# **Trinity Church School**

Learning, Growing, Believing Together



Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020

Newsletter 03

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



# Thought of the week

We have been given a new slogan to remind us to do our bit to drive down the spread of the Coronavirus. Advice from the government is often confusing and this can result in many of us feeling worried and anxious. This week as we get to grips with the **hands, face, space** message, let's use it to spread positivity between each other.

- 1. Hands: Use your hands to wave, give a thumbs-up or even make a 'Jiggie Hug' this is where you create a heart with your hands and aim it towards a friend;
- 2. Face: So often our smiles are covered with a mask these days therefore, let's adopt 'kind eyes'. Make eye contact with people, listen carefully and show kindness and compassion through the look in your eyes. Use kind words to affirm and build each other up;
- **3. Space:** We need to continue to socially distance from each other but let's make our body language positive. Try unfolding your arms and waving at your friends.

### Outside Achievements

Last week we made a mistake, for which we apologise. The beautiful prize-winning ceramic sheep which won the art competition was the work of the very talented **Dexter (Y5)**. Sorry Dexter - here's your photo again! In addition to this, a gymnastics award goes to Dexter this week. We are looking forward to watching your moves next week in Collective Worship.

In the last couple of weeks, **Alfie-Lee** and his brother were selected to be the virtual mascots of the Bath Rugby team! What a wonderful accolade for these massive rugby fans. <section-header>

# **Acorn Class**



#### **Class News:**

Over the last two weeks Acorns have been busy making the most of the lovely sunshine. In Outdoor Learning, the children have been collecting lots of beautiful fallen leaves and nature's treasures for activities in nursery. We used some of the leaves for leaf-printing in clay, and the rest we used for camouflage, exploring and hunting for bugs!

Acorns have also been enjoying their cooking activities - last week we made apple crumble using the apples collected from outside school and this week we made smoothies!

Now we are really noticing a change in the weather, Acorns are going to start learning all about Autumn.

I look forward to telling you all about our activities and adventures next time.

Mrs Stock



### **Black History Month**

October marks Black History Month and each Class will be studying and learning about influential figures - either historic or current, and finding out about the impact they have had on the world. You will have received more information via SeeSaw to support your child with their research.

Next week we will be sending out a special edition of the newsletter showcasing all the wonderful work the children are doing on this subject.







### School Council 📫



A reminder that our newly elected School Council members are:

Chestnut:	Natan and Neave	
Cedar:	Tobious and Sophie	
Willow:	Riley and Isabella	
Cherry:	Rocco and Phoebe-Mai	
Maple:	Noa J and Ella-June	
Redwood:	Daniel R and Bear	

# **Conker Class**



#### **Class News:**

Over the past two weeks, Conker Class has been very busy. Last week, we investigated the meaning of *hibernation*; in particular focusing on the hibernation of bears. One afternoon, Conkers made dens in the classroom in preparation for the Winter. Then it became Spring and food was once again available for them. Conker Class had to predict which water bottle would stay hottest for the longest: would it be the water bottle wrapped up in fluffy material or the water bottle without an extra layer.

This week we have been looking at the story book: 'Peace at Last', focusing on the importance of sleep, why we need it and how we can get the best night's sleep. The children came up with some fantastic answers such as: 'Because we need energy for the next day'; 'So we are not grumpy'; 'We need to read books at bedtime' and 'We need to wear pyjamas to keep us warm at night'. We talked about finding something relaxing to do before bed, so we had a go at yoga!

Alongside this, we have begun our Phase 2 Phonics, looking at *s a t p i* and *n*. During Maths, we have looked at numbers 1-4. Talking about the language 'one more', 'one less' and '1st, 2nd and 3rd'.

Conkers have been working hard and trying new challenges - well done!

Miss Southwell

### Headteacher's <mark>Award</mark>

w/e 25/09/20: lvy

w/e 02/10/20: Milo















## **Chestnut Class**



The past two weeks have flown by and Chestnut Class has been very busy. Our English lessons have been based on *The Gruffalo* - we have described the characters and worked on our sentence structure. In Maths, we have been representing numbers in lots of different ways and thinking about the days of the week. As Scientists, we have investigated plants, labelled them and discovered whether trees are deciduous or evergreen. In Geography, we have thought about our local area, created our own maps and combined our geographer skills with our art talent to re-create our own houses. We have had great fun exploring Google Maps!

Amongst all of this hard work we have had a class challenge for everyone to get over 10 house points in one day. I am very pleased to see that we have achieved it! The next challenge is 15 house points.

#### Mrs Roberts

Headteacher's Award

w/e 25/09/20: Annabelle w/e 02/10/20: January











# Cedar Class



#### **Class News:**

Time flies when you're having fun and what a wonderful couple of weeks of learning it has been in Cedar Class!

At the start of term, we learnt all about time and we are now looking at the clock throughout the day to see if we can spot o'clock and half-past times.

In Science, we have investigated materials and their properties by deciding, explaining and debating the odd one out in a group.

This week we have also been designers and planned our dream homes. Some of us have included a fantasy map, using real OS map symbols and a key!

In Art, we have continued with our featured artist Lowry and we have made matchstick men creations using paint, charcoal and newspapers. These scenes are now displayed in our classroom where you can find our newspaper streets. This mixed media approach has continued during Outdoor Learning where we have used natural materials to paint with. We have pictures made out of berry juices, tree rubbings and grass stains.

I cannot wait to see what materials we use in our learning next week!

#### **Miss Musgrove**

Headteacher's Award

w/e 25/09/20: Xavier

w/e 02/10/20: Violet







# **Willow Class**



#### **Class News:**

What a lot of work has been going on in Willow Class over the last two weeks! In English, we've begun to story map our Egyptian Cinderella stories and I know that this is going to be transformed into the most fabulous stories from our budding authors over the next couple of weeks.

We have been investigating magnetic materials and classifying which materials are magnetic and which materials are non-magnetic, as well as investigating the strength of different magnets. In Maths, we have been learning all about place value and estimating numbers on a number line.

In History, we have learnt about mummification and all about the different Egyptian Gods and Goddesses and we have started our Egyptianthemed DT lessons where we'll be designing and creating our own canopic jars.

This wonderful bunch continues to delight me with their enthusiasm and fantastic sense of humour.

Willow Class - you are superstars!

Mrs Weaver

### Headteacher's <mark>Award</mark>

w/e 25/09/20: Travis

w/e 02/10/20: Isabella



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# Cherry Class

#### **Class News:**

Cherry Class has been working exceptionally hard over the past fortnight. In our Literacy lessons, the children brought me close to tears with their breathtaking writing of biographies and diary entries about Sir Ernest Shackleton and their beautiful polar poems for National Poetry Day. In Geography, we have been learning about Antarctica's physical and human features, as well as finding out more about the explorers involved in the race to the South Pole! Our Year 4 Mathematicians have been working hard on their place value knowledge over the last few weeks and are showing brilliant resilience within their learning. Finally, in our Science lessons we have continued with our learning about electricity, building our own electrical circuits and making predictions about conductive materials.

Amongst all of this hard work, the Year 4 children have continued to display exemplary behaviour and a positive attitude towards their learning. Well done Cherry Class, keep it up!

**Miss Treasure** 



w/e 25/09/20: Jacob w/e 02/10/20: Ajay













# Maple Class



#### **Class News:**

Time flies! We have been working on telling the time in Maple Class over the last week and a half. It is a complicated business, but I am so impressed with the progress the children have made with reading and converting analogue, 12 hour and 24 hour digital clocks.

We have enjoyed innovating the story of: *The Great Kapok Tree* by *Lynne Cherry* in our writing lessons. Descriptive writing and punctuating speech have been our focuses and the children have produced some brilliant pieces of writing.

We have continued to learn more about tropical rainforests. The children have explored how plants have adapted to the conditions and had fun designing their own plants that would be able to compete for sunlight, protect their leaves from being eaten and survive the wet and warm conditions.

In History, we have started looking at the Ancient Maya civilisation. Most recently, the children have been answering: *What was everyday life like for the Maya*?

The children's Netball skills have come on in leaps and bounds. So far we have worked on moving on and off the ball and passing techniques. Mr Lucy has been putting the class through their paces with Football this term and has also been very impressed with the children's attitude and skill demonstrated.

Keep it up Maple Class!

Mr Pollock

### Headteacher's Award

w/e 25/09/20: Logan A

w/e 02/10/20: Jamie









# **Redwood Class**



#### **Class News:**

Another busy two weeks! Last week we started our diary entry writing based on one of the characters from *Pig Heart Boy*. The children were able to use some very technical vocabulary such as *immunologist*, *transgenics* and *xenotransplantation*. Our Science lessons focused on the heart and lungs and their functions. In Maths, we started the next block of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division where we've done lots of revision from the previous year's learning. I am starting to see that the children are working at a greater pace and have developed more stamina over the past two weeks.

In Geography this term, we are focusing on Kenya; we are exploring how the country is changing and learning about 'Eco-tourism' within the Maasai Mara National Park. In Art, we have studied the features of African masks and are well on our way to designing our own ahead of sculpting our designs towards the end of term.

As part of our learning during Black History Month, we will be researching Lewis Hamilton, John Lewis and Anthony Walker - three influential people who challenge racism and promote equality.

Mrs Jones

Headteacher's <mark>Award</mark>

w/e 25/09/20: Max w/e 02/10/20: Evie



### **Christian Values Awards**



The children recognised for demonstrating our Christian Values over the last two weeks are:

Friendship:	Sonny YR; Annabelle Y1; Henry Y2; Charlie and Jacob Y4; Ella-June Y5	
Courage:	Winston YR, Savannah Y2	
Creativity:	Milo YR, Sophie, Leo, Ada, Georgia, Jacob, Elsie, Corey, Olly, Isaac, Milo and Freddie Y2	

Thank you to everyone who brought in a donation for JeansforGenes Day - we raised a fantastic:





### **Drop-Off and Pick-Up times**

### Norton Hill Open Evening for current Year 6 pupils

We have received the following message from Norton Hill regarding arrangements for their open evening this year:- This COVID business has meant that the usual open evening we have at this time of year has gone virtual. We have been busy putting together a virtual resource that we hope will act as a good substitute to an 'inperson' visit.

I would be delighted if you could share this news amongst parents of year 6 students particularly if they are thinking of selecting Norton Hill for their child in September. There will be a link to our Virtual Open Evening on the Norton Hill Website. https://www.nortonhillschool.com/

Kind regards,

#### Mr M Serle

Assistant Head Teacher Academic Standards & Pastoral Support Norton Hill School

Class	Arrival	Departure
Acorns	Between 8.30-8.50am Via nursery gate	End of morning session (no lunch) - 11.45am End of morning session (with lunch) - 12.15pm End of day - between 3-3.15pm
Conker	8.50-9am	2.45pm
Chestnut	8.30-8.50am	2.50pm
Cedar	8.30-8.50am	2.55pm
Willow & Cherry	8.30-8.50am	3.00pm
Maple & Redwood	8.30-8.50am	3.15pm (If you wish your child to walk home by themselves please ensure you have completed the form on Ping or informed the School Office)

**Please note:** the double yellow lines outside the school gates are the same as any elsewhere - we therefore remind you that you must not park on them at any time, for any length of time. Our school bus company has contacted us advising that they have had difficulty approaching the school gates since the start of term because parents are parked illegally - obviously delivery drivers and emergency vehicles would have the same issue. Many thanks for your cooperation.

# MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS DAY - FRIDAY 9TH OCTOBER

In support of World Mental Health Awareness Day, we are asking children to wear something yellow for £1 on Friday 9th October. The School Council will be at the school gates with buckets to collect your donations.

On the day, Miss Musgrove's yellow car will be filled with yellow balloons! Guess

the number of balloons in her car and if you are correct you will win a prize! 50p per guess

We will also have a Hello Yellow photo booth, the school council will be on hand to take your photos with a variety of yellow props - there is no charge for this, it's just for fun!

All money raised will go to the 'Hello Yellow' mental health charity

### **Office News**

MAKE IT YOUR TIME

ON WORLD MENTAL

**HEALTH DAY** 

#HelloYellow

#### **School Lunches**

Don't forget - if you are booking school lunches on ParentPay, you need to do it by 3pm on a Thursday for the following week or there may not be enough meals for everyone expecting a school lunch. You will need to make the menu choices even if you do not pay for school meals. Please note that children will be unable to change their choices on the day.

#### **Data Collection Forms**

We are still missing some of these contact details forms could you please check your child's bag as we sent out replacement forms for those we hadn't received back. Please check the details and even if there are no changes, sign and date the reverse of the form before sending back in. We need an up to date, signed copy of the form for each child in school. Many thanks.

#### Wraparound Care

You can pay for wraparound care for your child/ren with either childcare vouchers or using the tax free childcare system. If you have any queries regarding this, please contact Mrs Clayton in the office by email office@trinitychurchschool.com

Mrs Clayton and Miss Hathaway

### Dates for your Calendar 2020/21

Date	Event	Notes
Fri 9th October	"Hello Yellow" for World Mental Health Day Wear something yellow for a £1 donation	
Mon 19th October	School Photos	
Wed 21st October	Term 1 ends	Whole school
Mon 2nd November	INSET Day	Whole school
Tues 3rd November	Term 2 begins	Whole school
Tues 10th November	Flu vaccinations	YR-Y6
Fri 18th December	Term 2 ends	Whole school