP in English (as part of UK Government week) to raise awareness for a future campaign; creating simple electrical circuits and identifying electrical symbols in Science; discussing the big story of the Bible and theological vocabulary in RE; creating Space Posters in Art inspired by the artist Peter Thorpe and practising our Hockey passing skills in P.E.'.

Special Mentions this week are for:

Emma for superb jottings in Maths-finding common multiples and denominators; **Gracie** for marvellous Maths; **Isabella** for producing a fantastic letter; **Ethan** for being Writer of the Week; **Ed W** for recognising electrical symbols in a circuit; **Alex** for being Scientist of the Week!; **Amelie** for understanding tricky vocabulary in RE; **Charlie and Bea** for superb space posters!



Many thanks for supporting our Book Fair

We made £167 in commission to buy books for our class libraries.

Tempest School Photographs Your orders for these have raised £186 for school funds - thank you.

School Tea Towels-'An ideal Christmas gift and wonderful keepsake'

The school tea towel features self-portraits of all our children in school. Information and an order form for these was sent by email and in book bags. Sales of these are going very well. Thank you to Friends of School for organising this fundraiser. The deadline for return of forms to school is Wednesday 25th November.

Flu Immunisation Drop-in for children who missed receiving their flu vaccine in school

Change of venue from Hipswell Habitiat, Catterick Garrison. **Richmond Drop-in clinics will now take place at Richmond Friary Hospital, Clinic Room, Ground Floor, Queens Road, Richmond, DL10 4UJ.**

These are drop-in clinics. You **do not** need to contact to make an appointment. Dates and times remain the same:

Wednesday 16th December 3.30-5pm

Diary Dates and plans for Christmas



Virtual Whole School Nativity

As mentioned on the front page of the newsletter we are planning to film and record our

Christmas Nativity and hope to have this ready for viewing through the school website in the last week of term.

Friends of the School Christmas Raffle

FoS will send home raffle tickets with each child next Friday 27th November. Please support us by buying these if you can. We normally sell these at our Class 1/2 Nativity performances and whole school Carol Service.

If you are able to donate a raffle prize please send this into the office by Friday 4th December. Food or drink on a Christmas theme would be appreciated! The raffle will be drawn and winners announced before the end of term.

Christmas Parties and visit from Father Christmas

Classes 1 and 2 will have their party on the afternoon of Tuesday 15th December (the classes will not mix).

Father Christmas will also visit school that afternoon and bring gifts for all the children. He will not be able to come inside this year so we would like to decorate our Peace Garden as a special 'Santa's grotto'. **If you have any Christmas decorations you no longer need please bring them into school and they will help us to decorate.** They can be left at the office or sent with your child.

Classes 3 and 4 will have their party on the afternoon of Wednesday 16th December (the classes will not mix).

Party Food Normally this is donated by each parent. This year our party food will be made by our wonderful cook Danielle, who has offered to do this in her own time. Funds raised by you as parents through FoS will pay for the food.

Party Clothes Normally our children change into party clothes after lunch on their party day. This year we ask you to come dressed in the morning for your party. This means you may need to adapt your party clothes to ensure you can spend the whole day in them and still play out at break and lunch times.

School Christmas Lunch will take place on **Thursday 17th December**.

Parish News Work is being completed on St Mary's Church and we will keep you updated on possible Christmas services and times. The parish Christingle Service will take place virtually next Sunday 29th November. Rev Yvonne invites you to make a Christingle at home, take a photo and email it to dominicbath@esbb.co.uk by Thursday evening so it can be shared in the online service.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

With my very best wishes,

Nicola Dobson