



'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Matthew 22.37

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

Friday 17th March 2023

A message from Mrs Kitts

I have been touched by the warmth and kindness that has been shown to me since stepping into this role – thank you. I feel privileged to share in so much of your children's lives and learning. I have been moved several times in the last few weeks including watching the awe and wonder of playing in the snow. Watching our Year 2 and 3 children enjoying performing some opera was also wonderful.

Many of you will know that I enjoy the warmer weather. Whilst we get outside throughout the year, it is so much easier and more pleasant to be outside in this slightly warmer weather. The rain will continue to fall so please keep ensuring your children wear coats and have wellies in school so that they can enjoy being outside in all weather.

Our Christian School

In support of our school bible verse, 'Love your neighbour as yourself', our assembly theme this term is Compassion. We have also linked our hymns to the theme with the Year 6 children choosing 'All over the world Everybody's building', 'Cross over the road' and 'When I needed a neighbour were you there?'

The children participated in the story of Moses being rescued and thought about putting on our cardigan / jumper of compassion each morning.



We continue to enjoy stories from the Open the Book group who always provide food for thought with the message being linked to Compassion.

Fire visit

The Fire Service visited us with a "real life fire engine" according to one of our younger children. The children were excited to hear about some of the equipment and what the crew have to do.



Snowy day

Many thanks to parents for getting children to school as soon as possible and with appropriate chilly weather clothing and wellies. The children had great fun at break and lunchtime making snow people and attempting to create igloos.



The donation link is;

<http://www.justgiving.com/rednoseday23-st-nicholas-vc-primary-school>

Wet weather, mud and spare clothes

If you have any school clothes, socks, tights or underwear your child has grown out of that you could donate, we are short of spare clothes particularly for the younger children.

School Council

The School Council met this week to discuss how children feel about their break and lunchtimes and how this could be improved. We will be reinvigorating the Buddy Bench and our Year 6 Sports Leader is writing a wish list of equipment for the Huff and Puff shed. The sports coaches will now be varying the sports offered by our during lunchtimes too.

Learning to ride

As we get towards the time for our Year 6 children to take part in Bikeability in the summer term, we are looking for a bike to suit a 10 year old that we could borrow for the day on Thursday 30th March. Please let Mrs Hill know if you have a spare bike a child could use in school on that one day please.

Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evening slots are filling up and teachers are looking forward to discussing the progress children are making. Please try to arrive on time and to respect the schedule teachers need to stick to when meeting.

Comic Relief – Friday 17th March



Today, the children have enjoyed dressing in red clothes with some adding Mr Men and Little Miss drawings. We have heard and shared some excellent (bad) jokes! The children are always very respectful of the reason we have Red Nose Day, considering the ways in which other children could be less fortunate than themselves.



Beads for Africa

One of our parents who has a strong link with a school in Zambia has requested donations of beads. The school upcycle beads in a variety of ways including raising money for projects but also to feed the pupils. A local ex-Head will be visiting the school at the end of April to support the Head teacher there. If you have any old, broken or just unwanted costume jewellery or odd beads, please drop them off in the office and we will forward them.

PTA success and request

We would like to thank the PTA who have been awarded £300 from the Asda green token scheme for us to spend on the Holly Class outdoor classroom area.

The PTA have asked if anyone has any large plastic boxes – if so, please drop them into the school office and we will pass them on.

Looking forwards.....

Singing workshops for all children with Wiltshire Music Hub – Monday 20th March
Whole school **Easter Trail** with the church and chapel – Wednesday 29th March

Easter service in church – 1:15 on Friday 31st March

Easter Holiday

Last day of term 4 - Friday 31st March
First day of term 5 – Monday 17th April

Certificates awarded (2/3/23 & 9/3/23)

The Kindness Cup has been awarded to;
Holly: Hope, Hazel
Willow: Albie, Seb
Thorn: Neve, Eva-Rose

Presentation Certificates have been awarded to;
Holly: Jake
Willow: Harriet, Arthur
Thorn: Jasper, Ava

Positive learning behaviour certificates have been awarded to;

Resourceful: Isaac and Isabelle.

Reflective: Andzelika, Zoe, Sebastian, Edie, Elliott, Florence H., Ethan.

Resilient: Bethany, Lars, Riley.

Sports Leader awards have been awarded to:
Eva-Rose, Edie, Zoe, Jerrard, Harriet, Milo.