

# **Trinity Church School**

Learning, Growing, Believing Together



Friday 15th May 2020

**Newsletter 31** 

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

# Headteacher's Message

Hello Everyone.

I hope you are well and keeping safe.

All parents/carers should now have received the latest communication from the Trust regarding the potential re-opening of schools in June to a wider group of children. (The letter can be accessed here). Whilst there is still a lot of uncertainty about the re-opening and still many questions that have yet to be answered, we have already started to plan how a return to school could work at Trinity. As per the government guidance we are beginning to draw up plans and risk assessments for allowing children from our Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 to return from 1st June. Thank you to the parents of children in the identified year groups who have responded to our survey and indicated whether or not you will be sending your child to school, if it is open. This is

extremely helpful to us to support our planning. As soon as we have more details regarding our return we will communicate these with you.

It has been another very productive week of home learning across the school. I love logging into Seesaw and seeing all the work, both formal and creative that the children are doing. So many are discovering they have new skills and are not afraid to try out new things. Please keep sharing children's successes with us. As always, can I thank you all again for the amazing job you are doing supporting your child's wellbeing and learning during this time. Be kind to yourselves though and be realistic in what you can do.

Take care and stay safe,

Mrs Parsons



# Thought of the week

On Wednesday it was National Nurses' Day. This week can you take time to pause and remember the nurses who are working so hard to help sick people get better? Many are working more hours and longer days, some have even moved from their home to take care of the people in hospitals and care homes. Our Christian Value this term is 'Creativity' so this week can you make a card or draw a picture thanking our wonderful nurses? Here is a prayer for you to say this week:

Dear God,

Please give nurses strength to face the day ahead,

Give them courage as they approach each hurting bed.

Give them wisdom with every word they speak

And patience as they comfort the sick and weak.

Amen

Mrs Clements



# VE DAY 2020

We hope you had fun celebrating the 75th anniversary of VE Day with your families last Friday. We have seen some brilliant examples of home made bunting and cakes to help mark such a special occasion - well done everyone.





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# **Acorn Class**

### **Class News:**

This week so far Acorns have been busy having a go at Mrs Kirby's Yoga and I know they have done some super counting with Miss Watts. I have enjoyed receiving pictures and drawings of what you have been doing this week, please keep them coming! It was lovely to hear many of Acorns singing Happy Birthday to Caspar this week, you all sounded wonderful. Have a great week Acorns and keep up the good work, you are all stars.



# **Conker Class**

#### **Class News:**

This week we have continued to explore 'Space' though our story books, 'Goodnight Spaceman' and 'Aliens Love Underpants'. Conkers continue to amaze me with their resilience and hard work ethic.

I set Conkers a science experiment this week; to make a rocket and to have a launch in their gardens. Many children took up the challenge, mixing ingredients together and watched their rockets take to the sky. For maths, many have created their own board games using addition and subtraction calculations. All the board games looked great fun and many of our Conkers won against their opponent.

I also set the children a challenge to write or to draw a picture to their friends, to let them know that they are thinking of them and missing them a lot. It was clear by the high standard of drawing, writing and colouring that a great deal of hard work, time and effort had gone into them. This activity highlighted to me how thoughtful Conkers are. Thank you.

Miss Southwell



**Friendship: January** for the beautiful picture she drew for her friends.

**Creativity: Edie** shared with me her piano lesson. It is great to see Edie learning a new skill.











### **HT Award**

This week the headteacher's award goes to **Bevan**. Bevan has been working so hard at school. He has been given tasks and in many situations has had to complete the activity independently. I have seen many photos where Bevan has used his rich language to explain his work. Super Bevan, keep up the hard work.

I would also like to give **Emma** the headteacher's award. On Wednesday, I received a spectacular space movie, 'Into the moon'. A movie about two girls taking their first trip to space; discovering moon rocks, planets and space clothing. It was clear to me that Emma has worked long hours researching our solar system and space curiosities. Thank you and well done.

# **Chestnut Class**

### **Class News:**

Continuing with our African theme, Chestnut Class has looked at the story, 'Handa's Surprise'. The children have used their senses to describe favourite fruits and have written questions about Kenya, which they then researched to find the answers. In maths the children have been doing practical halving and quartering - I've seen lots of fraction work going on with food! This week Chestnut Class were given three challenges where they had to 'show what they know' with some independent tasks. They were not allowed any help from their grown ups at all! I have been blown away by the work they have produced most of the class have written clear sentences about elephants and lions which have capital letters, finger spaces and full stops, not to mention I've seen some beautiful handwriting this week. In phonics I have been so proud of how everyone has progressed, with many recognising sounds and key words, well done! There has been lots of outstanding academic work this week but as always Chestnut Class' creativity has also shone through - there have been some beautiful Savannah paintings, toilet roll safaris and Kenyan maps

Some have designed their own safari with a range of very interesting animals! Well done Chestnut Class for another amazing week of home learning, you continue to impress me each and every day!

Mrs Roberts

### Christian Value Award



**Creativity: Ada** for her super toilet roll safari!

**Creativity: Alfie** for explaining the process of how he made his Savannah painting.

**Creativity:** Isaac, Leo, Jake and Elsie-Rose for their beautiful Savannah paintings.







This week the award goes to two people. Firstly, **Harvey** for the outstanding effort he is making with his home learning. I have been blown away by his reading progress!

The second award goes to **Savannah**, who without fail, week on week, completes her home learning to an impeccably high standard, even if she finds things tricky she doesn't give up! Well done to Harvey and Savannah!

## **Cedar Class**



### **Class News:**

In Cedar Class we have been very creative this week with our learning. I was particularly impressed with the poems that have been written! First the children created a vocabulary bank about Beegu's feelings throughout the story, then they used all the fantastic vocabulary to make their short poems with fabulous results!

The children have also been exploring with shadows and nature. Some children have experimented with moving the light source and bringing their toys near and far from light to see what happens to the shadow. Others have completed sketches of flowers they have planted or seen in their garden.

As we explore our science topic 'Growing Up And Taking Care', I have been receiving some baby photos. Can you guess which member of the class this is?

### Miss Musgrove



**Creativity: Rebecca** for learning a new instrument and performing on Seesaw.

**Courage: Alfie-Lee** for carefully using some powerful equipment to make things out of wood.

**Friendship: Spencer** and **Miley** (Y5) for baking bread as a family, **Rebecca** for craft work with her sister, **Ben** and **Annabelle** (year R) for playing cricket nicely together and for helping big sister **Ruby**.

**Trust: Macey**, whose mum is able to trust her to work independently whilst she has been looking after her little brother.

Respect: Alfie- Lee for making his bunting for VE Day.



### **HT Award**

I found it very hard to decide this week as I have received such creative work from lots of Cedar Class members - well done everybody! So this week the head teacher award is going to both **Jake E** and **Ben H**.

Jake and Ben have been working very hard and have settled into a fantastic home learning routine. Not only have they completed academic work but they have been very helpful around the home. Jake has been baking scones, planting and making windmills with his dad. Ben has helped his siblings with their work and managed to fit in painting, sewing and making some learning videos.



# HT Award

This week, the Headteacher award goes to **Oscar** for showing unbelievable thought and kindness for people outside of his immediate family.

Oscar's aunty works in a care home in Bath and Oscar has now begun regularly writing to and receiving letters from two of the residents, Doreen and Mary who have been setting him work to do at home as well as me! I know that his thoughtful and chatty letters will be a real highlight for the residents. Well done Oscar - I am very proud of you and the compassion and care you are showing for others.





### **Christian Value Award**

Creativity: Max for working with his Dad to build raised flower beds in his garden. What useful skills you are learning at home Max and I cannot wait to see what you plant in the finished beds.

**Courage:** This award goes to **Isabella** for working hard to master riding her bike. What a fantastic achievement.





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# Willow Class

#### **Class News:**

Writing instructions, labelling and identifying mountains from across the globe, practising and using all of our multiplication and division skills, getting outdoors with our sketchbooks to paint, creating picture dictionaries in science and finding new and exciting ways to exercise at home - Willow Class have attacked their learning with real gusto this week.

The bookworms of Willow Class have also been hard at work - posting videos of themselves reading aloud for Mrs Meredith to listen to and adding book reviews to our very own class blog on Purple Mash. You know which class you need to come to if you are looking for recommendations for good reads to try at home!

This week, I want to give a special shout out to some of the Doodle Maths superstars in my class. Over the last 7 days, the class has been awarded 597 stars with Peggy, Cerys, Evie, Max, Solomon, Lloyd, Jahiro and Phoebe working incredibly hard with everyone earning in excess of 30 stars. You are all superstars!

Thank you Willow Class. You make teaching an absolute pleasure and I continue to be overwhelmed with your commitment, energy and hard work.

Mrs Weaver

# **Cherry Class**

### **Class News:**

Rapping, singing, drumming, building, creating, baking, cooking, designing, organising, sharing, inventing, measuring, discussing AND researching - These are just some of the skills Cherry Class have been practising through their home learning this week. Like previous weeks, they have continued to work incredibly hard with their school work at home. We have mixed things up a little this week, with Maths investigations and freedom writing. Each day, the children have submitted wonderfully highquality, creative and engaging home learning tasks, which have kept me busy and smiling. In Science, we started to look at food chains, while in DT we designed our healthy, seasonal meals ready to make next week.

Over Term 5, Cherry Class has been practising and working hard to put on a class performance (from a distance of course!) We have been learning The Greatest Show and the children have come together to create a virtual orchestra of beautiful singing voices and impressive musical instrument playing. I have been blown away with the courage and confidence Cherry Class has shown with this music project. I am in the process of putting the virtual performance together and I'm so excited for you all to see the children's hard work come together. Once again, thank you for your continued hard work and dedication Cherry Class. It might be a strange time at the moment, but you are consistently shining!

Miss Treasure









### **HT Award**







**Trust: Ava** for working independently throughout lockdown so that her mum can help her younger sister Lacey. (nominated by Mrs Jones)

Courage: Ella-June, Noa, Bertie, Toby, Jack, Mia, Evie, Max, Logan A, Noah, Dexter, Aaron and Liliana for really stepping out of their comfort zone and sharing their beautiful singing voices and musical talents to contribute to our exciting Music project.

Courage: Imogen, Ava, Sophia, Marcus and Noah for being extremely mature, taking responsibility for their home learning and doing it completely independently and always to a really high-standard.

Creativity: Logan A, Max, Liliana, Mia, Ava, Evie, Alysha and Dexter for challenging themselves and getting in touch with their creative side to make wonderful creations during their spare time at home: from cooking, baking and obstacle courses to rapping, forts and weather/news reports!

**Creativity: Imogen** and **Logan** for their VE Day celebration creations.



# **Maple Class**

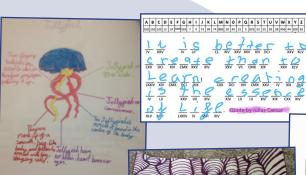
### **Class News:**

This week we have continued to write exciting stories and complete lots of challenging maths work. In addition the children have been busy learning about the structure of the Earth, invertebrates and optical illusion art. Some children have also been baking bread as part of a DT project.

Once again I have been so impressed with the children's hard work and creativity.

The children have been sharing a special skill or hobby. These videos are wonderful and showcase some hidden talents!

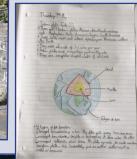
Mr Pollock



















### Christian Value Award

Creativity: Bear and Molly for their engaging videos on invertebrates.

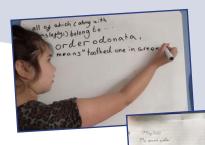
**Courage: Kai** for taking responsibility for his home learning and working hard on all tasks.

Compassion: Evie and Elsie for taking time during these challenge times to celebrate the sacrifice of others during their VE Day celebrations.

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### **HT Award**

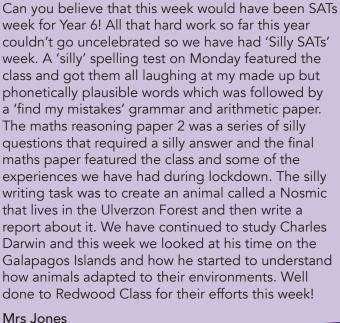
**Chloe** for working so hard over the weekend to catch up with all of her learning.

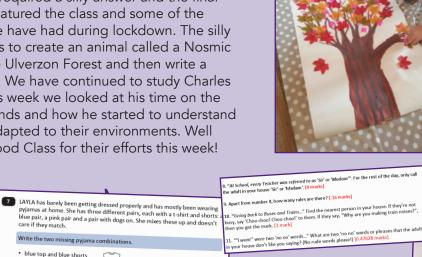
Well done.



# **Redwood Class**

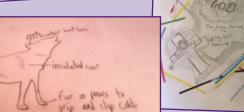
### **Class News:**











Approximately, how long is the queue in n 2m is approximately equal to 6 feet (6'). Approximately, how long is the queue in feet?

## **HT Award**

Dylan for his rendition of the war time classic Run Rabbit Run. Completely out of his comfort zone and beautifully sung.

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See the Gracewell page on the website to hear it.





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Trust: Ruby for working independently throughout lockdown so that her mum can help her younger sister Lacey. The quality of Ruby's work is outstanding.

Compassion: Daisy demonstrated thoughtful and reflective compassion in her PSHE as she explored the 5 stages of grief that Simba felt in, The Lion King.

# Outdoor learning

Hi Everybody,

Last week went very fast! I hope you had a good week. Leah and I were at Trinity yesterday making gardens for our Salt Dough creatures and gardening. Have you had a chance to make your creature yet?

First we painted our animals lovely colours; ladybirds rainbow guinea pigs with super powers, butterflies, unicorns and turtles, then made leafy green homes for them. We gathered together: old plastic containers from the recycling bin, some sand or earth, gathered some leaves, flowers, sticks, pebbles, shells, magical gems and anything else we could find. Next we arranged them to make a beautiful garden for our creatures.

Here is mine.



# 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 and the claimant's Date of Birth when you email.

# Speech and Language resources

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

# https://www.bathnes1bd.org.uk/pages/coronavirus-covid-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.

### Here are some useful links:

Here are some useful links to books that may help children in the current situation:

Nosy Crow have produced a free picture book, Coronavirus. A Book for Children, explaining it in simple language appropriate to children. It is aimed at 5 - 9 year olds:

### \* Coronavirus - A Book for Children

Anderson Press have created a free picture book, Staying Home where a family of energetic raccoons are going through a day in lockdown, no school, nursery or work - and explaining to the youngest members of the family how they're doing their part to save lives just by staying at home!

#### \* Staying Home

Oxford University Press have released a picture book Everybody Worries, to support parents and carers whose children are feeling worried or anxious about Coronavirus and the changes it brought to their lives:

https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/books/jon-burgerman-everybody-worries-free-ebook/

Hello

# COVID-19 COMMUNITY SUPPORT

If you are concerned or need support we have people who can help.

# Helpline: 0300 247 0050

We have a team of experts who can assist, and volunteers in your area.

If you can safely get support from family or friends, or can order items online, then please continue to do so.

- Delivery of urgent supplies
- 2 A friendly phone call
- 3 Collection of medication
- Money matters and work
- 5 Mental wellbeing (including loneliness, low mood, anxiety)
- 6 Advice on keeping fit
- 7 Housing issues
- Supporting your family
- 9 Food and cooking
- 10 Understanding public health advice









