



## Religious News

Thank you to all the families who joined us on Sunday at St John's Church for Education Sunday. Special thanks to Mrs Armstrong and the choir who sang so beautifully as part of the service. It was particularly fitting that the Bible reading from Jeremiah which contains our biblical quote was used in the service and followed by an enlightening sermon by Canon Sandra. Thank you to Canon Sandra and the parish for the beautiful food which was also shared. This week, we have continued our exploration of the readings for the liturgical year and looked at the reading from Matthew where Jesus called his special friends. We discussed how difficult we might find it to leave our homes and family to follow someone who we didn't really know and how special Jesus was that the disciples left him. We continued our exploration of our Christian value of courage using the book *The Selfish Crocodile*. We will welcome Canon Sandra to school on Monday to lead our Presentation Service.

*The Lord says for I know the plans I have for you...plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah*

### CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

Children's Mental Health Week which was set up by the children's mental health charity, Place2Be, will run next week from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> February. The theme for this year is 'Find Your Brave.'

Using some of the resources provided, we have planned a number of assemblies and activities to support this theme including the opportunity for children in KS2 to take part in a webinar entitled 'Find Your Brave' on Tuesday. In the course of the week, children will also be completing a number of activities linked to emotions.

We are delighted that Mrs Clough has recently undergone training and has qualified as a yoga practitioner and she will lead yoga sessions for Key Stage 2 next week for one of their PE sessions.

Please can we encourage you to talk to your children about the activities which they are doing during the week. There are a number of resources on the website specifically for parents and carers to complete during the week. For more information, please follow this

link:[Top Tips Parents Carers 2020.pdf](#)

### Achievers Of The Week

As you are aware, problem solving is one our characteristics of effective learning and something which we are continually trying to develop in school.

Congratulations to the following children who were awarded certificates this week:

Nursery: Leo T

FS2 Yago W-S, Fraser B

Y1 Toby R, Sienna S

Y2 Zav R, Penny P-H

Y3 Abigail J, Harry S

Y4 Scarlet N, Lily H

Y5 Jake S, Joshua C

Y6 Sam M, Alice T

Next week, our certificates will be awarded for excellent manners around school.

### HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

In recognition of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz, Years 5 and 6 gathered together on Monday for a special worship on this theme. Not only was this extremely topical, it also supported the work which Year 6 have completed on 'Is it ever right to fight?' as well as the current study of Judaism which Year 5 are undertaking. As part of the service, children reflected on the importance of peace in the world.

## ATTENDANCE Week of 20<sup>th</sup> January

FS1am 97.1%

FS1pm 98.2%

FS1 (30)99.2%

FS2Q 96%

FS2M 94%

Y1S 96.3%

Y1P 100%

Y2F 95.5%

Y2D 96%

Y3W 100%

Y3FH 98.3%

Y4M 97.2%

Y4AW 99%

Y5B 98.7%

Y5G 96.6%

Y6V 95%

Y6B 97.6%

Our whole school attendance was 97.22%. Congratulations to Y1P and to 3W who, with 100%, won the EYFS/ KS1 and KS2 attendance cups.

### PARENT WORKSHOPS

Thank you to the parents who attended the KS2 Sats Information Evening on Monday. A copy of the powerpoint has been saved on the Parent section of the website. Bookings are still open for the Internet Safety Workshops on 11<sup>th</sup> February and the KS1 Sats Information evening on 12<sup>th</sup> February.

### HEADTEACHER RECRUITMENT UPDATE

From Graham Kinsley, Chair of Governors

Parents and Carers- As promised in my letter to you before Christmas, I would like to up-date you on the process in place to recruit our new Headteacher. Our advertisement will be published next week and, following the closing date, the panel of Governors, together with our advisers, will meet to review the applications and shortlist for interview. Interviews will take place the following month and we hope to be in a position to update you soon afterwards, hopefully before the Easter break. Please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office if you have any questions.

### BRITISH COMPOSERS

To support the general knowledge of pupils, this term, we are using the works of some of the great British Composers as our entrance music to Collective Worship. Last week, we listened to the works of Benjamin Britten and this week, we have been listening to The Enigma Variations by Edward Elgar.

### OUR READERS RECOMMEND

I was delighted to call into the Book Club on Tuesday where there was a real hub of excitement as pupils shared thoughts on a huge range of books. Here are some book recommendations from the Year 5 and Year 6 who were there:

May S - The Island at the End of Everything by Kiran Millwood Hargrave

Lottie S - The Butterfly Club by Jacqueline Wilson

Charlie A - Flying Fergus by Chris Hoy

Emily C - The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis

George I - Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows

Harry C - Stunt Bunny, Rabbit Racer by Tamsyn Murray

Oliver R - Laugh Out Loud by James Patterson

Tilly M - Running Wild by Michael Morpurgo

Freddie W - The Percy Jackson Series

Faith B - The Beast of Buckingham Palace by David Walliams

Isabel AC - The Wizard of Oz

### PTFA UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who supported Bags2School which raised £145.20

28<sup>th</sup> February – Year 2 Bun Sale

6<sup>th</sup> March – KS2 Feet Up Friday

20<sup>th</sup> March – Quiz Night £1 a head

27<sup>th</sup> March – Year 1 Bun Sale

### FAITH COUNCIL

To tie in with the Christian Value of Courage, the Faith Council planned and delivered a Collective Worship on Daniel in the Lion's Den. This is the first worship which they have planned and led since being appointed and they were extremely confident. Well done everyone!