



The Lord sees the heart.  
**Samuel 16:7c**



## Chair of Governors Newsletter – Spring Term 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you all had a wonderful break and managed to keep 'Christ in Christmas'. I know our Nativity performances in School and Carol Service in Church always represent the start of the holy celebrations for me. I was also 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 and to the PTA for their donation of gifts to each class.

The children were all very keen to tell me about their favourite present when I popped into School on Tuesday; With the most popular being a mobile phone, it is well timed that we have the E-safety Officer for Northamptonshire training the children on internet safety at the end of January. It is always our priority to keep our children safe in all areas and aspects of their life.

As always, the Autumn term flew by and it seems like a long time since Mr Jones, Mrs Makepeace and I accompanied Year 6 children to Peterborough Cathedral on 26th September for the 'Annual Service of Dedication and Thanksgiving for Diocesan Schools'; Over 800 Pupils, Teachers and Governors attended this wonderful service of praise and worship. It was no surprise when our children told me their favourite part was the Choirs of All Saints Northampton, Newbottle & Charlton and Brackley singing Stormzy's 'Blinded by your grace'.

The launch of our Project 2.4, 'Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others' (Philippians 2:4), was a huge success. Mrs Hankins' group did some wonderful pencil drawings and wordsearches but I was most impressed by the tile printing. Each session Mr Forsyth's group went on a Nature Walk around the village and the children had a checklist of some of the things they might see. The adults commented on how nice it was to see the changing seasons and when I accompanied them we saw the first birds' nests which would have been hidden earlier in the year by the leaves on the trees. I was impressed by the children's knowledge of nature and their enthusiasm to find everything on their list. Mrs Bray's group produced wonderful mood boards with colourful collages of fabrics and paints. Mrs Hancock's group produced an impressive oak tree, beautiful painted pebbles and very imaginative wands. Mrs Findlay's group produced some fantastic writing and drawing in their beautiful hessian-backed Nature Fact Files. I loved seeing the children work in mixed-age groups and was not surprised by the care and support the older children gave to the younger ones. I must thank the Teachers for all the effort they put in to making this exciting new initiative in our broad and balanced curriculum such an enjoyable and educational experience for our children. Thanks to all of you too who came to the Showcase – I'm sure you were as impressed as I have been. This term we have a 'Dinosaur' theme, with the focus being on enhancing our DT skills. I'm looking forward to the puppets/marionettes promised by Mr Jones!

Mr Jones and I have been working on our School Development Plan over the holidays and as always the Teachers have been working hard to get ready for the new term. I can't thank them enough for their commitment and dedication to our children and our school.

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

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Chair of Governors