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Religious News

We used the book 'You be You' to continue the theme introduced at our service last week about how we are all different and how important it is to celebrate and respect these differences. On Tuesday, we introduced the new Christian Values for this term which are 'Love and Compassion.' At the end of the worship, each class was presented with a small wooden heart to take back to their class as a reminder of our theme. These hearts will now be brought to worship by classes as a sign of the importance of living out our values and vision. Classes throughout school are busy learning songs and hymns for our Harvest Festival which will take place on Thursday, 3rd October. Once more, we are asking parents to send in donations of tinned or dry food so that we can help those who are less fortunate than we are. These will be donated to the food collection which is organised through the three churches in the parish. These donations all go to Abigail Housing which is a charity which supports asylum seekers. Unfortunately, due to the fact that the whole school attend this festival, we are unable to invite parents to this service.

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Ephesians 4: 32

PTFA NEWS

The PTFA held their first meeting of the year on Monday. Congratulations to Michelle Horne, Liza Stead, Sarah Rimington and Amanda McCarthy who were elected as Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer for this year.

As a school, we were delighted to hear that, following a really successful year last year, we are due to receive a cheque for £6500 to spend. This is in addition to the £3900 which the PTFA are also providing to subsidise the school trips. We intend to spend £3500 of this money on the Early Years outdoor area and the remaining £3000 to purchase new tablets as these are the next priorities which we have identified as requiring investment. May we express a huge thank you to all parents who supported any event last year and contributed to the amount raised and particular thanks to the people who planned, organised and led any of the events.

At the meeting, the dates for the year were identified and these have been included in the school calendar which all parents should receive with this newsletter. The first event of the year will be the New Parents Coffee Morning on 26th September from 9am to 10.30am. More details to follow in a special PTFA newsletter.

Achievers of the week for 13th September.

Our certificates this week were for resilience which links directly with our school vision as well as with our characteristic of effective learning.

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

FS2 Oscar R- W, Mia P

Y1 Francesca B, Sam D

Y2 Nathan S, Eddie R

Y3 Zach L/ Lois H, Alex G

Y4 Archie R, Lorelei C

Y5 James B, Finley K

Y6 Muhammed H, Eve B

Next week the certificate will be awarded to children who demonstrate good team working skills.

SUMMER LEARNING CHALLENGE

As reported last week, we were amazed by the quality and amount of activities undertaken by children in the challenge. All children who took part received a special certificate at assembly today. Congratulations to the following children who won the Kindles in the draw at assembly this morning: Sienna S (Y1), Lorelei C (Y4) and James B (Y5).

ATTENDANCE Week of 3rd September

As Nursery and Reception had staggered intakes, we are not including their attendance in this newsletter.

Y1P	100%
Y1S	100%
Y2F	96.98%
Y2D	100%
Y3FH	95.42%
Y3W	94.83%
Y4AW	99.58%
Y4M	100%
Y5B	92.50%
Y5G	100%
Y6B	96.12%
Y6V	86.25%

Congratulations to the 5 classes who all had 100% attendance in our first week back. Y1S, Y1M and Y2D will now share the KS1 attendance cup this week.

Well done to Y4M and Y5G who will share the KS2 attendance cup. A great start- well done!

ALDI VOUCHERS

We have registered school for the Aldi promotion which is currently running. Please send vouchers into school so that we can be in with a chance of winning £20,000. Thank you in advance.

EXTRA CURRICULAR UPDATE-

A number of our sporting and musical clubs have started again for this year. We were delighted to welcome Tatty Bumpkin back on Tuesday to run our Yoga sessions before school, starting with our Reception and Morning Nursery children. This is a 7 week course which is funded through the PE Grant. It was great to see the number of children who availed of the cross country lunch time practices this week which took place in varied weather conditions! Brass group, Rock Solid and our 2 choirs also started this week and Orchestra and Glee Club will start next week.

BAILDON LIBRARY DEVELOPMENTS

Parents are no doubt aware that Bradford Council will be cutting a further £1million from Bradford Libraries in 2020/21 which is going to impact on all libraries in the Bradford area, including Baildon. To keep a library in Baildon, a need has been identified to tell Bradford Council why our library is important to our community. To help the group with this aim, we have been asked to share with you a link to a questionnaire on the website <https://www.baildowntowncouncil.gov.uk/save-baildon-library.html> Alternatively, there is a Facebook page and the survey is pinned to the top of this page: <https://www.facebook.com/baildonlibrary/>

CHILDREN LEADING IN SCHOOL

As a school, we try to offer as many opportunities as possible to children to take a lead in school. We have an elected School, Eco and Faith (formerly RE) Council which are elected by the children. Once more this year, we are asking those elected last year to continue in post until October half term.

Our Year 6 children are offered the opportunity to become House Champions. To be eligible, they need to apply in writing to Mrs Connor and Mr Holmes. Congratulations to the following children who have been chosen to be House Champions this year: Amelia S, River S, Alice T, Max G (Ruby) Esther G, David H, Lucy B, Honey W (Emerald) Eden B-I, Lottie S, Annabelle R, Fred W (Gold) Finlay McC, Harriet K, Harry C, Joel McH (Sapphire)

CURRICULUM EVENT

It was great to see so many parents at the Curriculum Evening on Wednesday. The presentations used at the evenings will be saved in the Parent Section of the Website-Parent Workshops by the end of next week.

One thing which seemed to surprise many people was the standard expected across the curriculum, especially in writing. Please can we reinforce again the importance of supporting us developing the resilience and independence of the children and please encourage your children to read- little, often and varied!

If you were unable to attend, you should have now received a copy of the handouts which we produced for each class. If you did not receive this, please contact the school.