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'To love, live and learn together'

Newsletter Friday 16th October 2020 Our Christian value this half term is 'Respect'

Preparing to celebrate Harvest Festival Harvest is always a special time of year in our school. With our many farming connections and rural location we love to go to St Mary's Church as a whole school community with family and friends to say 'thank you' to God for all that we have been given. This year we still wanted Harvest to be special for our children. We have been busy recording a **Virtual Harvest Festival** which will be uploaded to our school website next Friday. We will watch it in our classes in school and we hope you enjoy it at home with your child. It will remain on the website for some time.

Raising money for our Harvest Charity 'Send a Cow' This year we are supporting 'Send a Cow' a charity which works in several African countries to support farmers. We have been learning about how they are providing drought resistant seeds to help the farmers overcome climate change.

To raise money for this charity School Council are: selling bulbs in pots which they have decorated and planted. The bulbs will be in the playground from Monday next week with an honesty box for £1 donations to 'Send a Cow'. School Council have also organised a **whole school competition**. Please see the details in your bags on how to enter, along with a paper plate. Decorate your paper plate for harvest and bring it back to school by Wednesday next week with a £1 donation. There will a prize for each year group.

Donating tins and packets for the Richmond Food Bank Once again we will be collecting tins and packets and donating these to Richmond Food Bank. Please bring any donations into school next week.



Wedding news! We are delighted to tell you that Miss Jenkins will be getting married in October half term and returning as Mrs Smith. We hope she has a wonderful day.

Special Mentions this week from Class 1

Mrs Reynolds says: 'This week in Class 1 we have been using the musical instruments. We explored the sound they make and how to play them correctly. I was very impressed with our Class band! In Science we have started the topic 'Animals' and have looked at different animals and their babies.'

Star of the Week in Class 1 is Charlotte for her amazing phonic and reading work.

Special Mentions Certificates this week are for: Daisy for excellent Science work; Maisie for great work in Music; William B for great work in Music; William M for working hard with his phonics and reading; Islay for great work in PE, particularly with balance.



Pictured here are the Class 1 band; tambourines, triangles, wood blocks and maracas.

They have also been busy recording their 'Big Red Combine Harvester Song' ready for our Virtual Harvest Festival next week.



Special Mentions this week from Class 2

Miss Jenkins says: 'This week we have been writing our own stories based on The Tiger Who Came to Tea by Judith Kerr. As part of our RE lessons, Class Two have enjoyed preparing art work and a song ready for next week's virtual Harvest Festival. In Science, we have explored seasonal change and this week we have recorded the weather and temperature each morning to create a weather diary.'

Star of the Week in Class 2 is Noah for showing great kindness in all he does.

A special mention for Darci for working hard and having a positive attitude across all areas of the curriculum.

Special Mentions Certificates this week are for Lucy, Oliver and Tilly for excellent fluency in writing; Ethan for great enthusiasm and hard work in PE lessons; Darci for working hard and having a positive attitude across all areas of the curriculum.



Special Mentions this week from Class 3

Mrs Jones says: 'What a busy week for Class 3! Well done for producing a high standard of work across all subjects.'

Special Mentions Certificates this week are for: **Emily** for confidence in Maths when subtracting using a formal method with exchanging;

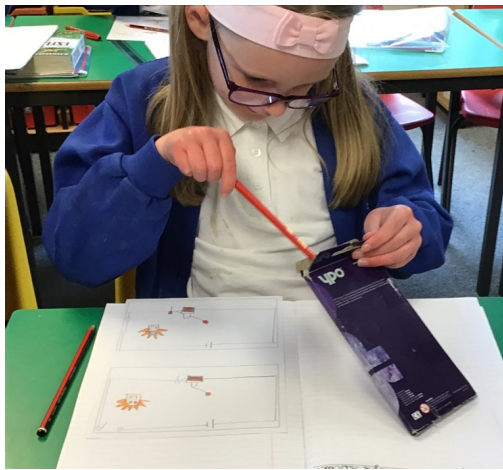
Ben for good work in R.E. thinking about how God provided guidance to humans on how to look after the world-you were able to explain what it felt like when you were 'in the dark';

Abigail for super Science creating circuits with switches;

Isabelle for writing a great simile poem about yourself;

Beau for good work in Maths when estimating and explaining;

Leila for working hard on your handwriting.



Pictured above Class 3 recording their Science circuits and experiencing darkness in their RE.

Special Mentions this week from Class 4

Mr Ramsbottom says: 'This week in Class 4 we have been solving multiplication and division problems using written calculations (long multiplication and long division); we have identified key features of a newspaper report and created our own snappy headlines and opening statements to introduce the main story; we have understood what happened in the build up to D-Day and learnt how the Allied Forces planned it; we have researched information about L.S. Lowry in Art.'

This week every child will receive a Special Mentions Certificate for their excellent work, their resilience when tackling tricky problems and their enthusiasm to learn. Well done everyone!

Parent Teacher Consultations by telephone

Mr Ramsbottom will speak to parents on Monday 19th or Tuesday 20th October. Mrs Reynolds will speak to parents on Wednesday 21st or Thursday 22nd October. Children in these classes have brought their books home to share with you this weekend. **Please take great care of these and return them to school on Monday.**

Individual School Photographs Tempest School Photography took individual photographs last week and the proofs have gone home. Please follow the instructions to order your photos online. School receives 30% commission on any photos you buy online. The deadline for ordering through school is **Wednesday 21st October.**

Flu Immunisation Thursday 22nd October If you gave your consent your child will receive this by nasal spray during the school day.

Staffing News We are delighted to announce the appointment of Mrs Valerie Wright as Class 3 Teacher to take up post in January 2021. Mrs Wright is an experienced primary teacher with an excellent range of experience across the primary age range and in Years 3 and 4 in particular. She taught for several years in Darlington before having her own children and then coming to work for us part time. Mrs Jones and Mrs Wright will be working together to ensure a smooth handover for your children. We will say farewell to Mrs Jones at Christmas.

Instrumental Lessons There will be no instrumental lessons with Mrs Jameson or Mr Waters next week. Lessons will start again after half term.

Clubs next week The following Clubs will run as normal next week:

Gymnastics on Monday for Class 4

Multiskills on Tuesday for Y1/2

Eco on Wednesday for Class 4

Recorders on Wednesday for Class 3

Computer on Thursday for Y1/2

No Fitness on Tuesday for Class 3 due to Mr Ramsbottom's Parent's Evening.

Clubs after half term to be booked on

Parent Pay For children in Y1 to Y6 and operating in Class bubbles the following Clubs will be running. Please book your place on ParentPay—there is no cost for these. Any queries please do contact us; it is a new system we are using. We choose only 1 Club.

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Fitness on Tuesday for Class 4

Multiskills on Tuesday for Y1/2

Eco on Wednesday for Class 3

Recorders on Thursday for Class 4

Computer on Thursday for Y1/2

Friends of the School AGM by Zoom on Tuesday 10th November at 7.30pm

Friends of the School are keen that you join them for their AGM. Please email Jill Crosbie, Secretary on jillcrosbie206@hotmail.co.uk for a Zoom link. Everyone is welcome.

Please see attached a nomination form to complete if you would like to be part of the Committee. Charlie Land, the current Chair has given her email if you would like to discuss anything. I am happy to give advice too.

Friends of the School are a huge support to our school community, financially and socially. In recent years they have funded the outdoor classroom in Class 1, a new set of school laptops and the redeveloped Pond and Peace Garden area. Please do consider joining the Committee—everyone works together and responsibility is shared. FoS are also seeking volunteers for Class or Year Group reps to help to communicate with other parents.

Friends of the School Halloween sweets

FoS have a large quantity of sweets which they would normally sell at the Halloween Disco. So that these are not wasted the children can buy a bag of sweets each for 20p next Friday 23rd October.

Shellys Before and After School Club and Holiday Club

Please see the attached information about a holiday club Shelly will be running in school for 2 days during October half term for children in our school only. Please book directly with Shelly.

Diary Dates for the term Normally we send these to you in the first week or two of term to allow you to get important dates in your diaries. At the moment we are working hard to keep everything in school as normal and as safe as possible. Our children are experiencing a full and rich curriculum offer in school. As and when we are able to plan and do more we will keep you well informed.

Half term We finish for half term on Friday 23rd October and return to school on Monday 2nd November.

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

With my very best wishes,

Nicola Dobson



Autumn Art Work from some of our Year 1 children

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October holiday club

Following our successful summer holiday club, we are very pleased to be able to provide this again for the October half term, for children who attend Bolton-on-Swale school.

We will be providing care on Monday 26/10/20 and Tuesday 27/10/20 at Bolton-on-swale school. The club will be open from 7.30am to 5.30pm.

Prices:

Full day (7.30-5.30) - £36

Half day (9-1/1-5) -£18

Activities

The children will have the full use of the school playground and field over the 2 days and we will be providing indoor games and crafts too. We will also aim to go for a long walk around the village each day.

You will need to bring:

A packed lunch

A water bottle

Sensible shoes

A waterproof coat

We will provide breakfast, sugar free drinks and healthy snacks.

Please e-mail to book your place:

shellyschildminding@gmail.com

Shelly, Ann and Fran x

THE FRIENDS OF BOLTON -ON- SWALE PRIMARY SCHOOL
NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A Zoom meeting will take place on Tuesday 10th November 2020 at 7.30 pm

The Friends of Bolton on Swale Primary School is managed by a Committee made up of volunteers/staff who are elected annually. All positions are open for election and a full job description can be requested by email. The roles vary and at present are Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary and General Committee Members. Please contact Charlie Land, Chairperson on Charlie@totemtipi.co.uk if you have any queries.

This year the AGM will be held as a Zoom meeting, if you wish to attend please email Jill Crosbie, Secretary on jill-crosbie206@hotmail.co.uk by 5th November 2020.

If you would like to be involved in the running of the committee please complete and return to school the nomination section of this letter, by 5th November 2020. Once we have reached the closing date nominations will be put to the vote at the AGM and positions will be appointed. Candidates must be present at the Zoom meeting.

You may also wish to help the committee by volunteering your time during an event or becoming a Class Representative. All volunteers are welcome, your name can be added to our contact list.

Please complete and return this section of the form in a sealed envelope to the school office by 05.11.20,
marked for the attention of Chair of Friends

The Friends of Bolton on Swale Primary School Committee Nomination Form AGM 2020

Positions for Nomination are: Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, Committee Member (at least 3 but more are welcome)

Name	
Position	
Name of your Proposer	
Name of your Seconder	