

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11

To strive for respect, enjoyment and excellence for all!

07.03.24

Dear Parents and Carers,

Collective Worship

Next week, our focuses are Ramadan and the launch of Art Week, as part of our Literature and The Arts provision.

‘Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding...’ Proverbs 3:13



Class Prayer Collective Worship Sessions

Thank you to everyone who attended the Year 1 prayer session. We had more parents and carers than ever before! We would like to invite Year 2 parents and carers to the Year 2 class prayer assembly on Wednesday 27th March at 2:50pm.



World Book Day

A HUGE thank you to everyone who joined in with our celebration of World Book Day this week. The day started with a whole school Drop Everything And Read Session:



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which was closely followed by a 'Word Parade' where children shared their outfits that illustrated their favourite words.



Later on, children took part on book quizzes and word puzzles. For instance, Year 6 were asked to identify which animals were represented by these letters:



Thank you to everyone who worked so hard preparing for the day.

World Maths Day 22nd March

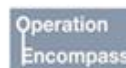
It will be World Maths Day on 23rd March (this is a Saturday) therefore on Friday 22nd March we will hold a celebration day to of all things Mathematics. The theme this year is 'Playing Using Mathematics'.

To get involved we are having a dress up day based on your favourite number / mathematic instrument or fact / number game / a special number to you. Follow this google search for ideas : https://www.google.co.uk/search?sca_esv=6ebfc8b5f04ce8ec&q=dress+up+number+world+maths+day&tbm=isch&source=lnms&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwjs4di9_6OEAxVRVEEAHaTNAL4Q0pQJegQIDB-AB&biw=1366&bih=566&dpr=1

Then in the classroom children will have opportunities throughout the day to explore and play with Mathematical concepts such as a shopping set up in EYFS and exploring the numerical patterns in algebra in KS2 or using shapes to make geometric artwork in KS1. There are so many ways to explore and play with Maths, and this day will be perfect to celebrate and apply our skills.



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Sharing Assemblies

Tomorrow is our Y1 Sharing Assembly. Our Reception class are sharing next week (15th)

Fasting

A letter has been sent home with our Y5 and Y6 children regarding fasting. The holy month of Ramadan is approaching and we are aware that this is an extremely important time for our Muslim families. I understand that when children reach puberty they are expected to fast, this is usually around the age of 13 – 14 years old (A number of our Y5 and Y6 children have expressed the desire to fast; here at school we will support their decision and make arrangements for them at lunchtime.) To enable us to do this, if you would like your child to fast then please complete the slip on the letter that has been sent home. Our policy is that children should have a parents written permission in order to fast. Our children will be expected to continue to learn to the best of their ability and we require that every pupil participate in the whole curriculum including PE, Music, etc. If at any time your child wishes to stop fasting, then please let staff know as soon as possible so lunch arrangements can be made. Good communication is essential in order that we can support your children and make appropriate provision for them here in school during this special month.

Breakfast Club

Just like adults (including me!) some mornings children can wake up and feel a little under the weather and be reluctant to come to school. Our Breakfast Club is open from 8am and staffed by Mrs Simpson and Mrs Bradford (our Thrive and Mental Health Leads) who are available to help and support children on arrival at school. There's no need to book or ring first. This service is open to anyone who needs it.

God bless,
Mrs Bladen-Kay
Head Teacher

| Spring Term 2024 Key Dates | |
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| March | |
| 1st | Y5 Sharing Assembly (re-arranged) |
| 4 th | Y1 Class Prayer Collective Worship (Y1 Parents invited. 2.50pm) |
| 5 th | World Book Day |
| 6 th | Standards and Welfare Committee |
| 8 th | Y1 Sharing Assembly |
| 11 th - 15 th | Assessment Week/ Art Week |
| 13 th | Buildings and Finance Committee |
| 15 th | Reception Sharing Assembly |
| 18 th | Audacious Church present 'Easter – What's It All About?' to children from Y3-6 |
| 22 nd | Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Music Celebration World Maths Day |
| 25 th , 26 th | Parents Evenings |
| 27 th | Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Music Celebration School closes for the Easter holiday |



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