



Friday 1st May 2020

**Newsletter 29** 

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

### Headteacher's Message

It was good to see so many children re-engaging with their learning after Easter and getting straight back into the daily home learning routine. Despite the many difficulties of remote teaching and learning, children, parents, carers, teachers and teaching assistants are all doing a marvellous job; this is reflected in the very high standard of work being produced by the children. Thank you parents and carers for resuming your roles as home educators. We appreciate your continued support and commitment to your child's education. It is making a real difference. Keep it up everyone!

This week a new YouTube Channel has been set up by the DfE to support children with learning phonics. I would encourage our EYFS and KS1 parents to visit the Channel as there is a new lesson broadcast each weekday. Full details including a letter to parents can be found on our school website via the <a href="English - Phonics">English - Phonics</a>, Reading and Writing web page, or you can go directly to the 'Letters and Sounds' YouTube Channel.

I would also like to draw you attention to *The Book of Hopes: Words and Pictures to Comfort, Inspire and Entertain Children in Lockdown.* It is edited by award-winning children's author, Katherine Rundell and is completely free. It is a collection of short stories, poems, essays and pictures which has contributions from more than 110 children's writers and illustrators, including Lauren Child, Anthony Horowitz, Greg James and Chris Smith, Michael Morpurgo, Liz Pichon, Axel Scheffler, Francesca Simon, Piers Torday, Jacqueline Wilson – and Katherine herself.

The Book of Hopes aims to comfort, inspire and encourage children during lockdown through delight, new ideas, ridiculous jokes

and heroic tales. There are true accounts of cats and hares and plastic-devouring caterpillars; there are doodles and flowers; revolting poems and beautiful poems; and there are stories of space travel and new shoes and dragons.

The collection is dedicated to the doctors, nurses, carers, porters, cleaners and everyone currently working in hospitals. <u>Here is the link</u> to this online book, which can also be found on each class web page and in the news section of our website.

You may have seen in the news or on social media this week that the Oak National Academy has launched its online classroom and hub which the DfE are promoting. The Academy offers 180 video lessons each week for parents to use at home across a broad range of subjects. The lessons cover children in Reception through to Year 10 and are completely free. The videos may not tie into all of the great work our teachers are setting, but your children may enjoy the videos for additional support: <a href="https://www.thenational.academy/">https://www.thenational.academy/</a>

This week our Year 3 children have put together a collection of poems and tongue twisters performed especially for our Gracewell friends. Take a look at our web page dedicated to the residents of Gracewell to find out more.

Please feel free to contact me via the school office email or Seesaw if you have any concerns or worries you wish to share or discuss. Thank you once again for your continued support. Take care of each other and stay safe.

Mrs Parsons

### **Acorn Class**



#### **Class News:**

Acorns have all really enjoyed the sunshine over the past week, with many going on lots of walks and bike rides.

Acorns staff have bumped into some of you while you have been doing your daily exercise and it has been so lovely to see you all. This week Thea did a brilliant obstacle course after watching Mrs Kirby's video. Ava S and Leyna have been really busy doing some super numeracy work too.

We also have a budding photographer among us, Grace has taken some beautiful flower photographs while out and about on her walks. Ivy has produced an amazing pair of weather goggles, I hope they encourage the sunny weather to come back!

Mrs Stock would like to say a huge well done Acorns, you are all superstars and I am very proud of you all. Keep up the amazing work everyone and I am looking forward to seeing more photos of what you have been doing.





### Thought of the week

Our school mission statement is Learning, Growing, Believing Together. This week I would like to invite you as a family to focus on growing. At the start of lockdown I was given some seeds which I planted and I have been caring for these little seedlings over the past couple of weeks. My hope is that they will grow strong enough to plant out in my garden and ultimately provide me with delicious beetroot and lettuce.

My plants need my care and attention in order to thrive and grow. We too, are growing as we learn, even though our learning looks somewhat different at the moment. Can you take some time this week to plant some seeds? Sunflowers, cress and runner beans are generally very successful, otherwise try planting a seed from a melon or a pip from an apple to see what happens. Send your pictures to office@trinitychurchschool.com.

Jesus described himself as a vine (a plant

that produces grapes). He said, We are like the branches - if we remain in him, we can bear much fruit. John 15: 4

Can you demonstrate some of our Christian Values as these are indeed the fruit Jesus was talking about.

On Thursday morning I, like so many others, watched the online assembly by the Government's Oak National Academy.

Justin Welby (Archbishop of Canterbury) had 3 words of encouragement which he called "the three P's":

- Positivity
- Patience
- Keep going under Pressure

I think they are so important generally in life, but they have even more significance during these unusual times.

Mrs Clements

### **Conker Class**

#### **Class News:**

Well done Conkers, once again you have all had a fantastic week. This week we have continued to look at the story, 'Lost and Found'. The children have created their own pizzerias - sharing and halving their pizzas equally between their toys. They have been thinking about the people who have helped us and the importance of their role in society. I have set the children many challenges including doubling the size of a robot, painting a picture only using primary colours and completing Miss Le Brun's art challenge. Conkers have told me what they would take to the South Pole; many said blankets, jumpers, hats and scarves as it is freezing when you arrive and you might get stuck in a blizzard. They have looked closely at the animals of the South Pole and their habitats, labelling the key features of a penguin and making videos to tell me what they have found out whilst investigating the South Pole.

Domino Addition

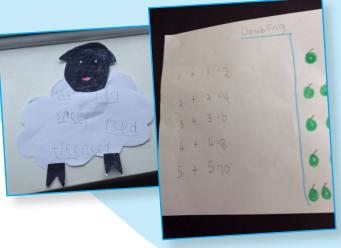
Miss Southwell



Courage: Ethan has been working really hard on his letter formation, even when he does not get it the first time, he finds the strength to keep going and perseveres with his writing. Well done!

Courage: Bevan has been working very hard at school, despite this strange time. He has impressed many teachers who have been working with him. Well done Bevan, keep up the good work!





### **HT Award**

This week goes to

Lacey as she has
been working so hard on writing
sentences independently, focusing
on her letter formation, finger
spaces and full stops. Not only
has she done a super job with her
phonics, she has impressed me
with her doubling ability. Well done
Lacey, keep up the hard work.

### **Chestnut Class**

#### **Class News:**

Another fantastic week of home learning from Chestnut Class! This week we've immersed ourselves into the world of the Lion King. We've written film/story reviews, diary entries and even written our own version of the story. In Science we've discovered which animals in the Savannah are herbivores, omnivores and carnivores and in Geography we've explored facts about Africa. Did you know Africa is the second largest continent in the world? We've started a new History project to find out who Walt Disney was and how he has influenced the world we live in today. The children have made some wonderful masks of their favourite character in the Lion King, they have become actors and actresses and starred in their own Lion King story! It has been a fun week with everyone working hard. A huge well done to Year One - your effort, creativity and resilience continues to amaze me every week. Thank you for being the amazing class that you are, in the words of Mufasa "Never forget who you are!"

Mrs Roberts

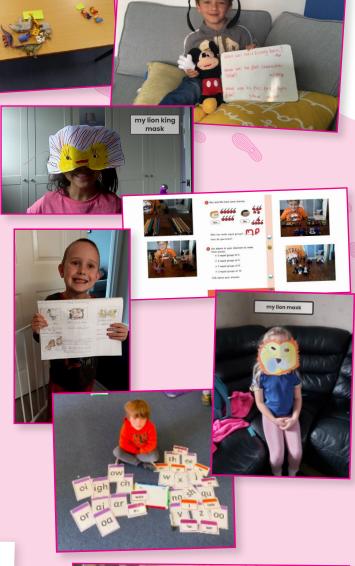


**Courage: Mila** for learning to ride her bike without stabilisers.

#### **Compassion/Respect:** Corey

- for always remembering his manners. It has been so nice hearing Corey's voice saying 'thank you' on his work.







### **HT Award**

I have chosen to give the award to **Ada**, who without fail every week completes her home learning challenges with creativity and 100% effort. **Ada** perseveres and shows resilience in all that she does, particularly in some of the maths which she has found tricky. **Ada** has also been showing true compassion by helping her younger siblings regularly. Well done **Ada** for being so kind and caring, for pushing yourself and not giving up!

### **Cedar Class**



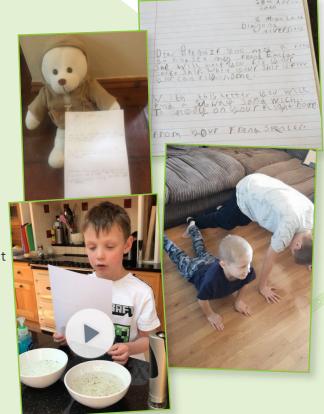
#### **Class News:**

Well what a wonderful week we've had in Cedar Class! We have started a book together this week - 'Beegu' by Alexis Deacon, and I have thoroughly enjoyed receiving the work that has been produced. Beegu now has some friends that have been created and some letters of advice to read through.

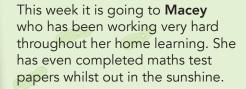
Some of us are getting very good at producing videos! I have enjoyed watching your weather reports, science experiments, hygiene investigations and family fitness workouts. Ben created a video to explain why washing our hands is important - it was almost like a magic show watching the 'germs' disperse.

Children, you have blown me away with your creativity this week from your Beegu friends, to your 'Earth' artwork. I can't wait to see what you get up to next week.

Miss Musgrove



### **HT Award**







**Creativity: Rebecca** and **Spencer** for their Beegu drawings.

**Creativity: Riley** for his 'Earth' drawing.

**Creativity: Emily** for her fabulous 3D boat.

**Creativity: Ben** for his Duplo zoo video and science investigation.

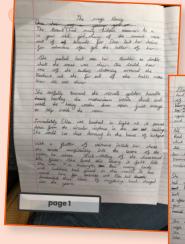


## HT Award

This week, the Headteacher award goes to not one, but two fantastic members of Willow Class.

The first award goes to **Josie** for her incredibly creative, descriptive and beautiful story-writing at home. It was wonderful to read such a fantastically well-crafted piece of writing.

The second award goes to **Evie** for her wonderfully-presented and performed tongue twister for the residents of Gracewell. I know that they will enjoy the performance as much as me.











**Courage: Miya** - For adapting to life in school this week with calm courage and a big smile. Well done.

**Creativity: Ruby** - For her incredible efforts at recreating Monet's River Thames picture at home and exploring reflection and sunlight on water.

**Creativity: Cerys** - For introducing climate zones to me using a green screen and then narrating a global weather report created at home. I was transfixed.

**Friendship:** Hermyone - for looking after Miya on her return to the classroom. What a great friend.

**Friendship/Creativity: Chloe** for creating the most beautiful portraits of Mrs Weaver and Mrs Meredith. It really brightened our week.





### Willow Class

#### **Class News:**

Willow Class hasn't let the weather affect their mood this week. The children have performed poems and tongue twisters - some written by themselves - to cheer up the residents of Gracewell in Bath.

In Science, we've been investigating light sources and conducting our own science investigation at home which has led us to make discoveries such as darkness is the absence of light and that light travels in straight lines.

Alongside this, we're all continuing to enjoy Roald Dahl's The Twits in Guided Reading (although some of the tricks Mr and Mrs Twit play on each other are disgusting), explore the painting style of Claude Monet and discover how to create spreadsheets in Purple Mash. Not to mention all the fantastic Maths and English Willow Class are completing on top of this! Who knew life could be so busy in lockdown.

Mrs Weaver

### **Cherry Class**

#### **Class News:**

Cherry Class is now in full-swing of Term 5 and we have been up to all sorts with our home learning this week! From tasting new, healthy foods, to starting rehearsals for a Virtual Choir, Year 4 have been working their socks off each day to produce some fantastic work. This week, we finished off our Money topic, continued to explore the wonders of the USA and dived into the human digestive system (not literally!)

Once again, the children have shown tenacity, determination and perseverance even when faced with some tricky Maths and Grammar activities. I couldn't ask for a better class to face this home-schooling challenge with! Thank you for keeping a smile on my face with your continued energy and motivation Cherry Class.

Miss Treasure



Again, I found it almost impossible to choose this week with so many children putting 110% into their home learning. This week, I have chosen to give the Headteacher's Award to 2 children in Cherry Class. It goes to Liliana and Imogen this week for their outstanding effort every single day with their home learning and going above and beyond to ensure all of their work is completed and to the best of their ability. I have been so impressed with both of these girls since the very beginning of home learning and their motivation and enthusiasm is still just as high today! Well done girls, you're doing great!











### Christian Value Award



Courage: Liliana, Aaron, Noa, Noah, Ava, Jack, Mia, Max, Bertie and Sophia for trying new foods this week. An extra special well done to Liliana and Aaron for making videos of their tasting so I could see their reactions!

**Creativity: Jack** for his impressive RE video and **Mia** for her brilliant RE slideshow - both showed fantastic creativity using their Computing skills!



### **Maple Class**

#### **Class News:**

Maple Class have continued their fantastic start to term 5. As well as tackling some challenging maths the children have written some incredible stories!

They have also been busy researching amphibians in science and the rock cycle in geography.

I have also enjoyed seeing all of their colourful art work as they produced pictures based on Romero Britto!

Lots of the children have also been busy in the kitchen completing a DT project to make bread.

I am incredibly proud of you all. Keep up the hard work!

Mr Pollock



### **HT Award**









### Christian Value Award



Compassion: I was moved this week by the actions of **Bella** in my class. After hearing about a community in Uganda who had been badly affected by the coronavirus she decided to do a sponsored silence to raise money. She raised an impressive £247 to send.

Well done Bella!

Friendship: It has been lovely to see so many siblings supporting each other and working together over the last few weeks. This week I would like to give two friendship awards to Ethan and Esme for working with their siblings.

### **Redwood Class**

#### **Class News:**

This week I re-introduced the Century learning platform to the class with differing outcomes! It was a steep learning curve for us all but by and large we got there in the end. We will continue to use this for our science lessons for the term; hopefully by the end, we'll have mastered it! It is Redwood's task of cheering up the Gracewell residents next week and we've had some wonderful creative ideas sent in. Well done Amy-Jade on the majorettes routine you did so beautifully for the Gracewell residents - watch it here: Majorette

I hope they cheered up the residents as much as they made me smile. Finally, I want to say a big thank you to the parents of the Redwood Class children who have continued to support their children with their learning. I know how hard it is but you're all doing a great job!

#### Mrs Jones

**HT Award** 

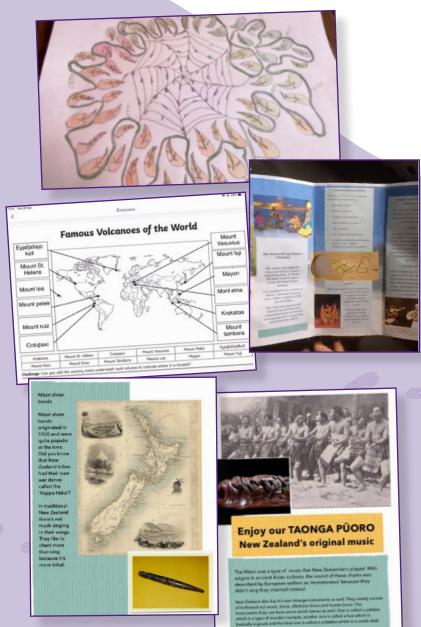


**Theo** for a fantastic story based on a picture from Pobble 365 called It must be Magic!

His slideshow on humanism was informative and creative! Well Done.

Here is the link to all the children's audio stories written last week https://www.trinitychurchschool.com/our-classes/redwood-class.htm







Parental nomination: Compassion: Aimee L

"Aimee has been incredible - some days she makes us breakfast in bed because she said now we have time to lie in she wants us to rest. She's always there to give a cuddle or some love or offer to help. She's just a complete joy, always thinking of others and from a selfish point of view I will miss this all being part of life and her just being with us all the time"

Parental nomination: **Friendship: Kane** 

Kane for helping his siblings with their work as well as doing his own.

### Outdoor learning

Picture 1 Sticks peeled and painted for Easter

Picture 2 Bluebell and Lesser Celandine in the woods

Picture 3 Using peeler safely to remove thin bark from a

stick before painting/colouring it

Hi Everyone! I hope you have enjoyed some of the activities we put online for you, making a Mandala, whittling with a peeler and identifying wild flowers? Leah and I are missing our Thursdays of outdoor learning with you all, but we hope that you are able to do some of the activities at home. There are more coming! Meanwhile, at Westfield we have been rearing some tadpoles in one of the classrooms, gardening, doing a pea and broad bean observation plus, of course, making shelters and hot chocolate in the woodland area. It will be so much fun when we are all together again; maybe in the Batch writing poems or singing around the fire at school. Until then we'll send you ideas for things you can do outside whilst exercising or in your garden, come rain or sunshine!

Love and Bluebells from Angela and Leah.



Here are some additional links related to speech and language therapy which may help some of the children:

#### https://www.bathnes1bd.org.uk/pages/coronaviruscovid-19

This link has recently been shared by my manager and we really recommend it as a resource. It contains links to other sites that may be useful to parents, including a section for parents of children with ASD and SEND.

For younger children with language difficulties:

#### https://speechandlanguage.info/parents/activities

For older or junior age children with language difficulties we have found these sites useful:

#### https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zrqqtfr

BBC Bitesize grammar and sentence structure activities.

https://www.dogonews.com/ or https://www. bbc.co.uk/newsround for easy read and accessible news stories. Great for comprehension questions or discussion.

https://www.funenglishgames.com/grammargames. html Interactive games at different levels for working on different language targets e.g. conjunctions.



### **Free School Meals**

If your financial situation has changed during the pandemic and you want to find out if you are entitled to receive free school meals, please contact B&NES directly:

Email freeschoolmeals@bathnes.gov.uk

They will need you to tell them your National Insurance Number or National Asylum Seeker Support Number when you call. Please note that the Local Authority will check your eligibility to qualifying benefits on your behalf using the DFE online Free School Meal Eligibility Checking Service. Your National Insurance or National Asylum Seeker Support Number and Date of Birth must be completed clearly and accurately.

### Here are some useful links:

- Camhs Resources to help support mental health and wellbeing
- A useful community support information leaflet -April 2020
- Oxford Owl free eBook library
- <u>TrackitLights free home school pack</u> our school behaviour reward tracking system, 'TrackitLights' has produced a Home-Schooling Pack especially for parents. It's designed to complement the work that teachers are providing and to make home-schooling fun (and a bit more manageable!).



# FIRE SAFETY IN THE HOME

Keeping you safe from fire, while you stay safe at home.



### IN THE KITCHEN...

DON'T leave pans unattended while cooking and NEVER leave children and pets in the kitchen alone.

Keep cooking areas clear from combustible items like tea towels, oven gloves and food packaging.

Clean your oven and grill regularly.
A build up of fat and grease can
cause a fire.

Ditch the chip pan.



### **ELECTRICAL ITEMS**

Check your electricial appliances are in good working order. If the wires are damaged or frayed, do not use them.

DON'T leave washing machines, tumble dryers or dishwashers running overnight.

**HEATERS** should be kept well away from clothes, curtains, furniture and other flammable materials.

**NEVER use heaters to dry clothes.** 

Make sure they're switched off and unplugged before you go to bed.





### SMOKE ALARMS

save lives, but only if they're working. You should have AT LEAST ONE smoke alarm on every level of your home.

You should test your smoke alarms at least monthly.

### ONE SOCKET = ONE PLUG



Don't overload your plug sockets. Appliances such as washing machines should have a single plug to themselves as they are high powered.



