



Our core Christian Values: *Trust, Friendship, Creativity, Courage, Respect, Compassion*

Headteacher's Message

As you are now aware schools are closed to all but a few children in order to stop the spread of Coronavirus. I know that this is an extremely worrying time for all our families. Please be assured that we have made every effort to ensure life in our school has continued as usual for the children who have been able to attend. Thank you to all our staff for their calm and professional manner and to all our children for continuing their learning with smiles on their faces. We had a celebration assembly this morning, the first of the week, which began and ended with Mr Pollock leading the school in singing some of our favourite songs. Look out for the video which will be posted on our website early next week.

We have made as much information available to you via Seesaw and our other online systems. We are in the process of updating our website. Very soon you will find all the links you need for your child on the relevant class pages. These will already have been communicated to you via Seesaw and in the home learning packs which were sent home earlier in the week.

We have challenging times ahead. I do not want our children to leave today feeling like they are saying goodbye to us. It is not the end of term or the end of the school year and the message we are giving our children is that school will be carrying on; we will all merely be learning and communicating with each other in different ways. Please keep in contact with your child's class teacher via Seesaw. I have access to all class Seesaw groups and look forward to seeing your child's learning continuing at home.

We hope to see you all in the not too distant future. In the meantime keep up the home learning, and keep safe.

Mrs Parsons

Conker Class Walk on the Wild Side

Conker Class went on a trip last Monday to the Wild Project in Bristol. We had a lovely day exploring the zoo and its fascinating residents. We saw giraffes, meerkats, bears, wolves, cheetahs, baboons, lemurs and many more! The children enjoyed getting up close to the animals and studying their patterns, what they eat, how they run/walk and even what they smell like. We also spent some time with one of the Zoo Rangers, making magic muddy potions, walking through the woods and using natural resources to paint a picture. We were very lucky with the weather as it started to rain just as we got on to the bus to go home. It was lovely see Conker Class enjoying themselves in such an interesting new environment.



Maple trip to Bath Abbey – Easter Experience

Maple Class spent Monday afternoon at Bath Abbey exploring the Easter Story. They participated in a re-enactment of the Last Supper, met a Roman Soldier, went in the empty Tomb and saw an angel as well as shouting 'Hosanna' for the whole of the Abbey to hear!

It was a great opportunity to take time to pause and reflect on the death and resurrection of Christ.



Sport Relief - Get Your Kit On!

Thank you to everyone for getting involved with Sport Relief last week. Together we raised an impressive £130 which will go to help fund various projects across the country. The children had a very active day taking part in lots of fun sporting challenges.



Tag rugby

On Monday afternoon, the Tag Rugby team took part in a competition at Norton Hill. The team played extremely well and scored some impressive tries. Everybody had good fun as you can see from the photo and the standard of play was very high. Well done to all involved!

Head Teacher's Award Winners

Conker
Chestnut
Cedar
Willow
Cherry
Maple
Redwood

w/e 20th
March

Kyron
Freddie
Riley W
Peggy
Lila-Rose
Roman
Effie



Class Assemblies



Please come and join us at 2.30pm for our Class assemblies as follows:

Wed 25th March 2020

Cedar Class

Wed 20th May 2020

Chestnut Class

Wed 10th June 2020

Conker Class

Wed 8th July 2020

Redwood Leavers Assembly

Sports Fixtures

- Sports fixtures have been cancelled until further notice.

Christian Values Awards

The children recognised for demonstrating our Christian Values this week are:

Courage: Willow, Lauren, Aimee S, Liliana, Otto, Daniel B, Dexter, Max S, Noah H

Outside School Achievements



Aaron (Y4) competed in a gymnastics competition on Sunday and managed to fight off fierce competition to win a silver medal for his floor routine. He ended up with a bronze medal overall. Aaron's parents are very proud of the hard work, passion and dedication he shows – well done **Aaron!**

Rhianydd has received her certificate from The Little Princess Trust after she had her lovely long hair cut off to donate to them – well done **Rhianydd!**

Isaac (Y1) has achieved his Level 2 Learn to Swim award – good work **Isaac!**



Could you be our next Parent Governor?



As you may have seen on the School Ping we are asking for nominations for parent governors. Think you might be interested but not sure what it entails? In short, our role as governors can be broken down into three main areas:

- 1) Providing a clear vision and strategic direction for the school,
- 2) Holding the headteacher and senior leadership team to account for the performance of the school and its pupils
- 3) Ensuring that we are budgeting appropriately for the needs of the school.

But what does this mean in practice? And more importantly, how much time is it going to take?!

We meet as a Local Governing Body six times a year – once per term – and review the progress that has been made as a school. All our governors also have responsibility for one area of the curriculum, for instance literacy or science, and are encouraged to meet regularly with the member of staff that oversees that part of the curriculum. In terms of the time commitment, there are six meetings and perhaps three monitoring visits to school. The Midsomer Norton Schools' Partnership also provides comprehensive governor training and we would encourage all governors to attend this when they can.

Still think you might be interested? Please feel free to get in touch to ask any questions or get a more detailed run down of the role – you can contact me on jen.hird@msnpartnership.com

Digital Parenting

Following on from our recent and continuing focus on internet safety, we hope you found the Digital Parenting booklets useful. As part of the same initiative, Vodafone have now launched a free online safety resource called The Digital Family Pledge. This tool is intended for families to use to help them set good digital habits.

The Pledge covers four important topics: screen time, online bullying, social media and gaming. It uses a series of quiz-like questions to prompt families to discuss and agree some rules on how to use tech and act online. The information is tailored for children aged 5-13 years.

You can find the tool by going to www.vodafone.co.uk/familypledge



School Calendar Term 4

| Date | Event | Notes |
|----------------|--|--------------|
| Mon 23rd March | Willow Class Parent Workshop: History – Making Iron Age Food | Cancelled |
| Tue 24th March | Dance Umbrella | Postponed |
| Wed 25th March | Cedar Class Assembly | Cancelled |
| Mon 30th March | Parents Morning – KS1 | Cancelled |
| Mon 30th March | Parents Evening | Cancelled |
| Wed 1st April | Parents Morning – KS2 | Cancelled |
| Wed 1st April | Parents Evening | Cancelled |
| Fri 3rd April | Easter Bonnet Parade | Whole School |
| Fri 3rd April | End of Term 4 – no TASC tonight | |