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'To love, live and learn together'

Newsletter Friday 15th September 2023

Our Christian value this half term is 'Friendship'

Well done to everyone on an excellent first full week back in school A special well done to our Reception children who have completed their first full week in school. A huge thank you to their Year 6 buddies who have worked so hard to support them also.

Diary dates and key events for the term were sent home in your child's book bag in hard copy on Friday. They are also uploaded to the Parent section of our school website. These include events to which you are invited; Class Parental Assembly, Harvest Festival, Christmas Nativity and Carol Service.

After School Clubs will start next week. These are free and available to children in Y1 upwards. You need to book your child's place using Parent Pay. Please contact us if you need help.

Keeping our children safe by not sharing our newsletter photos on wider social media We recognise how special it is for parents and carers to see photos of the activities their child is taking part in during the school day. These are shared with you on our school newsletter and this is uploaded to our school website. We trust you to keep these for your own private use. Please do not share these photos on other social media. Many thanks for supporting us in keeping all our children safe.

Pictured below are our Reception children with their Y6 buddies



This week in Class 1: Mrs Reynolds says, 'We have had a really good first full week. We have all been working hard on our Little Wandle Phonics scheme. We followed instructions to make toast and enjoyed eating it too! We have enjoyed our PE lessons with Matty our sports coach and with Mrs Reynolds when we have developed our throwing and catching skills. Our Y1 children across both classes had their PE lesson together. In RE we have looked at the Christian value of Friendship; how to be a good friend and what it means to belong.' **Pictured below are some highlights from Class 1.**



This week in Class 2: Mrs Dutton says, ' We have had a very busy first full week. We have focused on the story of Mog the Forgetful Cat by Judith Kerr. We have also explored Friendship and developed our throwing and catching skills. In Maths we have identified numbers up to 100. We have enjoyed using our Atlases to identify countries of the British Isles.' **Pictured below are some highlights from Class 2.**



This week in Class 3: Mrs Wright says, 'We have explored the Roman Empire and its impact on the Anglo Saxons. In PE we have developed our football and fitness skills. In our PSHCE we have discussed Friendship and in RE we have examined the Old Testament story of Noah. In Music we were very excited to start playing our violins and cellos.' **Pictured below, Class 3 with their musical instruments.**



This week in Class 4: Mr Ramsbottom says, ' We have been planning writing based on the Drummer Boy of Richmond. We have made a good start with our class reader, The Railway Children. In Geography we have identified counties. In PE our focus is Football and Fitness. Our PSHCE has continued to explore Families and including everyone. In RE we looked at the illustration, 'The Impossible Village' and considered inclusion and respect for all.' **Pictured below, Class 4 and football skills.**



Special Mentions Assembly Each Friday afternoon we celebrate the achievements of our children across school in our Special Mentions Whole School Assembly. Children may bring achievements from outside school to share with us also. Special congratulations to Grace who has been selected to swim for Richmond Dales Swim Club; Ava and Grace for their puppet skills learnt at the parish summer workshop; Abigail, Lexi, Lucy and Florence for their excellent graded Dance exam results; Isabelle for her excellent Graded Violin result and Poppy for her gymnastics awards.



Friends of the School will have their first meeting of the year on **Tuesday 26th September at 7pm in the school hall**. Everyone is welcome to join us, especially if you are new to school. We plan events to support the work of the school both financially and socially. In the last academic year we raised over £3,000. We were able to purchase new reading books and library books; subsidise the cost of school visits for all and fund the annual in school theatre visit and planetarium. **Please do support us.**

Parish News We are part of the Parish of Bolton, Brompton, Easby and Skeeby. **The Open2All Family Service is held in St Mary's Church at 10.30am on the first Sunday of the month.** All welcome. On Sunday 1st October at 10.30am the parish will celebrate their Harvest Festival in St Mary's Church. (as a school we celebrate our own Harvest on Friday 27th October in St Mary's Church). Our school choir have been invited to sing on 1st October at 10.30am in St Mary's Church (more details to follow). Please see the poster at the end of the newsletter.

Open Pantry - Parish Food Bank Items are freely available to anyone who needs them in St Mary's Church, Bolton-on-Swale and St Paul's Church, Brompton-on-Swale. **Donations to Open Pantry can be left in school or in church.** Please see the poster at the end of the newsletter.

We are One - Parish Young People's Group Children in Y5 upwards are welcome to attend on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month in St Paul's Church, Brompton-on-Swale with Rev Mary. We meet from 4-5.30pm and have lots of fun. This group may also link to confirmation preparation. Please contact Rev Mary for more details: revmarywilliams@esbb.co.uk

PE Kit Day Reminders:

Class 1 and Class 2 Tuesday and Thursday
Class 3 Tuesday and Thursday
Class 4 Tuesday and Wednesday

Road Safety outside school Please continue to be alert to children, parents and carers near the road outside school at the beginning and end of the day. Please be patient and considerate as drivers. **Please reduce your speed to keep everyone safe.**

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.
 With my best wishes,

Nicola Dobson





We are currently looking for any donations of food or other essentials. We are looking for the following items:

- Tins - soup, chopped tomatoes, vegetables, meat, fish, meals in a can (e.g. chilli con carne, curry, stew, meatballs), beans, spaghetti, fruit, rice pudding
- Jars of sauces, jam, marmalade, honey etc
- Bottles of squash and long-life milk
- Cereals, porridge (individual pots)
- Sanitary towels, tampons, baby wipes, nappies
- Bars of soap, shampoo, roll on deodorants, baby shampoo and body wash
- Washing detergent and softener
- Toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouth wash (non-alcoholic)
- Sweet treats - individually wrapped chocolate bars and biscuits
- Pet food - cans of meat, boxes of dried foods

Please note we can't accept the following donations for safety purposes.

- Aerosol deodorant etc
- Any medication
- Alcohol

Please drop any donations off at your school which will be past on to the Church.





Harvest Festival

Worship 4 All Service

Sunday 1st October

at

St Mary's church Bolton-on-Swale 10.30am

Please join us for our 'Harvest Festival' service. It is a great celebration, as we give thanks for the crops which have been safely harvested. We thank God for the food, and everything that helps the food grow. We will be discussing and exploring different ways to help one another as we move forward from our harvest, whilst thinking of ways we can use and share what we have with each other.

All donations will be given to The Open Pantry.



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