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'To love, live and learn together'

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Our Christian value this half term is 'Love'

An excellent first full week back in school We are all pleased to be back in routine with our children showing excellent manners and great enthusiasm for their new class topics. Pictured below are Classes 1 and 2 who have traditional tales for their Literacy focus. Class 1 have been exploring woodland settings for their work on 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' and Class 2 have made gingerbread people as they focus on 'The Gingerbread Man'.



Class 1 are out looking for bears! Class 2 had a great baking session.

Diary Dates for this term A full list of diary dates were sent home last week. This includes Class Assembly dates and Parent Teacher Consultation dates for the week before half term. More detailed information on events will follow. You can also find these dates in the Parents/Diary Dates section of our website.

After School Clubs have restarted and will run until February half term when there will be new bookings available. Children made a great start with sit down volley ball, choir, eco, computing and gymnastics.

Well done to our Y6 SATs Club on Tuesday after school All our Y6 children are staying till 4.30pm to help them to prepare for their Year 6 tests. Well done!

Year 6 SATs week 2022 Monday 9th to Thursday 12th May

Year 6 SATs Parents Meeting Tuesday 18th January at 6pm in school This is for parents of Year 6 children – please put the date in your diary and make it a priority. Year 6 SATS revision guides are available to purchase on ParentPay - £2.50 each for Maths and English (this is considerably cheaper than if you purchase them yourself). More information to follow at the meeting.

Instrumental Lessons and Music in school

We are very proud of the quality of our music in school and our children gets lots of opportunities to perform, sing and play instruments. This happens in termly class assemblies; Harvest, Christmas and Easter services; our KS2 Summer Production and our Summer Music Concert. All children in school have weekly class music lessons and we sing as a whole school in Collective Worship each day. In Class 3 all the children learn the basics of violin and cello (each child receives an instrument of their own) and they learn many transferable music skills also. Children in Class 4 continue with specialist Music teaching from Mrs Jameson, developing a range of musical skills including note reading. In addition, you may pay for small group/individual instrumental lessons in violin, cello or piano with Mrs Jameson or flute with Mr Cobb (through North Yorkshire Music service). **We currently have spaces available for small group tuition in violin or cello with Mrs Jameson.** There is a waiting list for piano lessons. Other instrumental lessons are offered through North Yorkshire Music Service. Information forms are in the office. Please speak to Mrs Dobson or Mrs Newton for more information.

Grade 1 Flute Exam Congratulations A big well done to our children who have just passed their Grade 1 Flute Exam.



Well done to our children who performed as part of the cast of the Georgian Theatre Royal Pantomime this year



Parish News Confirmation Classes will be starting for children in Year 6 upwards. Rev Mary will be running this course. Times tbc. Please contact Rev Mary before the end of January if you would like to be part of this or would like more information. Email: revmarywilliams@esbb.co.uk

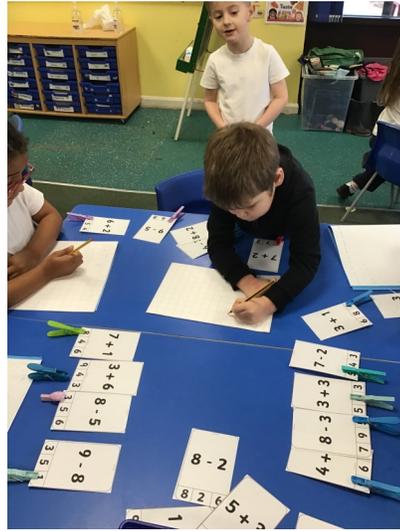
Please do not hesitate to contact me with any queries.

Please see the next page for highlights from our week in school.

With my best wishes, Nicola Dobson

Highlights from this week in school:

Class 1 have explored different settings and woodland creatures linked to their English work on Goldilocks and the Three Bears. In Maths they have focussed on Number bonds, addition and subtraction. In PE they have enjoyed Dance and have developed throwing and catching skills in Multiskills.



Class 2 have sequenced the story of the Gingerbread Man and have written instructions to make and decorate their own gingerbread people. In Maths they have working on sharing and division. In their Computer work they learnt to change font styles in Word linked to their Winter work in Science.

Class 3 have started their English work on dragon reports. In Maths they have been working very hard on Times Tables fluency. In Science they have completed investigations to show that the Moon is not a light source. In PE they have been improving their Hockey skills.

Class 4 have been working hard on finding equivalent fractions in Maths. In English they have been researching Sherlock Holmes in preparation for writing their own mystery stories. In RE they have been reflecting on how Christians can make the world more like the Kingdom of God. They have also enjoyed improving their hockey skills in PE.

