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'To love, live and learn together'

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Our Christian value this half term is 'Honesty'

Celebrating Chinese New Year We all enjoyed a special Assembly led by Mrs Reynolds yesterday. She shared family memories of celebrating Chinese New Year with her aunty who was Chinese, We have a wonderfully colourful display of artefacts linked to the Festival on display. Pictured below are Class 1 looking at these. Next Friday morning will see the return of our Chinese New Year Passport morning. The whole school work together across all classes to take part in a variety of activities linked to Chinese New Year. The Reception children will be supported by their Year 6 buddies.



Keeping ourselves safe around dogs helped by the Dogs Trust Before Christmas all classes took part in special workshops led by the Dogs Trust Charity, This helped us understand dogs better and to keep ourselves safe.



Supporting your Year 6 child in preparation for SATs

Thank you for attending the Year 6 SATs Parents Meeting in school this week. Mr Ramsbottom has copies of the PowerPoint information presentation and will speak directly to any parents who were unable to attend. Please do contact him if you would like to do this or have any further questions.

As with all areas of school work, children do benefit hugely from parental support from home on a regular basis.

You can support your child in preparation for the tests by practising past papers on this website:
<https://primarytests.co.uk/> All Year 6 children have an individual login for this site. Mr Ramsbottom is also able to monitor your progress on this site. There are additional practice activities on our school website/Children/Class 4.

Y6 SATS Test Dates 2023 Tuesday 9th May to Friday 12th May 2023. If children are absent for any reason they would take the tests on their return to school.

Well done to our Eco Team who have been litter picking, recycling, cleaning out the pond and planning for the RSPB Big Bird Watch. Look out for more news on this next week.



Open the Book Team Our children regularly dramatise stories from the Bible with the Parish Team. Pictured below - the parable of the Lost Coin,



Shelly's Wrap Around Care Half Term Holiday Club

Shelly will be running her holiday club on the school site on Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th February from 8am to 5pm. Please see the information at the end of the newsletter or book directly with Shelly.

Open Pantry in the Parish Food/toiletry items are freely available to anyone who might need them. Please visit St Mary's Church, Bolton-on-Swale or St Paul's Church, Brompton-on-Swale between 9am and 4pm Monday to Friday where you may freely select your own items.

Entitled to Free School Meals If you think this is something you may be entitled to, you can check on:

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

Please speak to Mrs Newton or me if you need any help with this.

Panto time Parents and children from our school are appearing in a local pantomime at Worsall Village Hall from Thurs 2nd to Sat 4th Feb including a matinee performance. Please see the end of the newsletter for details.

Highlights and photos from our classes are on the next pages.

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

With my best wishes,

Nicola Dobson

This week in Class 1 we have been working hard on our number work and enjoying our new maths games. We have thought about comparative language of longer than and shorter than. We are enjoying our new topics on Toys and Materials. We looked carefully at toys from the past. We are setting up a Builders Merchants to order materials for the Three Little Pigs houses. In PE we have been developing our throwing and catching skills.



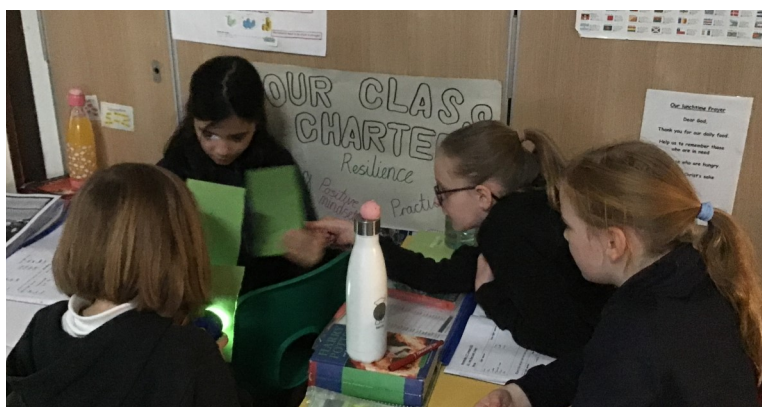
This week in Class 3 we have been writing holiday brochures on the country of India. We used our descriptive writing on the Taj Mahal to develop these. In Dance we have explored the Hindu story of Rama and Sita and linked this in RE to Hindu deities. In French we have learnt about Jungle animals. In Computing we have used Scratch to develop our skills in block coding. Our Science work has focussed on sources of light. In PE we learnt skills for Tag Rugby.



This week in Class 2 we have explored the feelings and thoughts of the characters in the story of the Three Little Pigs and made inferences. In RE we have discussed what happens in a Wedding Ceremony. In History we have learnt about the history of the Teddy Bear. We have used non fiction books to research Materials in Science. In Dance we have been exploring the season of Winter and in PE we are developing our throwing and catching skills.



In Class 4 this week we have worked on number operations linked to fractions in Maths. In English we have been working hard to edit our Adventure stories linked to the Mayan Civilisation. In Science we have explored how light travels and have linked this to explaining how the eye works. In PE we have been looking at body management in gymnastics and the skills needed for different rolls. We have also learnt the rules for Tag Rugby.





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February half term holiday club 2023

We are very happy to be able to provide a Holiday Club at Bolton-on-Swale St Mary's School, on the following dates:

The club will be open from 8am to 5pm.

Tuesday	14 th February
Wednesday	15 th February

Please e-mail or ring to book your place:

shellyschildminding7@gmail.com phone 07955952794

Please drop/pick up your child at the reception office in school, ring the bell for the hall. If there is no answer we will be outside, please ring our mobile 07955952794.

Prices:

Full day (8am - 5pm) - £36

Half day (9am-1pm/1pm-5pm) -£18

Activities

The children will have the full use of the school playground and field and we will be providing indoor games and crafts. We will also aim to go for a walk around the village, visiting the village parks.

If your child has a scooter, they can bring it to use at school

They will need to bring:

- A packed lunch
- A water bottle
- Sensible shoes
- A waterproof coat

We will provide breakfast, picnic tea, sugar free drinks and healthy snacks.

Shelly and Ann, x

Little Red Riding Hood and the Big Bad Wolf



Thursday 2nd February 7pm 2023

Friday 3rd February 7pm 2023

Saturday 4th February 2pm and 7pm 2023

Bar + raffle available

Tickets - £7.50

For under 16s - £ 5.00

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Worsal Village Hall

Tickets on sale now!

Proceeds will go to Worsal Village Hall and The Trussell Trust