



'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Matthew 22.37

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

A message from Mrs Kitts

Ms Lewis is pleased to be back in school, seeing the children's smiling faces. The children returned from the Easter break with enthusiasm and stories to tell which is always a joy.

The blossom on the cherry tree outside the Holly classroom is an annual visual treat and a source of awe and wonder for the younger children. This week I have seen children in Reception independently using this as part of their learning: decorating their hair, cards and classroom, counting flower heads then looking carefully and noticing the detail and structure of the flowers.

Our Christian School

Our theme this term is Friendship which links to our school value of Relationships. So far, we have considered that a friendship bracelet represents how we all work better together and that Christians feel the teachings of the Bible should be woven through our lives like a strand rather than just thought about in collective worship. This week the children have been thinking about how they can build each other up rather than knocking others down.

Eco-Club

Mike Wey, one of our Governors has enthused a small group of Year 6 children and registered the school with the Eco-Club organisation. Look out for environmentally friendly initiatives coming up soon.

Behaviour expectations

While our recent Ofsted report states; "Pupils are polite, courteous and keen to learn. They behave well and understand and respect the school rules", we are not complacent so have re-visited our behaviour expectations and steps to getting back on track when these are not met. Our Behaviour Policy is available on the website in the Policies section but we would encourage parents to praise the positives and remind children that we have high expectations of their learning behaviour in school. We adopt our rules and expectations in order to support all children to maximise their learning and to enable them to fulfil their hopes and dreams.

Punctuality

We have noticed some children arriving a few minutes late in the morning. School starts at 8:45 and it is important that children arrive ready to get going at this time so they have a smooth and calm start to their day. We all know how it feels to arrive late and flustered and children are no different, they need to be calm in order to be recipient learners.

EYFS wish-list

As you will have noticed, the Early Years area has been undergoing a revamp. In order to add to the provision, we would love some donations of tyres, planks or decking, logs, large stones, gravel, rocks, pebbles, shrubs, herbs, fir cones and wicker baskets if you have any you no longer need at home.

Parent Governor vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. This role is for someone who would be willing to attend a handful of meetings each year and to volunteer their time to be a critical friend to the school, supporting and providing challenge. For further information, please pop in to the office.

Thank you to you

Thank you to those of you who dropped off beads to go to Africa, logs for our quiet area and spare clothes. We don't need any more spare clothes now thank you.

Thank you to Calne Lions Club

Mrs Payne applied and was successful in being awarded £500 towards furniture for the library from Calne Lions Club. This will help make the library a pleasant space in which to read for pleasure.

Greek Day

On Wednesday afternoon, Willow Class were immersed in all things Greek in their history afternoon. They made miniature Greek urns, decorated images of Greek urns, made shields and participated in some Olympic activities.



Multi-skills session Years 1, 2 and 3

On Friday 21st April, we were lucky to have Mr Smith from the Kingsbury Green Sports Cluster visit to run multi-skills sessions for Years 1-3. The children challenged themselves and were kept active with a variety of novel activities.



Looking forwards.....

May Day Bank Holiday – Mon 1st May

Holly Class only closed on Tues 2nd May
(NEU industrial action)

Residential meeting: Wednesday 3rd May
(Mrs Hill has sent an email to parents)

In-school Coronation Celebration – Fri 5th May

Coronation Bank Holiday - Mon 8th May

SATs Year 6 – Tues 9th – Fri 12th May

SATs Year 2 – Mon 15th – Fri 19th May

Last of day of term (children) Thurs 25th May

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 – Fri 14th July)