

**Our Christian Value this half term is Peace**

**“God will give you peace to help you through your storm” Isaiah 26:3**

May I wish you all a Happy New Year! I do hope you had a relaxing break and enjoyed spending time with family and friends. Welcome back to school for the start of the Spring term; even though it has been so wet and miserable in this first two weeks of term, it has not dampened our spirits. The children have certainly returned to school calmly and ready to learn.

**Reflection Area** –Thank you to Mrs Scales, who has made a wonderful central reflection area for our children to use. This is a quiet place to reflect and think about the Christian Value “Peace” which, we are focusing on in assembly this half term, as well as love, which is an important part of our school vision. The children are enjoying using the reflection area and have written their own reflections, prayers and poems about peace and love. Thank you to parents who sent in some lovely soft beanbags and cushions for the children to use in the reflection area. We are hoping to start our outdoor reflection area very soon, which the children will be able to choose to use during break times; this will be a calm, quiet place to think about and reflect on “big questions.”

**Reception**



**Ash Class investigating and testing the best materials for Sailor Bear's boat.**



**Beech Class observing objects like leaves encased in ice**

**Year 5**



**Rowan children practising the short division method**

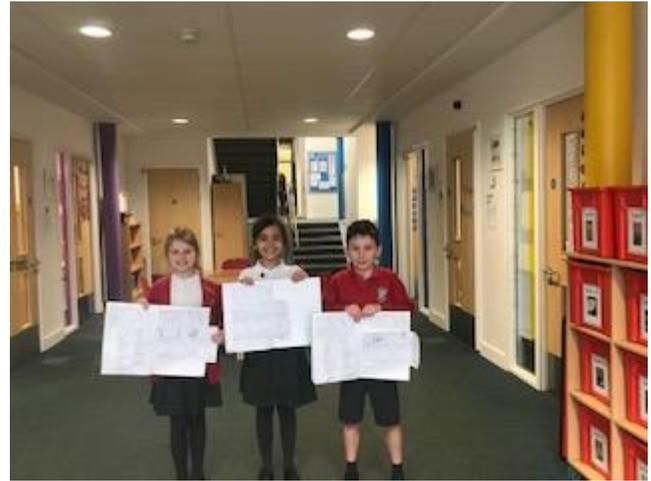


**Pine class describing their feelings and emotions in PHSE**

**Year 3**



**Juniper Class practising telling the time with analogue clocks.**



**Scarlett, Paige and Noah are proud of their RE work, in which they are learning about the Parables.**

**Year 6**



**Nicola and Eleanor demonstrating in science, why we have day and night.**



**Silver Birch getting to grips with algebra**

**Year 2**



**Hawthorn Class investigating word classes.**



**Elder children learning about the different features of a castle.**

**Year 4**



**Oak children practising defending and attacking, playing invasive games.**



**Maple Class practising their multiplication tables**

**Year 1**



**Chestnut children practising practical sharing in maths.**



**Damson class practising subtraction, using partitioning**

We are so delighted by the high standard of hot meals our caterer provides and their staff serve on a daily basis.



**Roast chicken, potatoes, broccoli and cauliflower cheese with green beans and carrots**



**A choice between fresh fruit, home made yogurt, orange or strawberry jelly or ice cream! What would you choose?**



**The daily salad cart, today offering mixed green, tomato, sweetcorn or potato salad, coleslaw and croutons**

**Forest School experiences** - We are so grateful to the PTA for giving school money to provide all children in school with the opportunity to take part in termly Forest School experiences. Children from Reception right up to Year 6 thoroughly enjoy their time appreciating and learning about our wonderful environment, as well as trying out new skills using tools and natural resources. We believe that Forest school inspires our children to care for our natural world as well as fosters independence, builds resilience, nurtures self-esteem and encourages a healthy lifestyle.

We would like to expand this programme of Forest Schools even further over the next year. Thank you also to the teams of regular parent volunteers, who help out during these sessions too. So many parents have spoken to me about how beneficial a part of our curriculum they think it is.



This week, we also had a Senior School's Adviser from the Diocese visit school, as this term, we are due a Section 48 Inspection; this is an Inspection carried out by the Church of England. During the inspection, the inspector will be looking at collective worship and the impact it has on our children's lives, the teaching of RE in school, academic standards, the wellbeing and behaviour of our children. The inspection will focus on the Christian distinctiveness of our school and how our school vision drives everything we as a school do. The inspector will observe RE lessons, talk to children, parents and staff, monitor pupil books and find out the impact we as a school have on our children, families, local, wider and global community and how well we care about our world and the people in it. I am very pleased to report that the Senior Adviser was very pleased with the high standards she saw in RE books and walking around school she felt that our school vision was very evident. It was reassuring to have such a positive and successful visit before our inspection arrives.



**Our school Prayer Box, full of our children's prayers**



**Year 2 children are thinking about what is their special place?**



**Year 6 are learning about Christianity through the arts**

As you will be aware, over the last 18 months, we have been thinking about caring for our world and helping to reduce our carbon footprints. Solar panels were installed on our roof, saving us over 9.93 tonnes of CO2 annually, as well as saving us money! We have introduced battery recycling and more recently crisp packet recycling, as well as promoting and encouraging the "Walk to School" initiative, including walk and stride. Please support us in this initiative whenever you can. We are now looking at installing LED lighting, which will help us save even more energy! We thought it would be productive to provide a monthly challenge for children, their families and staff to do even more to help our climate and look after our planet.

**Our Eco challenge for the next month is:**

**Cats have 4, beetles have 6, spiders have 8, how many do you have?**

**Can you make more use of them?**

**Cut your carbon emissions - WALK TO SCHOOL**

#### **Facts**

**The school run alone is responsible for generating 2 million tonnes of CO2 in the UK.**

**Nearly 40% of journeys of less than 1 mile are made by car.**

**In the morning peak traffic, 1 in 5 cars on the road is taking children to school.**

**Please help us by walking to school whenever you can, or at least park in the "Rose and Crown," so the final part of your journey is by walking. Every little helps!**

We also have our Rainbow Reps in school, who are responsible for helping us be more eco-friendly and also think of our charity fundraising ideas. They are very keen to support school in achieving these!

**10:01:20 Ash – Elia, Beech- Arielle, Chestnut – Sophia, Damson – Ben, Elder –Ayana, Hawthorn –Eva, Juniper –Katie, Lime –Oliver, Maple –Cortney, Aneeqah & Zara, Oak –Alice & Hugh, Pine –Freddie, Rowan –Ned, Silver Birch – George, Willow - Annabel**



**17:01:20 Ash –Leo & Arlo, Beech-Flynn & Phoebe, Chestnut –Amelie, Elder – James, Hawthorn – Jack B, Juniper – Grace, Lime – Amber , Maple –Jacob, Oak –Ella, Pine –Theo, Rowan – Zeph, Silver Birch – Oliver E, Willow - Mohamad**



**24:01:20 Ash –Eliza & Jonty, Beech- Jun, Chestnut –Toby, Damson –James, Elder – George, Juniper – Xavier, Lime – Josie, Maple –Lily, Oak – Mia, Pine – Leila, Rowan –Cameron, Silver Birch – Molly K, Willow - Emilie**



**Congratulations :**

**Pen Licences :**

**Oak – Fiona, Euan, Finley**

**Mighty Multiples:**

**Bronze**

**Ash - Jack**

**Silver**

**Lime - Jocelyn, Oliver, Joshua S, Zoe, Oliver**

**Maple – Oliver**

**Platinum**

**Lime - Aaron**

**Congratulations to the Year 6 children who represented Holy Trinity at the maths challenge at Warden Park :**

**Annabel, Ruby, Sam, Ty, Toby**

**INSET DAYS – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February, Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June, Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July**

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January – Year 3 Cake Sale**

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February – Year 2 trip to Lewes Castle**

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February – Year 1 Cake Sale**

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Year 4 introduction to Opera Brava**

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Year 2 Cake Sale**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February – INSET Day**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February – Reception Cake Sale**

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March – Opera Brava to work with Year 4**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>, Friday 13<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> & Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March ILP Review Meetings**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March – KS2 Eucharist**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Open Afternoon**

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Year 3 visit to Fishbourne Palace**

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Mufti Day for Easter Eggs**

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March & Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Parent Consultations**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Reception & KS1 Easter Service – 9.30am, KS2 Easter Service – 10.30am**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Chocolate Tombola**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – End of Term at 3.15pm**

**There will be further dates to be added, we are just awaiting confirmation of these dates.**