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we will
live kindly,
love each other,
learn and
laugh together!*

Summer Term 2016 Newsletter 1

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after the Easter Holidays, we hope it was a superb Easter break for you all. Term 5 is off to a flying start with a huge number of events and experiences planned between now and the end of the school year.

As well as focusing on academic progress, we also have a packed schedule of activities and events in the term ahead. Already this term Year 3 have been to the River Lavant, Yr 6 have been to Pallant House Gallery and Yr 3/5 have been swimming. We also have the Yr 6 residential, sport Leaders courses, sports day, Peter Pan workshop, scarecrow days, Forest school and the BIG Sing to name but a few! So all in all a VERY busy term ahead - and we wouldn't want it any other way!

We have had a fantastic first week back with the children enjoying the new topics being introduced across the school, trips out and stunning starts. The children are getting excited about these topics and we are looking forward to them participating in lots of fun and challenging new activities with great learning outcomes.

Wrap around care has started this week and we have already doubled in numbers on most days. The children have had huge breakfasts and really enjoyed all the teas after school. Thank for all the lovely comments we have received about the difference this is making to families.

Termly Theme

The theme for this term is based on Thankfulness and Prayer. We will start by thinking about different types of prayers for different occasions and situations. Prayer is primarily part of our worship and is a key part of our relationship with God and as with any relationship communication is vital for its growth and survival. The children have been learning about Prayer hands this week so please ask them to share with you what they have learnt.

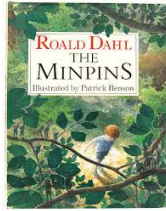


The New Altar

In the last few days of the Spring term the new altar turned up at school. This had been designed by one of our pupils Florence Madden and created by Rolls Royce. It arrived in bubble wrap and was placed in the hall with strict instructions not to peep. It has been the source of much speculation over the last couple of weeks and now we can finally reveal the wonderful creation. This Wednesday we had Bishop Mark come to the school to lead a special worship to bless the altar, the children were very excited to see the Bishop and it was a lovely opportunity to say a huge thank you to Rolls Royce and the team of apprentices who made this possible for us. A brave teacher took part in the worship and the Bishop taught us all about his special clothes, Mitre and Staff. Their continued support for the school is very much appreciated and valued and we look forward to continuing our close links with them for many years to come.

The Bishop had a lovely tour of the school and was very impressed with the children's questions and discussions about their learning. Well done to all the pupils you made us all very proud for the way you talked about your learning and for your excellent behaviour.





Year 1 – Gorgeous Gardens

Year One are learning about the Minpins this term and spent the day designing their own Fairy gardens last Friday. The amount of detail and creative thought was superb and the children were completely focused on their work. They were very keen to share their gardens which included tiny swings, sofas, fairy doors and allotments. We all think they were fantastic! Well done Year 1



Fabulous Forest School

This week Yr R and Year 1 had their first forest school of the summer term. The weather was superb and the children enjoyed the many activities that had been planned by the teachers from art work to cooking and eating stew and pizzas. A huge thank you to all the support given to Forest schools enabling this to take place and benefit the children's development

What is Forest School?

Forest school embraces the outdoors as an inspirational learning environment focussed on the child's learning needs rather than specific outcomes. As the group explore and experience the natural world, it develops self esteem and builds confidence, learning new skills and promoting independence through hands on learning experiences.

What activities happen at forest school?

Because most projects are child led there are planned and child self initiated activities, one group may spend six weeks looking for insects and move onto identification. Where as another group may not show an interest in this area but really want to build a shelter waterproof enough to sleep in only made out of natural materials. The teachers do however plan lots of other activities that the children can access if they choose not to initiate their own ideas such as splashing in puddles, rolling in leaves, catching rain on a tarpaulin, building a snow slide, drying mud out in the sun until it cracks, sliding down a mud slide, making mud pies, looking for worms, painting on a leaf, cooking, building shelters, art work, forest writing, as you can imagine this list is endless!



Year 2 Get sporty!

Year 2 had a wonderful afternoon at Bishop Luffa this week, learning many different athletic skills, taking part in long jumps and working as a team. We are very proud of the wonderful comments we had about their behaviour and manner, saying thank you to sports leaders who helped them! Well done Yr 2



We would like to welcome a new member to our school this week, Lee Tillyer who is joining us to work with the children for PE lessons. We are very lucky to have Lee who was voted the Young Coach of the Year for the South of England. The children had some amazing lessons today as you can see below!



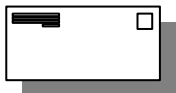
Fire Wardens and Fire Extinguishers

On Thursday we had new Fire warden training in the school to ensure that all regulations were up to date as we do every year. As you can see below the staff took part with lots of enthusiasm.



Thanks for taking the time to read this fortnight's newsletter. If you would like to discuss any items from the newsletter in more detail, please do not hesitate to come and see me, my door is always 'Open'.

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