



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

Love, Inspire, Flourish, Embrace – LIFE.



Chair of Governors Newsletter – Summer Term 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you all had a happy and holy Easter! I was very proud of our Reception Class children, who told us at the beginning of our learning that the words they associated with Easter were 'Chocolate, Eggs, Bunny, Sweets, Presents' but at the end of term they described Easter as 'Joy, Hope, New Life and Resurrection'. It gives me great joy to spend time in school and this week I was delighted to accompany Reception Class on their trip to West Lodge Farm; We had an amazing time bottle-feeding the lambs, holding the chicks and guinea pigs and stroking the baby goats. We were asked to suggest a name for a baby goat and one of the children came up with 'Mr Jones'; Somehow, I don't think they will use it! I was impressed with the children's knowledge of the names for baby, mum and dad of each animal and our guide was impressed with the children's behaviour, saying they were the best group she had met. I'm sure you are bored of hearing it but people really do comment on how well-mannered and well-behaved our children are, both in school and on trips.

Last term I enjoyed the children showcasing their work in their Class Assemblies; The children expressed themselves very articulately and I always appreciate their beautiful singing voices and amazing artwork, probably because I have neither talent. Year 5/6 focussed on 'How we learn' and not 'What we learn', reminding us of our Stanion Superpowers: Community Cam supports and appreciates others, Engagement Eric asks questions, Independent India is brave and trusts herself, Mindful Mo is kind and Possibilities Parker tries new things and perseveres. I was particularly impressed with their 'signing' of 'Happy' by Pharrell Williams. Year 3/4 concentrated on the Christian Values we are celebrating this year: Thankfulness, Trust, Perseverance, Justice, Service and Truth. The children's rendition of 'Count on Me' by Bruno Mars was enhanced by the expressive dancing of Daisy, Lilly and Verity. Year 1/2 taught me some very interesting facts about Octupi and amazed me with their stamina in performing 'Rock Stars of the Reef'. I think Reception Class produced the best model dinosaurs I have ever seen and I'm sure there were some I had never heard of before; I was so proud of how clearly they spoke out and how confidently they delivered their first Class Assembly.

The highlight of the Spring Term was our invitation to the Installation Service of our new Bishop of Peterborough, The Right Reverend Debbie Sellin. Our school was one of three schools (out of over 100 Diocesan schools) chosen and so it was a great honour to participate in welcoming the 39th Bishop of Peterborough. Daisy and Ella kindly agreed to represent our school in asking Bishop Debbie 3 scripted questions as she arrived at the West Door; They were a credit to our school and I'd like to thank Laura, Ella and Daisy for giving up their Sunday afternoon to join Mr Jones and me at the service.

My term ended with our Easter Celebration. I attended the rehearsal in the Church and enjoyed the Easter Story through the children's prayers and readings. I love being in the Church with all the children and I don't think I will ever tire of Reception Class singing 'Spring Chicken' every year.

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

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