



'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Matthew 22.37

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

A message from Mrs Kitts

I am sure you would all join me in wishing Ms Lewis a speedy recovery. We hope to see her healthy and back in school soon. In the meantime, Mr Martin and I will do our very best to lead the school. Most of you know me so I hope you know that I am always open to suggestions and feedback. I tend to be out and about at the start of the day but messages can also be left in the office.

Our Christian School

In support of our school bible verse, 'Love your neighbour as yourself', our assembly theme this term is Compassion. We have explored that a neighbour is simply someone in need rather than just the people who live next door and the children have been spotting good examples of others showing compassion in school this week.

Year 2 and 3 Maths workshops – February sessions



It was great to welcome a good number of Year 2 and Year 3 parents in for a session about how we teach maths in these year groups. We appreciate parents cannot always attend events for various reasons including working whilst the children are at school so I aim to send a summary sheet home soon.

Number Day – Friday 3rd February



Thank you for providing the children's fun number related costumes. The older children participated in number related orienteering, number games in lessons and extra lunchtime sessions on the I pads. In Holly Class, the children played number related games and some of Willow Class solved number related bell ringing problems and played their solutions on our Boomwhacker instruments in assembly. We used the day to encourage more use of Numbots and Times Tables Rockstars at home and some year groups have shown great enthusiasm.



World Book Day – Wednesday 1st March



Thank you for supporting your children to enthuse about their books and for your amazing costumes. The children enjoyed having parents and grandparents in to read, shared books with other classes, had a parade of costumes and listened to some of the adults' favourite children's stories. It was lovely to hear book themed play happening at break time. Thank you to Mrs Kelly Stiles who helped with the Book Sale that raised £78. If you have a clear out of books at any time, please bring any good quality children's books to school and we will store or use them.



Comic Relief – Friday 17th March



We will be keeping this quite low key but it is usually a fun day to share jokes and support a range of worthy causes so please support us – more details to follow but dressing up will be limited to wearing something red (so this could be uniform) or adding a Mr Man or Little Miss drawing to clothes using sellotape or masking tape rather than pins. If you happen to have a Mr Man or Little Miss outfit then please encourage your child to wear this but we are conscious that we have had two dressing up days this term so please keep it as simple as you like. The donation link is; <http://www.justgiving.com/rednoseday23-st-nicholas-vc-primary-school>

Parents' Evenings

Due to the possibility of National Education Union industrial action during the week of the original dates for Parents' Evenings, we will be holding these on the following week: Tuesday 21st March and Wednesday 22nd March. Signing up sheets will go up in the foyer from Monday 13th March.

Looking forwards.....

We have a lot of learning to do before Easter but we know how important additional enrichment activities are so we have a visit from the fire service, a singing workshop, water talk and an Easter trail event planned. We are hoping to welcome parents to the church at the end of term but more details will follow as soon as we can confirm this.

Easter Holiday

Last day of term 4 - Friday 31st March

First day of term 5 – Monday 17th April

In future we will include the weekly certificates and awards.