

# HEADTEACHER HIGHLIGHTS



FRIDAY 28<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2023

## BANK HOLIDAYS APLENTY!

Well this term, there are several days where children are not in school, so make sure that you have the dates in your diary! Mrs Lewis has sent an email with them all in, and I shall remind you each Friday. The children get an extra-long weekend this week, as there is the Bank Holiday on Monday and an INSET Day on Tuesday. So we will see everyone back on Wednesday!

This week, Mrs Hookway took a very keen team to the Cross Country event on Monday afternoon. The weather was absolutely awful and the children got drenched! However, it didn't dampen their spirits in any way! Thank you to Mrs Hookway and the parents who helped to transport the children to the event, for their support. You can see a full list of the results on the School Story on Dojo.

In worship this week, we have been thinking about how we demonstrate courage and we read the story of David and Goliath. I enjoyed hearing about how the children have shown courage. These examples included being brave when having an injection, overcoming nerves when performing on stage and keeping it together when there is a spider in your room! My personal favourite was a child saying how they had to be brave and show courage when their baby brother was born! How insightful!

We said goodbye to Mrs Atherton this week. She has accepted a different role at another school and we wish her all the best. She has provided lots of support for many pupils. We are in the process of recruiting a replacement and I will inform you once an appointment has been made.

## NEXT WEEK

**MONDAY 1<sup>st</sup> MAY**

**BANK HOLIDAY**

**TUESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> MAY**

**INSET DAY**

**WEDNESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> MAY**

Y4/5 Handball tournament at St Gregory's

**THURSDAY 4<sup>th</sup> MAY-**

Y6 Residential Trip meeting for parents at 6.00pm in the New Hall

**FRIDAY 5<sup>th</sup> MAY:**

**Coronation Celebration- All pupils to wear RED/WHITE/BLUE.**

In the afternoon, classes will be pairing up to take part in a variety of activities.

Y5 will be providing the cakes for the Bake Sale after school to raise money for the PTA. Don't forget your change! 50p per cake.



**FULFILLING GOD-GIVEN POTENTIAL**



This is a quick round up of what has been happening in each year group this week. You can see what the staff have got to say about the pupils across the School.

## School News

<b>YR</b>	We have been investigating odd and even numbers by playing games and exploring numbers of mini-beasts. Both classes are making a mini-beast fact book, with each child choosing a different creature to write a sentence about.
<b>Y1</b>	This week, the children received postcards from the Snail from the four countries in the United Kingdom. They have also planted sunflower seeds and can't wait to see them grow!
<b>Y2</b>	Our Science topic this term is plants and habitats. In Class we have been learning about what plants need to thrive. We are germinating pea and runner bean seeds in plastic cups, so that we can make careful observations as they grow. In Forest School, we have been learning about mini-beasts and habitats.
<b>Y3</b>	In Literacy, we have practised and performed our poems in groups to the class. We also took part in a live webinar with the Victoria and Albert museum, looking at the artist Althea McNish and designing our own mural using shapes.
<b>Y4</b>	We have had great fun designing our own mythical creatures for our Greek myths. In maths, we have been looking at how to calculate the perimeter of rectangles and rectilinear shapes. In RE, we have started learning about the Hindu faith and the ritual prayer of puja.
<b>Y5</b>	Year 5 used the Micro:bits that we learnt to program last week to record light, temperature and other data around the school. In Geography, we did orienteering using grid references and an aerial map of St Matthew's to find markers around the school. Following on from dissecting tulips last week, this week we focussed on the transfer of pollen. We are avidly watching our caterpillars grow!
<b>Y6</b>	Year 6 have been learning to read pie charts and continuous line graphs. They have also been exploring what places are special or sacred to themselves and others. In addition to that, they have been learning to name clothing in French and are making an evolution of the Peppered Moth mini book. We have been doing lots of preparation for our SATs tests and have been very focussed in our preparation. Don't forget to keep reading at home!

## WHEN TO WEAR PE KITS TO SCHOOL.

**MONDAY**

**BANK HOLIDAY!**

**TUESDAY**

**INSET DAY!**

**WEDNESDAY**

3DB

3TWB

4VC

4R

6W

6H

**THURSDAY**

3TWB

3DB

Owls

Robins

**FRIDAY**

Ducklings

Goslings

Lorikeets

Kookaburras

**FOREST SCHOOL**

3DB