



“Love your neighbour as yourself.”
(Matthew 12:31)

Love, Inspire, Flourish, Embrace – LIFE.



Chair of Governors Newsletter – Summer Term 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you all had a wonderful Easter break! It was lovely to see everyone this week and to welcome Mrs Harvey to our school. Sally has joined us, as Administrator, and will be in the office Wednesday – Friday each week. Mrs Early will be in school Monday – Wednesday lunch-time and has taken on a new role at Brigstock Latham’s CE Primary School for the remainder of the week. I know you will all join me in wishing Rachael every success in Brigstock and make Sally feel part of our school family very quickly – I wish I had even a small amount of her organisational skills!

It was a joy to see the whole school in Assembly this morning, with Mrs Makepeace recalling the Easter story; I was very impressed with the knowledge and understanding of a child in Reception Class. Celebration Assemblies will commence next week and hopefully it won’t be too long before we can welcome you back in to school to share in the successes of our children. On the playground, the children all looked happy and glad to be back with their friends; A few children were enjoying the tranquillity of Eve’s Garden and with the sun shining, we couldn’t have wished for a more perfect example of Spirituality in our school.

As you know, the project undertaken by our Ethos Committee last term, focussed on supporting our children to grow and flourish spiritually. We began by considering what Spirituality means to each of us by engaging in activities, experiences and reflection at home, in school and in Church. Defining Spirituality proved challenging for all of us! However, we all agreed that Spirituality can involve those ‘wow’ moments of awe and wonder but that sometimes ‘ow’ moments can also lead to spiritual growth as we strive to mend things to make them stronger and more beautiful. We all recognised the importance of being present ‘in the moment’- times that we refer to as ‘now’ moments. Our time in Church and in school enabled us to immerse ourselves in the experiences planned by Heather and Sandy, rather than focussing on an outcome; being able to enjoy the ‘Now’ gave the children the opportunity to reflect and come up with some very insightful comments and questions. Our children make me proud every day and although we haven’t come up with a specific definition of Spirituality, we have learnt that there is no right or wrong answer. We have all grown spiritually through the process, deepening our awareness and understanding. A truly special experience!

Our project this term will focus on how we can all be ‘Advocates for Change’ and we intend to raise funds for those suffering in Ukraine, by auctioning the artwork the children will be creating from recyclable materials. Our colourful canvas in the office is a daily reminder to me *“Not all of us can do great things. But we can all do small things with great love.” Mother Teresa*

Another special experience for me last term was being able to accompany the KS2 children on the Faith Tour. I made my first visit to a Gurdwara and a Mosque; It was a truly enlightening day and has inspired me to learn more about other Faiths.

Our term ended with our Easter Celebration in the Church followed by our Easter Bonnet Parade. The children are always telling us how much they enjoy visiting the Church and it was lovely to have the whole school together, filling the Church once again with our singing, readings and prayers.

It was wonderful to see so many of you supporting our Easter Bonnet Parade around the village and such a pleasure to see so many villagers also, standing outside their houses or stopping on their walks, admiring all the hard work Parents and Children had put into their creations.

My very best wishes to you all for a Successful Summer Term!

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