



Newsletter

'Love the lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, and with all your mind.'



"He must increase, but I must decrease."
John 3:30

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Our Christian Value for
February is – Honesty



Dear Parents and Carers

Today is the last day of term for a week. We have had a good half-term and the children can relax for a week knowing they've worked extremely hard. I hope you had positive parent consultations and enjoyed looking at your child's work. The children return back to school on Tuesday, 26th February due to teacher training on the Monday.

On Thursday, all the children received a workshop about Online Safety. The feedback from the trainer was very positive and we hope the children felt supported in how to stay safe online. A great website for parents is www.internetmatters.org that has some useful information to help parents at home.



Mental Health Awareness Day

The children will be mixing into their house teams today completing a range of exciting activities to promote positive mental health. We are starting the day with a special assembly delivered by Mr Jones, Tyler and Emily. The teachers have worked hard to plan the activities and we hope the children will enjoy this special morning in school.





Parking Complaint

I have received a complaint from the local Police Community Support Officer about inconsiderate parking on Cardigan Road. The police have asked me to remind parents about parking carefully before and after school. They have received complaints from local residents about driveways and pavements being blocked. I appreciate this may only be a minority of vehicles and ask once again for all parents to be considerate of our neighbours. Thank you for your support in this matter.



Head Teacher's Awards

The class teachers have selected the following children from last week:

- Reception – Joey for trying so hard in class and following instructions;
- Year 1 – Marija for continued improvement in all areas of maths, especially time;
- Year 2 – Amelia for persevering in all areas of learning with a positive attitude;
- Year 3 – Mikey for pushing and challenging himself to tell the time;
- Year 4 – Tyler for using fantastic detail and texture in his Roman Fresco painting;
- Year 5 – Annette for showing determination in multiplication and division methods;
- Year 6 – Joshua L for fantastic effort during our Maths assessments.



Attendance in school last week was 98.5%. The children in Year 3/4 were the winners with 100% attendance! Well done to all the children in Miss Smith's class. We had 2 late attendances across the school during the week.

Please remember that holiday requests **cannot** be authorised and parents risk receiving a fixed-penalty fine from the Local Authority. The school has a statutory duty to inform the Local Authority of any holiday requests for 5 or more days.



Merit Badge Awards

The following children have been working exceptionally hard in class and have achieved their merit awards.

Bronze Award (50 Merits): Jack W, Joshua K, Annette



Awards and Certificates outside of school

Grace M	Royal Academy of Dance – Ballet Award
Amelie H	Starlight Dance School – Dancer of the Year Award 2019
Amelia D	Swim England – Learn to Swim Stage 3
Amelia D	Swim England – 10 metre distance award
Oliver H	Chief Scouts Silver Award – 1 st Stanion
Aleigha K	Grampian Highland Dancing – 1 st Place trophy
Aleigha K	Grampian Highland Dancing – 1 st Place Special Fling
Aleigha K	Highland Dancing – Potton District Shield and x3 gold medals
Mikey S	Football Trophy – Player of the Week
Maisie R	Starlight Dance School - Dancer of the Year Award 2019
Alice H	Starlight Dance School – Class Award 2019

Class News



Reception Class

This week we have used stories about ‘dragons’ as a basis for our literacy and creative activities. We’ve been discussing whether dragons are real (apparently they are!), where they would live and what they are like.

We continue to do lots of counting from 20 and to numbers beyond 20, counting in 10’s to 100 and in 2’s to 20. This week we have been using a variety of resources to find out which pairs of numbers make 10.

In phonics this week we have learnt the sounds ‘ou’ (shout out) and ‘oy’ (toy for a boy).

In R.E. this week we have been listening to stories from The Bible.

Year 1/2

Another busy week in Year 1&2. In maths, we have been exploring the inverse relationship between addition and subtraction. In dance, we finished our ‘Burrowing’ dance in which we pretended to be mini-beasts. We hope to video this to show in assembly. In R.E we thought about the bible story of the Good Samaritan. We are thoroughly enjoying Mental Health Awareness Day and working in our House Teams for the morning.

Year 3/4

In Red Kite class this week we have had a fantastic DT day, designing roman catapults. We showed some amazing teamwork to design, create, test and improve our catapults. We competed to build the craziest catapult and tested them for accuracy and power.



We have continued to work on instructions; practicing using our bossy voices to form commands. Our hot writes focused on how to make catapults. In maths we have been working out durations and converting units of time. In RE we have begun to look at why Jesus is an inspirational leader. We also really enjoyed the online safety workshop, where we learnt how to stay safe on our smartphones, computers and online games.

Year 5/6

In Golden Eagle class this week the children have been completing problem solving in our Maths lessons. We have been looking at how we can understand word problems better and how to work out how we can solve the answer. In Literacy we have been finishing our biography unit of work and the children have all worked hard to create some fantastic pieces of writing on the life on Anne Frank. In topic this week the children have been thinking about the Home Front during the war and in particular the 'Dig for Victory' campaign. We learnt about what this meant and then the children had a chance to design their own posters. On Monday, we carried out a Science investigation into how the sun moves throughout the day. The children all made their own shadow clocks and used these to measure the position of the Sun each hour.

We hope you all have a relaxing half-term and we look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday, 26th February.

Mr Jones