

NEWSLETTER

April 2017



Our mission as a church school is to be – loving, welcoming and succeeding with faith, family and friendship at the centre of all that we do. The key Christian values that are the core of our school life are forgiveness, creation, koinonia, reverence, service, wisdom, trust and endurance.

Our Six Super Skills – Enthusiastic, Inquisitive, Keep on going, Risk Taker, Adaptable, Aim High!

Welcome to the Summer Term

We hope you all had a restful Easter break and were able to enjoy the lovely sunshine! It is so nice to see more daylight hours and hopefully a greater amount of sunshine as we begin our final term this academic year.

Looking back over the events of last term it seems that, once again, we have enjoyed a number of enrichment activities for the children. These only happen through the dedication of the school staff, the engagement of pupils and your commitment – thank you!

- World Book day was a great success with every class engaging in high quality, book related activities which enriched their enjoyment of reading.
- The School Council, under the guidance of Miss Peck, organised a wonderful event for everyone on Red Nose Day and also raised an incredible amount of money £ - well done.
- An amazing effort at fundraising for the NSPCC amassed £918.69 to support their invaluable work. The children also took part in an assembly which provided them with excellent guidance on keeping safe. Years 5 and 6 will be attending workshops later this term.
- During Multi-Faith Fortnight the children learnt about Islam through a whole range of activities including Art, Music, English and Maths.
- Our Music day was also a success when the children took part in many different activities within their classrooms.
- Thank you to Reverend Sandra Sykes for leading our Easter Service, it was a pleasure to share it with so many visitors. Following that we had a brilliant day with the children engaging in a range of Easter activities.

We said farewell to Mrs Young and Mrs Norrington who had both served our school for quite some time. The children's contributions to their 'Goodbye Assemblies' was very much appreciated by both of them and will be treasured for a long time to come.



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So far our plans for this term include Sports Day, the Junior Music Festival and a range of class trips – keep an eye out in the bulletin for dates and details as we move through this term!

Building Work

As you can see the new classrooms are going up very well and the contractors are now working on the inside. They have been extremely courteous and helpful – we hardly know they are there! All should be completed as planned enabling the staff to prepare them for occupation in September.

Bishop Stephen Cottrell has agreed to come to school and bless the new classrooms which is a great honour for us all. This will take place in September but further details will be advised as and when final arrangements are made.

Traffic and parking

As part of the building and expansion programme a basic need was identified for additional staff parking spaces with two included in the original planning. Following the further agreement with Planning and Admissions to provide 60 reception places in September 2017 and the growth in pupil numbers this year we have been in consultation with the Local Authority. With the acknowledgement that there is a basic need for further parking facilities a number of spaces will be created on site at the top end of the emergency access road. This will be for the use of staff only with movement restricted to times when pupils are not on site. The area at the front of the school will also be remodeled to accommodate a greater number of vehicles.

Staffing

We are very lucky to have appointed two new members of staff to our team; Mrs Claire Sheehan and Mr Jordan Knight. I have no doubt that they will be welcomed by everyone and be assets to the school. Mrs Sheehan will be working with Miss Peck and Mr Knight with Mrs Edwards and Mrs Heminsley-Taylor. Mr Knight will also be taking Music sessions on Wednesdays.

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As you can imagine we are already making plans for the next academic year and, following the agreement to offer additional places in reception, we will have two Early Years classes. Miss Chivers and Mr Tilsley will be teaching our reception pupils in September and we are currently recruiting for a new teacher to take Year 1. At this point it is expected that all other class teachers will remain in the same year groups.

We are looking forward to working with you all over the coming weeks!

Lord God,

At the beginning of this new term teach us to be your hands and feet where we are,

At the beginning of this new term teach us to love as you love us

At the beginning of this new term teach us to pray for those in need So that You are honoured and glorified

Amen

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; Number 24-25

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