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'To love, live and learn together'

Newsletter Friday 23rd October 2020 Our Christian value this half term is 'Respect'

Our Virtual Harvest Festival Service video is on the home page of our School Website

www.bolton-on-swale.n-yorks.sch.uk

We are delighted to be able to share this special time of year with you. The children have had lots of fun creating and recording their Harvest Festival Service. Normally we would be gathered today as a whole school community; children, staff, parents, friends, family and parish in St Mary's Church, Bolton-on-Swale. Instead, our children shared the Harvest Festival Service in their classes this afternoon and Class 3 watched it remotely from their homes with Mrs Jones and Mrs Brooks. We hope you enjoy watching via our website link - see above, on the home page of our website.

Thank you -we raised £150 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. You raised this money by entering the School Council 'Decorate a Harvest Plate' competition and by supporting Class 4's Spring bulb sale.

Thank you for donating tins and packets for the Richmond Food Bank These will go to help people in our own community who are struggling at this time.



Pictured here are Class 2 with their decorated plates and donations to the food bank and below one of our winning harvest plates



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. Miss Jenkins says a huge thank you to everyone who has sent her good wishes, cards and gifts.

Special Mentions this week from Class 1

Mrs Reynolds says: 'This week we have been thinking about 'Prayers' and have written our own. I was very impressed with how thoughtful and reflective they were. Class 1 have welcomed Caedon and Kitt who started our school on Monday. They have both had a brilliant first week. A big thank you to all of Class 1 for helping them settle into school. Have a lovely half term holiday—you have all worked really hard.'

Pictured below are Class 1 with their Harvest Plates and dramatisation of the parable of the lost sheep.



Special Mentions this week from Class 2

Miss Jenkins says: 'This week in Maths we have focussed on recognising and counting money. In English, we have developed our understanding of punctuation. We have practised using capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks. In Art we have studied abstract portraits by Picasso and produced our own. We have also enjoyed performing and filming our Harvest song. Well done for a great half term of hard work.' Pictured below are Class 2 working on their abstract portraits inspired by Picasso.



Special Mentions this week from Class 3

Mrs Jones says: 'After a half term of exceptionally hard work, where Class 3 have taken the new normal completely in their stride, I am very pleased to award a special mention to everyone. Amongst other things we have become great circuit makers, philosophers (thinking about what Christians learn from the Creation story) journalists and poets! We have made very good progress in Maths using formal methods to add and subtract, are becoming efficient problem solvers and can tell you where French is spoken around the world (as well as being able to speak and translate some French too). Fantastique, tout le monde!'

Pictured below are Class 3 with their harvest plates.



Special Mentions this week from Class 4

Mr Ramsbottom says: 'This week Class 4 have produced a newspaper report on the success of the D-Day landings; learnt about multiples, factors, and prime numbers; created mixed media pictures with a WWII theme and discussed what makes a spherical body in space. Well done everyone, you have all worked extremely hard this half term!'

Parent Teacher Consultations by telephone

The teachers have appreciated being able to share your child's progress and targets before half term. We hope you enjoyed looking at your child's work in their books also.

Pictured below is art work from Class 4 inspired by the artist L.S. Lowry



Clubs after half term Thank you for booking these on Parent Pay (there is no cost as usual). It simply reduces the paperwork flow between home and school. At the time of booking online you will have received a **confirmed** notification. Any queries please do contact us. We continue to run our clubs in Class bubbles with more limited numbers for safety.

Clubs after half term:

Gymnastics on Monday for Class 3 till 4.30pm.

(Please note this will now start on Monday 9th November).

Fitness on Tuesday for Class 4 till 4.15pm

Multiskills on Tuesday for Y1/2 till 4.15pm

Eco on Wednesday for Class 3 till 4.15pm

Recorders on Thursday for Class 4 till 4pm

Computer on Thursday for Y1/2 till 4pm

Great work from the Eco Team once again this half term. Many thanks!



School Council judged the Harvest Plate entries The winning plates are featured on our virtual Harvest Festival on the school website homepage. The winners are:

Reception: Katie-Belle

Year 1: Sophie

Year 2: Hattie

Year 3: Rupert

Year 4: Sophia

Year 5: Aila

Year 6: Alex

Thank you for entering and raising money for our Harvest charity 'Send a Cow' which supports farmers in 7 countries of Africa.

Scholastic Book Fair and ordering of books with the catalogue and form sent home

On Friday 6th November till Friday 13th November the Book Fair will be in school. Mrs Newton has sent an email explaining in detail how this is planned to happen safely this year. Books arrive at school already sanitised. No parents can come into school to view or purchase the books. Book orders can be made using the catalogue sent home. Please return the order form to school and pay either online or by cheque/cash in an envelope. Children will not touch the books. In the week beginning 16th November books which have been ordered will be sent home with your child. The recommended safe quarantine time for books is 24 hours. This is what currently happens to all your children's reading books and library books in school.

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.

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 note Class 3 will return to school on Tuesday 3rd November.

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

With my very best wishes,

Nicola Dobson

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	