

Focus on...Forest Schools

As part of our wider curriculum and supporting mental health, we had some bespoke forest schools sessions this week. It was lovely to hear all the stories about toasting marshmallows, making shelters and the team games. Lots of fun was had by everyone.



'Throughout the week, Year 2, 3, 4 and 6 have taken part in Forest School led by a forest expert, Jon. He taught us all about nature. Year 5 and 1 will be doing this on 9th November. We did lots of fun activities such as trust games, teamwork, logic and skills. We learnt loads of new tricks and even learnt how to light a fire! We had a great time and we would love to do it again.' By Charlotte and Lucy



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*Believe, Trust and Be Ready
"That they may have life, and to
the full" John 10:10*

Mrs. Holland's Gospel Contemplations...

If you ask our children, particularly our older children, to choose a piece of scripture that means something to them, they will often choose a quote from this week's Gospel: **'Love your neighbour as yourself.'** This is a simple one to explain to children and is easily understood. It should also be a simple one to act out in our daily lives but the reality is, sometimes we forget. Sometimes, we forget to consider how other people feel or how their perceptions are different to ours; not necessarily better, just different. And this can stop us from living out this most basic of commandment. It is the same for children. Like a trapeze, they swing from what is the right action to take, to what they feel is right for them; these two things are rarely the same! But if we teach our children to take a moment to consider another person's perspective, how another person may feel, then they will begin to show greater empathy and so, love each other with patience and compassion. For me, this Gospel reading reiterates how we should never underestimate the power of God's love for us and the love we have for Him and therefore, each other.

Behaviour Awards

This morning I gave out badges in each classroom, well done everybody!

Good Conduct Award – Excellent attitude in all aspects of school life.

Courtesy Award – Good manners and polite behaviour.

Merit Award – Super work and effort in a particular area of the Curriculum.

Year Group	Good Conduct Award	Courtesy Award	Merit Award
Reception	Alfie J	Araoluwa I	Beatrice P
Year 1	Nathaniel Mc	Judy W	Daniel Mc
Year 2	Elissa B	Mae W	Ethan M
Year 3	Finley H-D	Harry P	Jacoby W-W
Year 4	Jamie R	Joe C	Erin J
Year 5	Daniel N	Hester H-S	Melissa Mc
Year 6	Storm T	Charlotte M	Thomas F

Dear Parents and Carers,

We made it! Half term has arrived. I would like to say a big thank you to all the staff for their dedication, teamwork, enthusiasm and drive to give your children the best possible education going in these unprecedented times. Thank you also to all the children, parents and governors who have made this half term such a success. Once again, thank you for your continued understanding and support in these unusual times. We understand that every parent/carer's situation and experiences are different. Have a fantastic ten days, relax and recharge those batteries and we will see you on Monday 2nd November.

God Bless,

Miss Groarke and everyone at St. Vincent's

Harvest Festival

This morning we gave thanks for the many wonderful gifts of God's world. Thank you all so much for your generous support. We will distribute the food to organisations within our community that need them. Thank you to the team of children in Year 5 who read and helped in the Zoom assembly today.

We also had a guest appearance from Father David and Meg the dog. They 'zoomed' into our Harvest assembly. He thanked the children for their harvest gifts to the less fortunate and also mentioned that if they saw him around Knutsford during half term to go and introduce themselves to him. He would love to meet them all.

For times of Masses please see the Parish newsletter <https://www.stvincentsknutsford.org/newsletters.html>

Also Church needs new volunteers to be stewards to ensure everyone's safety at Masses. Please see Father David if you can help.



Non Uniform Day

Our Prayer Leaders in Year 6 organised today's non uniform day and raised £114. The Mission Together charity is about children helping children. <https://missiontogether.org.uk/> If you haven't had a chance yet to contribute you still can via ParentPay to the Mission Together charity.

Diocesan Building Fund

So far we have collected £1155.00 on Parentpay – that is 77 people who have contributed. Our optimum amount is £3,000 if everyone contributes. If you are paying by standing order please let the office know. The Diocese request a minimum voluntary contribution of £15 per child per year and each school is given a target income based on the number on roll.

Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

Our School Council would like us to support 'Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal'. This year, families can support by either packing a 'virtual' shoebox as well as making up their own. This half-term break will be an ideal time for you and your children to prepare a box that will bring such joy to a child less fortunate than your own. The boxes must be returned to school by the morning of Thursday 12th November at the very latest. For more information visit: www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk

Applications for Secondary School Places

Please note the deadline for **all Year 6** applications for secondary school for September 2021 is **31st October 2020**. Applications are made online at www.cheshireeast.gov.uk

School Photographs

The proofs for the school photos were sent home yesterday with your children. All orders must be in by **TUESDAY 3rd NOVEMBER** at the latest please. Order forms received after this will need to pay postage costs.

Unwanted visitors

Please can all parents check their child's hair during half term as we have some unwanted visitors!! Head lice are very common, they do not have anything to do with dirty hair and are picked up by head-to-head contact. All children who have long hair need to have it tied up at school.

Reception Autumn Fun



This week, Reception have been investigating Gods wonderful world.

Today we cut up pumpkins and the children collected the seeds. We talked about how the seeds can be replanted so that new pumpkins can grow. We then talked about what we could do with the pumpkins and the children then placed them round the woods to feed the autumn animals. We will go back after half term to see if the animals enjoyed their feast.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

After half term we will be selling poppy items such as pencils, erasers and rulers (see attached information). All proceeds will go to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. These can be purchased through ParentPay ONLY and once you have bought your item, these will then be passed to your child. ParentPay donations will go live on 3rd November.

Swimming

Year 3 and Year 4 will be swimming next term, starting on Wednesday 4th November – please remember swimming kits. Consent and payment must be made through ParentPay.

Birthday Wishes!

So "Happy Birthday" to the following children:-

Look who is 5 Alfie	Look who is 6 Grace C Thomas	Look who is 7 Joel	Look who is 8 Jacoby	Look who is 9 Lucas Alice	Look who is 10 Victoria Max	Look who is 11 Evangeline
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The Week Ahead

Subject	Start Time	End Time
Monday 2nd November 2020		
Back to School		
Year 2 trip to Weaver Hall		
Year 2 After School Sports (DR Sports)	15:15	16:30
Tuesday 3rd November 2020		
Year 3 After School Sports (DR Sports)	15:15	16:30
Wednesday 4th November 2020		
Y3/Y4 Swimming		PM
Year 4 After School Sports (DR Sports)	15:15	16:30
Thursday 5th November 2020		
Year 5 After School Sports (DR Sports)	15:15	16:30
Friday 6th November 2020		
Year 6 After School Sports (DR Sports)	15:15	16:30

Sport by Coach Dave

D.R Sports Holiday Club October Half Term - The Holiday club will be open and running on Monday 26th October, Tuesday 27th, Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th.

The club is open from 8am till 4pm.

Booking options are:

You can book two days together or all four days - you cannot book single days so that the groups can be kept as consistent as possible.

Monday and Tuesday (Booked together) Wednesday and Thursday (Booked together)

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday (Booked together)

After School Clubs - After school club bookings can be made at www.drsportsclubs.co.uk for after October half term. The clubs are the same as last half term. All clubs are multi sports.

Monday - Year 2 / Tuesday - Year 3 / Wednesday - Year 4 / Thursday - Year 5 / Friday - Year 6

Free kit giveaway- Thanks to our friends at Barrow-Mix we have some free sports kits to giveaway to the children. To book your free kit please visit www.drsportsclubs.co.uk, click book now then 'Free Kit'. Once you have paid your £30 it will be refunded to your wallet for future D.R Sports bookings and your kit will be ordered.

Have a great half term.

Coach Dave