



'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Matthew 22.37

Respect and Relationships **Enjoyment** **Aspiration**
Courage **Hope**

A message from Mrs Kitts

As you will be aware, Ms Lewis has been absent for the last two weeks of term but we wish her well in her continuing recovery.

As we approach half term, it is remarkable to think what has happened in the last few weeks. Our Year 6 children completed their SATs papers which is always a turning point for them as they begin their journey towards moving on to secondary school. The Year 2 children have shown amazing maturity and resilience during their tests. Mrs Salen and I were very proud of the effort they put in but we aren't sorry that the Year 2 children will not be tested in the same way next year.

I am looking forward to a bit of a break in half term and I would like to wish you and your children an enjoyable week, spending some time together whatever you do.

Our Christian School

We have continued to develop our collective worship theme of Friendship and it is lovely to hear even the youngest children learning the chorus of most of the hymns by the end of a week. Open the Book continue to bring life to the Bible

stories each Wednesday with our children participating enthusiastically.

School Council

During a recent School Council meeting the councillors suggested some lovely improvements including laying the tables for the youngest children and having colouring materials available at lunchtimes. Both of these have happened and the latter is proving really popular with a range of children who enjoy sitting calmly drawing or colouring at the useful picnic benches which were funded by the PTA.

Scotability

On Tuesday this week all children from Years 3 to 6 participated in the Scotability programme which aims to teach children to ride their scooters safely and with regard to pedestrians and traffic. The instructor commented on how lovely our children are.



PE / Forest School clothing

We continue to expect children to be wearing a plain red t-shirt, plain navy or black shorts or joggers and a plain navy or black sweatshirt for PE.

On days when children have a Forest School session, we would like children to wear PLAIN clothing (long sleeves and full-length trousers) which could be PE kit (bearing in mind that if it gets muddy you might need a spare set or time to wash anything dirty before the next PE lesson). Jeans and fashion clothing are not appropriate clothing.

Pasta jar awards

We remind children of the behaviour expectations on an ongoing basis and alongside this comes rewards. We have a house point system which encourages team effort leading to the weekly house (England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales) team congratulations. In Willow and Holly Class the children also work towards a class treat which encourages them to work together to earn this. Willow Class recently filled their pasta jar so they chose a teddy bear's picnic, bringing their teddy to school and they enjoyed a snack outside.



Our award and certificate winners

19.5.23 only.

Presentation: Sebastian, Eva-Rose, Danielle.

Kindness: Lucas, Jasper, Riley S.

Resilient: Harriet, Aimee

Resourceful: Max A-H, Maddie, Max H.

Looking forwards.....

We have a busy term ahead;

Training Day for adults (no children in) Fri 26th May

First day of Term 6 - Mon 5th June

Year 4 Multiplication tables check - Mon 5th – Fri 16th June

Phonics screening check - wc Mon 12th June

Castle trip - Tues 13th June

Residential Year 5/6 Mon 12th – Weds 14th June

KS2 Production Weds 12th & Thurs 13th July evenings

Sports Day Tues 11th July (**Reserve Sports Day – Tues 18th July PLEASE NOTE THIS HAS CHANGED**)

Dynamos Cricket Festival - Thursday 8th June.

Year 5/6 Residential Mon 12th – Weds 14th June.

We have various transition events for our new September starters who will have received individual letters.