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'To love, live and learn together'

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Our Christian value this half term is 'Friendship'

Welcome back to the Parish Open the Book Team Each Monday morning different children join with the Parish Open the Book Team to dramatise a Bible story as part of our Collective Worship. The children love the costumes and the responsibility of acting. Our Collective Worship leaders join with the parish team to help everyone reflect on the theme of the worship. This week we were thinking about how we make wise choices to care for creation. As an Eco Green Flag holder we work hard to care for our world. **Pictured below is Collective Worship with the Open the Book Team.**



Library Service visit to present Summer Reading Challenge Certificates



We were delighted to welcome back Angela Morrison from the library service to present our Summer Reading Challenge certificates. We celebrate and promote a love of reading with all our children. We value our school library and children are encouraged to recommend book choices to others. Our local libraries at Richmond, Catterick and Colburn are also great places to visit with your child where books can be borrowed for free.

This week in Class 1: Mrs Reynolds says, ' In Class 1 this week we have focussed on the season of Autumn in Science and English. We went on an Autumn walk in our beautiful school grounds and wrote Autumn poetry. Our Y1 children painted self portraits.' **Pictured below, some highlights from Class 1.**



This week in Class 2: Mrs Dutton says, 'We are enjoying exploring the Autumn season and starting our Autumn senses poems. In our PSHCE we have created a Class Friendship Code. We have also displayed our self portraits. All our Y1's and Y2's in school do their PE together and we are developing our throwing and catching skills. 'Pictured below, some highlights from Class 2.



This week in Class 3: Mrs Wright says, 'We have written character descriptions of a Viking leader from our text, 'The Battle of the Viking Woman'. In Science we are investigating forces and friction. We are also starting to explore why the Romans invaded Britain in our History. Some of us represented school in a boys football tournament. I also continue to be very impressed with the high quality of your homework. Very well done!' **Pictured below, highlights from Class 3.**



This week in Class 4: Mr Ramsbottom says, 'In Maths we have worked on rounding numbers to 10,000. We are continuing to recreate the legend of the Drummer Boy of Richmond in our narrative writing. In Science we are learning about Isaac Newton's Laws of Gravity. We have worked in groups to research the history of Richmond Castle and to create a timeline. In Music we are learning about key elements of music including rhythm and pitch. In art we have investigated colour wheels and mixing. We also took part in a football tournament. **Pictured below, Class 4 highlights.**



National Poetry Day 2023 Thursday 5th October

Once again we will be celebrating poetry in school starting on National Poetry Day next week, **Thursday 5th October. Homework this week is for every child to learn an age appropriate rhyme or poem off by heart.** We have chosen poems in class and made suggestions; please say if you would like help with your poem choice. Over the next couple of weeks every child will have the opportunity to share the poem they have learnt.



Cross Country Competition KS2 Some children from Classes 3 and 4 have been selected to represent school in the cross country competition at Richmond School on Wednesday 4th October. Numbers are limited to 5 boys and 5 girls from each year group. Information letters and consent slips have been sent home in book bags for these children.

Class 4 visit to Richmond Castle and the Georgian Theatre On Thursday 5th October Class 4 will visit Richmond to support their History work. They will also complete mapping field work in the Market Place to support their Geography work. Class 4 children took home information letters and consent slips in book bags on Friday. **Please return these asap.**

Individual School Photos Friday 6th October will be taken of each child by Tempest. There will be an option to purchase these photos.

Reception Parents Phonics and Early Reading Meeting Thursday 12th October Reception Parents and carers are invited into school on **Thursday 12th October at 2.45pm to learn more about how we teach children to read using the Little Wandle Phonics Programme.** Our Year 1 children continue with this programme. We held a similar meeting last year but Year 1 parents are most welcome to attend for an update.

Class 1 Parental Assembly Thursday 19th October 9.30am in the school hall All Class 1 parents and carers are welcome to join us.

Friends of the School are holding a **Halloween Disco on Friday 20th October in the school hall. More details to follow.** This is a fun Halloween disco and children often dress up in Halloween themed costumes. A parent/carer needs to stay with each child. Class 1 and 2 - 6-7pm. Class 3 and 4 7.15-8.15pm.

Parent Teacher Consultations These are opportunities to see your child's work and meet with their teacher.

Reception meetings Wednesday 18th October 1.30pm– 6pm. Year 1 children in Class 1 Tuesday 24th October 3.45-6pm. Classes 2, 3 and 4 children Tuesday 24th October or Wednesday 25th October 3.45-6pm. Appointments can be made from after school on Monday 2nd October by signing up in the office entrance area or by phoning emailing the office: admin@bolton-on-swale.n-yorks.sch.uk

School Harvest Festival in St Mary's Church, Bolton-on-Swale on Friday 27th October at 2pm All our children will be taking part in this service. Everyone is welcome. FoS will provide refreshments in the school hall afterwards. Children finish for half term at 3.30pm.

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.

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

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.

