6th October 2023 – Weekly Newsletter to Parents



Collective Worship

This week, in collective worship we have been learning the parable of the Good Samaritan. The Good Samaritan is a story Jesus told about helping those in need, even if we may be different to them and have different beliefs and ideas. We have linked this to the Christian Value and School Value of Love.

We then heard all about the amazing work of the charity Samaritan's Purse and their outreach programme of the Shoebox appeal. We are hoping to get involved with this amazing charity this year by packing and sending off our own shoeboxes filled with Christmas gifts to children in countries less fortunate than our own.

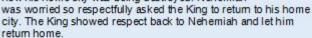
For our challenge this week: show love in a new way. This could be any act of kindness from helping a grown up with the washing up, picking up shopping for a neighbour or playing with a friend who looks lonely. If the children are able to bring in a picture, piece of writing or photograph to show their act of love they will receive a house point and their contribution will go into our school Collective Worship book. All pieces to be in



13th October 2023 – Weekly Newsletter to Parents

Collective Worship

This week, in collective worship we have been learning about the Christian Value of Respect. We have linked this to the story of Nehemiah from the Holy Bible. Nehemiah worked faithfully for the King but got news of how his home city was being destroyed. Nehemiah



For our challenge this week we would like the children to reflect and decide on one thing to honour and respect others. If the children are able to bring in a picture, piece of writing or



photograph to show their honour and respect they will receive a house point and their contribution will go into our school Collective

Worship book. All pieces to be in on Monday into Mr Booth's tray.









Head teacher's Message

Dear Parents/carers.

If your child has come home with a smiley sticker this week it is because they have shown us joy and been able to articulate why they were feeling joyful!

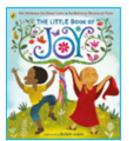
I started this week by reading an incredible book, written by two friends, (Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu) who lived in different parts of the world and were quite lonely. They had different upbringings and found growing up quite tricky. Then they found 'joy' and began to spread their love of joy all around the world.

The children listened intently and gave many ideas on what makes them joyful in school. Being with their friends, learning new things, talking to their teachers, Nala, outdoor learning... the list was endless!

On Tuesday, I was completely drawn into Choir when I heard them singing Moana and just had to join in! Everyone got a sticker because singing brings such pleasure to us all!

Wishing you all a joyful weekend!

Mrs Jearrad



Collective Worship & Celebration Assembly



This week, in collective worship we have been learning the story of Abraham, Sarah and Isaac from the Holy Bible. We focused on how Sarah and Abraham had joy when Isaac was born.

Throughout the week we have focussed on the Christian Value of joy. We looked at the recent space exploration to the moon where India successfully achieved their goal to reach the moon and therefore have joy.

All of the children in the school were set a challenge homework for this weekend.

They are to write or draw about what they want to achieve to give themselves joy. All pieces are to be in on Monday into Mr Booth's tray to receive a house point and to go into our school Collective Worship book.



Pip and Pap Competition Winner

Well done to Sofia. She has won the Pip and Pap phonics summer competition!

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Head teacher's Message

Dear Parents

Learning about Noah in Collective Worship this week has been quite apt with the weather we have experienced! Didn't the rain pour down at times! I was very impressed when linking Noah's story from the Bible with what has happened recently in Libya. The children were very thoughtful with their responses to me when asked "Why did God let this happen?" They never cease to amaze me.

This week, we have also had the chance to vote in our different leaders across the school. The children love to take on responsibility and have a voice in shaping our school community. Huge congratulations to everyone who has put themselves forwards, it shows great courage to do so.

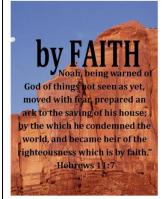
Many of you will have seen me, and often Mrs Mellor too, on the playground every Monday morning to welcome you back in after the weekend. Some families can find the weekend and home life tricky for a variety of many reasons. If you would like us to try and support you by responding to something you would like help with, please write it on our 'On the Gate Board' on Monday. It might be anything from anxiety to sleep issues to routines. We will then try to do a bit of research and respond in the newsletter on Friday. I am sure, you won't be the only one struggling with a particular aspect! We are all in this together!

Wishing you a wonderful weekend!



Mrs Jearrad

Collective Worship Monday 18th September 2023











Where is God?



10th November 2023 – Weekly Newsletter to Parents



Dear Parents and Carers,

A short and sweet message from me this week!

I just wanted to say how overwhelmed we all were to see all the various poppy creations for our Remembrance Child-Led Service yesterday. We had knitted poppies, lego poppies, painted poppies, printed poppies, recycled poppies, 3-D models.... what a fantastic creative community! Year 6, you led the service beautifully. Well done.

Any thoughts on what we can send out as a creative task for the Christmas break, let me know 'On the Gate' on Monday!

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Jearrad



Collective Worship



Collective Worship

This week, in collective worship we have been learning the story of Jonah and the Big Fish. We have linked this story to the Christian Value and School Value of Courage. Jonah lacked in courage when God first sent him to Ninevah: courage that the people would listen to

him and courage for following God's instructions. He did show courage when he admitted the storm was down to him and was thrown overboard. He also showed courage when he eventually went to Ninevah. We discussed how it isn't always easy to be courageous and we might have some set backs and need to reflect before realising we can take courage and complete those seemingly impossible tasks.

The children were set a challenge, by our very own year 5 & 6 Spiritual Leaders, to complete three courageous tasks this week. If the children draw or write about their courageous tasks and return them on Monday, they will receive housepoints and their work will go into the Collective

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Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child

This year, we are relaunching our involvement with the amazing work completed by Samaritan's Purse. We have had posters up at school for a few weeks now, leaflets went home and the children were told all about it in one of our Collective Worships. In order for the shoeboxes to make it to the children in time for Christmas.

Send a Giff-Filed Shoebox in Jesus Name

we will need any filled shoeboxes to be returned to school by the 14th of November.

We have a number of shoeboxes available to use at school if you are unable to find a shoebox. The number we have is quite limited so please only take one if you fully intend to fill it. They will be given out on a first come first serve basis. Any questions, please do speak to Mrs Payne or make contact through the school office on her non-working days and she will get back to you.

Here is the link to the Samaritan's Purse website where you will find all the information you made need:

https://occ.samaritans-purse.org.uk/?

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Head teacher's Message

Dear all

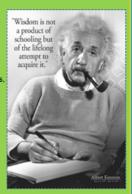
In Collective Worship on Monday I talked to the children about what 'Wisdom' means and why it is important that we make wise decisions. I gave the example of my not so wise decision whilst walking Nala at the weekend to jump over very muddy puddles in the forest and subsequently falling in!

It is always important for the children to realise that even as adults, we don't always make good judgements but learn from them and make better judgements next time!

I want to thank our PTA for all their hard putting together the Winter Fayre today and for the delivery of our new Buddy Benches! The children are really excited for both. Pictures to follow next week.

Have a great weekend!

Mrs Jearrad



Collective Worship





This week, in collective worship we have focused on the Christian Value of Wisdom. We have discussed what this means, the story of Joshua and Jericho and how we can show wisdom in relation to anti-bullying week. Thanks to everyone who managed to wear odd socks on Thursday. This was a lovely visual to show the children we are all different, unique and that should be celebrated.





Shoeboxes and Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everybody who gifted a filled shoebox towards the Samaritan's Purse event: Operation Christmas Child. We have managed to fill around 30 shoeboxes which is incredible! These really will make a child's Christmas so much better this year.



Thank you very much for all you donations to the Poppy Appeal

We raised a fantastic £239.19 which will help towards vital welfare and benevolent work.



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