



God created the heavens and the earth.

Genesis 1:1



Chair of Governors Newsletter – Spring Term 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to you all and a special welcome to the newest additions to our school family; Mrs Hancock is the proud mother of Ned and Gus and Congratulations to Mrs Dalby-Bellis on the safe arrival of Octavia Rose!

As always, the Autumn term flew by and it seems like a long time since Mr Jones and I accompanied Ewan, Larissa and Roemi to Peterborough Cathedral on a very sunny September afternoon. The children were representing our Church Council at a service to celebrate the beginning of the new school year; Bishop John of Brixworth shared a blessing and a very special friend of our school, Reverend Morey Gompertz, led the Lord's Prayer. The following week we received the very sad news that Morey had suddenly passed away. Morey was a huge support to us all, especially the children, when Eve died and was overwhelmed by Eve's Garden when she came to visit it in June. On that note, I would like to thank Mrs Drew for all the time, effort, love and care she puts in to looking after our very special memorial. I would also like to thank Mrs Makepeace for all the very meaningful Worship Assemblies she delivers in school and especially the support she gives to the Church Council. I always particularly enjoy the assemblies led by the children on the Church Council and have been impressed by how they have grown in confidence and are such shining examples to all our children.

I have been fortunate to attend all the Class Assemblies last term and thoroughly enjoyed each of them; I wish Aria's Parents luck in fulfilling her dream of having 68 cats; I was working in the kitchen with a group of Reception children when Red Kite class' pizzas were being cooked and there were some wonderful creations – they smelt delicious and I'm sure everyone enjoyed eating them! I was very moved by the 'Remembrance' poetry produced by Golden Eagle class and, having no artistic talent myself, amazed by their Lowry paintings.

Some of you may have already visited our newly refurbished library, during the Monday afternoon reading sessions with your children, and I'm sure you will agree that we are very lucky to be able to provide such a wonderful, inspiring environment for our children. It was a privilege to watch the reaction of the Reception children when we took them in for the first time and a pleasure to read to them. I cannot thank Julie and Aaron Wheeler enough for building all the fantastic furniture themselves – they are obviously a wonderful team!

The term ended with our wonderful celebrations for Christmas. It never ceases to amaze me how our children in KS1 can produce such a polished performance in our Nativity play and our KS2 children sang beautifully and with lots of enthusiasm on the Thursday morning, when I watched it. 'Stanion's Got Talent' produced a very worthy winner in Kaia, who has taught herself how to play the piano by ear. I was very lucky to bump into Father Christmas this year in school and I would like to say a very big thank you to him for bringing such excitement to our children. I would also like to thank Annabelle, Emily, Isobel and Evie for judging the Christmas Lights; It gets more competitive every year and, as always, I am so glad it is the children's decision.

I wish you all a Very Happy, Healthy and Peaceful New Year!

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