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Religious News

As a school, may we offer our congratulations to Reverend Sandra on being made an honorary Canon of Wakefield Cathedral. We look forward to hearing all about your inauguration in February.

On Monday, Mr Holmes led Collective Worship on The Baptism of Our Lord and explored the different symbolism of the story and how it was different to some of our own experiences.

On Tuesday, the topic of Respect, which is our Christian Value for this halfterm, was introduced and explored as to what the children felt it meant and what different ways should we show respect. We will continue to explore this over the next few weeks.

Education Sunday will be celebrated with a special service at St John's Church at 10am on Sunday 27th January and all are welcome. Please can the children in the choir return their slips as soon as possible to Mrs Armstrong if they are able to attend. Following the service, everyone is invited to the Church Hall to share in an early lunch.

Respect is a two-way street, if you want to get it, you've got to give it.

R G Risch

FAIRTRADE AMBASSADORS

We were delighted to welcome Simon Sloan, our RE Advisor, and Debbie Davies, local Councillor to school yesterday to meet with members of the Fairtrade Council, Mr Holmes and Miss Brace. Simon is currently visiting schools in the diocese to research how some of the schools are promoting 'courageous advocacy' in their work. This is a new addition to the SIAMS schedule which was introduced in September 2018 and looks at how well the school's Christian vision inspires the whole school community to engage in social action and to be courageous advocates for change in their local, national and global communities. During the visit, Alex, Ava, Kieron, Isabel, Oliver and Macie explained the rationale for the work which the school has undertaken in recent years linked to Fairtrade and the actions undertaken. Simon, who is a retired Headteacher, was extremely impressed with the knowledge of the children and how articulate, informed and passionate they were about the cause and commented how he had never met children who were as confident about a cause as our children. Thank you to the children for their enthusiasm and for being such wonderful ambassadors!

Achievers of the week for 14th January.

This week we have awarded our certificates for reading.

Congratulations to the following children who received certificates:

FS2 Alfie H, Caitlin E-J

Y1 On trip so no certificates awarded this week

Y2 Daisy F, Ethan T

Y3 Scarlett N, Martha A

Y4 Isobel A-C, Katie V

Y5 Josh H, Finlay Mc C

Y6 Macie M, Freddie D

Next week, our certificates will be awarded to children for spelling and handwriting. We are finding that children learn spellings but often fail to apply them in their work. Please can you encourage you to support children with these.

HOT OFF THE PRESS

We have just heard today that we have been shortlisted for 5 different nominations in 4 different categories in the Active Bradford Awards: Active Team- Boccia, Active School, Active Workplace with Mr Holliday and Mr Van Der Gucht being shortlisted for a teacher's outstanding contribution. We look forward to attending the awards on 7th March to celebrate this achievement.

ATTENDANCE Week of 7th January 2019

F1am	96.92%
F1pm	100%
F1 30 hours	95%
F2P	93.33%
F2Py	96.67%
Y1M	95.16%
Y1S	96.45%
Y2F	98.67%
Y2D	97%
Y3HM	95%
Y3W	98.62%
Y4HW	95.67%
Y4M	97.33%
Y5B	96.33%
Y5G	94.33%
Y6B	99.67%
Y6V	98.97%

Congratulations to Nursery afternoon children who had 100% last week to win the attendance cup. Well done!

Congratulations to Y6B who won the attendance cup with 99.67% attendance. Well done!

QUICK NOTES

A copy of the Early Years Maths Presentation can be found by following a link on the front of the website.

One of our neighbours has requested that we ask drivers to turn off their engines when they are parked outside so as to protect the environment.

PTFA

Thank you to everyone who attended the PTFA meeting on Tuesday, where plans were put in place for a number of events for the remainder of the school year. The PTFA are currently designing a newsletter to publicise these themselves but the following are dates which are coming up in the near future: Bags2School – all families should receive these bags early next week and these will be collected on **Thursday, 31st January**. **Bun Sale**- Year 4 Bun Sale will take place on **1st February**. **Movie Nights**- These are a new addition to the PTFA this year and there are 2 events planned, one for EYFS and KS1 on **Friday, 8th February** with a similar event planned for KS2 **Friday, 8th March**. Please look out for further details in the newsletter.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT UPDATES

Those of you who have been in school this week will have noticed that the new equipment in the Adventure Playground was installed this week. We still have a contractor on site clearing out the back of the area which is proving a lot more difficult than expected due to the depth of the installation, but we hope that this will be finished early next week. We are grateful to Manningham Concrete for providing 10 free railway sleepers to be incorporated into the area once cleared. Mr Hiley, who is co-ordinating the playground, is still looking for more competitive quotes for artificial grass for the area so, if anyone has contacts in this area, please can you drop into the office to talk to Mr Hiley. At the PTFA meeting on Tuesday, it was suggested that we have an official 'ribbon cutting event' to open the area once ready so we will try and organise a date for this as soon as possible.

We are also still pursuing the refurbishment and redecoration plans for other areas of school including decorating the hall and looking to re-carpet Nursery and Reception and install some sheds in the Foundation Playground. If any parents have contacts with companies and suppliers of paint, sheds, carpet or curtains, we would be really interested in offering opportunities to quote for these. Please see Mr Hiley if you require further information.

We are also working with a web designer on our new website which should be live before the end of term.

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

3W- *'We have found this very tricky, we are working our way through the Roald Dahl collection and are struggling to pick our favourite, therefore we would like to recommend any Roald Dahl text. We enjoy reading Roald Dahl books because they are funny, interesting and well written. We all agree that the way he writes transports you, so you feel that you are right there with the characters.'*

RPy would like to recommend '365 Penguins' by Jean-Luc Fromental.

'Because they get lots of penguins - Noah

They get too many - Harvey

There are just sooooo many - Jonah

They have that little blue feet penguin - Chilly! - Freddie'