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Religious News

We started our first Collective Worship of the week looking at the story of Elmer as an introduction to the idea that we are all different and that differences should be celebrated. As a follow on from the story, we introduced the fact that October is designated Black History Month. On Wednesday, we looked at some of the famous black role models, both in history and in current days, and reflected further on treating everyone equally and with respect.

In one of our previous newsletters we stated that we were hoping to share details of an alternative to the Shoebox Appeal but, despite Mr Holmes' best efforts, we have had no communication from the charity as to how to proceed. As a result, we will not be undertaking a Christmas appeal in school this year.

Children's wreath workshop at St John's church hall (upper room) on Friday 26th October from 9.30am till 12.30pm for school aged children. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Booking essential. To book a place contact Madeleine 07790942726.

Finally, brethren, rejoice, be made complete, be comforted, be like-minded, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.

~ 2 Corinthians 13:11

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

Over the holidays, we have organised for work to be undertaken on the ceiling area of the library following the discovery of traces of asbestos above the ceiling panels in the roof void. Air quality tests showed no asbestos in the library itself or around school. Children and staff have not been in any danger because of this. The work will all be carried out under strict controls by an authorised company and will be fully compliant with all the regulations which are in place.

Whilst Bradford Council were happy that children could still be in the building whilst the work was being undertaken, Governors agreed that they would prefer that this was not the case which is why Funtastik will not run from school over the holidays.

Parents can be assured that all removal work and air quality checks will be completed before the children return to school.

Achievers of the week for 19th October .

On Tuesday, Mrs Adams introduced 'involvement and engagement', our seventh characteristic of effective learning.

Involvement and Engagement

This has been introduced to children as 'I use my initiative and take responsibility for my own learning. I try my best.'

Congratulations to the following children who were awarded certificates this week for demonstrating involvement and engagement in school:

FS2 Joshua P, Olivia B

Y1 Millie R, Reuben N

Y2 Lily W, Amelie S

Y3 Hetty K, Edie C

Y4 Lily P, Raf B

Y5 Harry C, May S

Y6 Arthur B, Isobel B

On our return, our achievements will be for behaviour in unstructured time.

E-SAFETY TOP Week 3

Many children now are keen to have their own mobile phones; this website provides advice for parents about selecting an appropriate model and how to set up controls.

<https://www.commonsemmedia.org/cellphone-parenting>

Please check out the e-safety hints on our website.

ATTENDANCE Week of 8th October

F1am	92.31%
F1pm	100%
F1 30 hours	85%
F2P	96.21%
F2Py	98%
Y1M	95.48%
Y1S	95.48%
Y2F	98.33%
Y2D	97.67%
Y3HM	96.67%
Y3W	95.67%
Y4HW	98%
Y4M	100%
Y5B	98.67%
Y5G	98.33%
Y6B	99%
Y6V	97.93%

Congratulations to F1pm who are the attendance winners in Early Years and KS1 with 100%. Well done!

Congratulations to Y4M who, once more, had 100% attendance last week to win the KS2 cup. Well done!

SECONDARY APPLICATION DEADLINE

Parents of children in Year 6 are reminded that the deadline for applications for places for Secondary Schools for September 2019 is Wednesday, 31st October.

SPORTING UPDATE- Our two Year 4 football teams were in action again on Monday where one team won one and drew one with the second team drawing one and losing two. The football matches planned for 29th October have been postponed to 5th November. Children from Years 3-6 represented the school at a Cross Country race at Sandal yesterday and enjoyed huge success winning all four divisions with many children celebrating personal achievements. Thank you to all the staff who supported and the parents who transported the children to the event and well done to everyone on their success.

MOVING WORDS

As part of the celebrations to mark the end of World War 1, we are delighted that we have been offered the opportunity to work with schools and professionals in the area on a production called 'Moving Words.' Organised by the drama department in Titus, Year 5G worked with Colin Trenholme and 2 associates for the day on Monday to prepare material for the evening of drama, music and dance. They were extremely complimentary about the children and impressed at their talent and engagement. The performance itself will take place at Titus Salt School on 6th November.

PTFA UPDATE

Many thanks to all the families who supported the first disco of the year which was a real success – we will let you know details of money raised in our next newsletter. Thanks to all the parents and staff who organised and ran the event. The Winter Fair was the main discussion at the PTFA meeting on Monday. This will take place on **Saturday, 24th November** and there will be a **non-uniform day** on **Friday 9th November** for donations for the Fair. Please watch out for communication from the PTFA with further information. If you are able to help out in any way at the fair, please let a member of the PTFA know. The minutes of the meeting held on Monday can be found on the website. The Year 5 Bun Sale will take place after school on Friday, 2nd November. Due to the popularity of the last event, we are investigating whether it is possible to hold the bun sale in two separate points so as to make service easier.

RECEPTION OPEN EVENING 2019

We will be holding our Reception Information Evening for the 2019 Intake on 30th October at 6.15pm. The Afternoon session will take place at 1.45pm on 31st October. Further information is available from the office.

BREAD MAKING As part of their Stone Age Topic, Year 3 made bread with Nathan this week and compared it with the bread which they made on the fire pit earlier in the term. Nathan explained how the art of making bread has evolved following the discovery of yeast by the Egyptians. The children had the choice of making 4 different types of bread; cheese bread, bread with poppy seeds or rosemary or finally bread with raisins in.