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'To love, live and learn together'

Newsletter Friday 18th September 2020 Our Christian value this half term is 'Respect'

A Special Welcome to our new Reception children and their families

Congratulations to our Reception children who are settling in so well. They are very much looking forward to starting school lunches next week. Here they are looking very smart in their new school uniforms.



Enjoying our outdoor environment We have a beautiful outdoor learning environment and all our classes have been using this both at break times and in their lessons. We have explored our new Pond and Wildlife area; enjoyed cricket and fitness and marvelled at the signs of the changing seasons in the natural world. We are also having lots of fun playing with our friends!

Special Mentions this week from Class 1

Mrs Reynolds says: 'Another great week! I have been amazed with how well all the Class have settled to complete their learning tasks and have displayed excellent listening skills also. Our Reception children have started their Phonics and worked really hard. Our Year 1 children are making excellent progress with their reading and writing linked to our 'All about Me' topic. We enjoyed fitness and cricket skills in our PE. A fantastic start for everyone.'

Star of the Week in Class 1 is Tom for his super reading.

Special Mentions Certificates this week are for: **Betsy** who had her first piano lesson in school this week and did really well; **Olivia** who has shown excellent speaking skills when discussing her book in reading sessions.



Pictured above -our Class 1 children

Special Mentions this week from Class 2

Miss Jenkins says: ' In Science we began our new topic, 'Animals, including humans'. We named a variety of different animals and discussed the name of their young. We really enjoyed fitness and cricket skills in our PE lessons. In Computing we practised following directions and using the language of direction.

In our English we are working hard on our phonics and have started recording information for our non-fiction piece of writing 'All about me'. In RE today we are exploring the big question 'What does it mean to belong?'

Star of the Week in Class 2 is Bertie for showing determination, particularly during Maths lessons.

Special Mentions Certificates this week are for:
Adam - Scientist of the week for his excellent knowledge of animals;
Arthur and Noah for excellent team work in computing.
Poppy - for great enthusiasm in PE.



Pictured above—Class 2 working on their Science topic of Animals and investigating the new hedgehog house in our Pond and Wildlife area.

Special Mentions this week from Class 3

Mrs Jones says: 'This week has been another excellent one in Class Three. We have worked very hard on our number work in Maths; have started looking at how to write a newspaper report in English; and explored which countries speak French in our Geography/ French lesson. The children enjoyed the glorious weather when practising their cricket skills on Monday and everyone demonstrated resilience and determination in their fitness session. It has been difficult to choose our Special Mentions this week—everyone has done so well. A super start to Class Three 2020!

Special Mentions Certificates this week are for: **Isabelle** for a very good mathematical explanation.; **Archie** for excellent fielding in cricket; **Beau** for being a reliable fielder in cricket; **Leila** for a clear explanation of what happens to our bodies during exercise; **Stan** for great work putting events into chronological order in History; **Abigail** for hard work and determination in all areas.



Pictured above- Class 3 working hard on their History and time lines and with their Art sketch books looking at portraits and sketching skills linked to their Tudor topic.

Special Mentions this week from Class 4

Mr Ramsbottom says: 'This week, Class 4 have been ordering and rounding numbers in Maths; writing a recount of a dog fight between a Spitfire and Messerschmitt in English; celebrating the anniversary of The Battle of Britain in History; researching facts about planets in our solar system; keeping physically fit when practising our cricket skills; and exploring our big question in RE: 'Why do some people believe in God and some people not?'

Special Mentions Certificates this week are for: **Ethan** for excellent reasoning skills in Maths; **Ben** - Writer of the week; **Sam** for great use of technical vocabulary in English; **Aila** for well researched facts about the solar system; **Bea** for a well presented timeline of events during The Battle of Britain; **Scarlett** for identifying on a map which countries were part of the Allied Air Force in The Battle of Britain; **Isabella** for brilliant throwing and catching skills in Cricket.



Pictured above - Class 4 developing their fitness skills during circuit training on the field.

First Aid Notes home As you will know, we record all first aid incidents in school and send you written notification of head bumps or minor injuries. We are now sending these to your email. **Please be assured that if your child has an injury which is more concerning we would contact you by phone during the school day.**

Sports Premium Funding and PE As holders of the Gold Sports mark Award all areas of PE have a high profile in our school. We value health and exercise as important to our well being and great fun too. This half term we are funding gymnastics and multi skills clubs. In lessons we have additional support to develop fitness levels and skills. We are also having a series of 3 weeks cricket skills coaching from North Yorkshire Cricket. We aim for each child to have 2 hours of PE per week including 30 minutes of physical activity in school each day. Thank you to our own school staff who also teach PE and run sports clubs.

Arrangements for PE Kit wearing on PE days

This has worked really well and has helped to reduce social contact when changing for PE. This will continue.

Classes 3 and 4 should wear PE Kit to school on Monday and Tuesday

Class 2 should wear PE Kit to school on Tuesday and Thursday

Class 1 children should continue to come to school in uniform everyday. They should bring PE kit on Monday and take it home on Friday.

Outdoor PE kit: plain white (or school logo) tee shirt; black/navy jogging trousers; plain navy/black sweatshirt or school sweatshirt; trainers.

Well done for a great start to After School Clubs Thank you for booking by email. Clubs this half term are: KS1 Multiskills; Computing (KS1); Fitness (Class 3); Gymnastics (Class 4); Recorders (Class 3); Eco (Class 4). Our Clubs are running in class/year group bubbles. We will aim to rotate these after half term.

Collective Worship As a Church School this is an important aspect of our school community life. Daily Collective Worship and Special Mentions Celebration Assemblies are continuing in Class bubbles. This week we continued to focus on our Christian value, 'Respect'. We explored our Golden Rule, 'Work hard'.

On Tuesday we recalled the 80th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain. As a school with both service pupils and a location very close to Army and RAF bases this is important to our heritage. Learning and remembering is important also. Class 4, in their Second World War topic, will be researching more about Scorton airfield which opened in October 1939 as a satellite to RAF Catterick.

Music in school This is another area of school life which has a high profile. We are missing singing in large groups! Mrs Jameson, our specialist Music Teacher continues to work 1.5 days per week in school. All our classes continue to have class music; Class 3 continues to all learn the violin or cello. School provides these instruments on loan, free of charge. (These instruments will not currently go home). Instrumental lessons have resumed for violin, cello and piano in school and for flute virtually. A small group of socially distanced Recorders from the Class 3 bubble are playing in Recorder Club after school on Wednesday.

Flu vaccine for all children Once again this is being offered in school to all our children by nasal spray. A letter with details was emailed to you this week. **Please consent to your child receiving the flu vaccine in school using the link in the emailed letter. Deadline for consent is 9th October.**

Virtual Open Evenings for Richmond and St Francis Xavier Secondary Schools This will be of particular interest to our Year 5 and Year 6 children. A link to book from both schools was emailed to you. Richmond School Virtual Open Evening link: www.explorerichmond.org check in from 6pm on Thursday 24th September.

St Francis Xavier School Virtual Open Evening link: <https://www.sfxschool.org.uk/Virtual-open-evening/> With the message: 'We are pleased to announce that our Year 6 information has now gone live on our website at this link, including videos, and our online prospectus'.

Supporting our local Parish Church, Bolton-on-Swale St Mary's St Mary's Parish Church and Rev Yvonne and Rev Mary are a special part of our school community. We love to worship in this beautiful church. Work is currently being completed on the electrics and asbestos and attached to this newsletter is an update from Rev Yvonne and an opportunity to donate to the repairs.

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

With my very best wishes, Nicola Dobson

*A message from Rev Yvonne Callaghan, Vicar
of St Mary's Church, Bolton-on-Swale*

Thank you to those of you who completed the online parish survey earlier this year, it was really helpful to understand more fully your needs and hopes for the future.

For those who commented about St Mary's church and the work which needs to happen to the asbestos and electrics, we are pleased to inform you that the works are set to begin in October, the time scale is rather lengthy as the work needs to be carried out in various stages. Once the stones are lifted and the asbestos removed, we then have the electrical work to complete, after which the stones need re-laying, the church then will need a deep clean to remove dust etc., We hope to have use of the building by Christmas at the latest.

I trust this is good news to many of you. The cost of this work is estimated to be around £25k, plus the cost of the electrical work, it is a substantial cost to the parish as the funding for this work is from the whole parish fund, which exists to support the whole parish. If anyone would like to make a donation to the work of the Church in the parish, as a way to sustain our buildings, grow our mission and our ministry the PCC would be grateful for online donations by cheque, on Church Desk or through your bank to:

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Keep safe

With every blessing

Yvonne