

1st April 2022

Our School Christian Vision - 'Working together to build a firm foundation for learning and caring.'

Rooted in Matthew 7 24 – 25 'Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.'

Message from the Headteacher

This week has been one of firsts - Year 4 had their first trip of the year to the Roman Baths and we have finally been able to hold parents evenings face to face for the first time in two years. Although things appear to be returning to normal you may have noticed COVID-19 has not gone far. We are still getting notified of positive cases on a daily basis and we are beginning to see a rise in staff absences because of it. Schools in the area are also experiencing a similar pattern which makes the task of sourcing supply teachers near impossible. We are doing all we can to provide 'in house' cover but the situation may mean the provision the children receive varies slightly from the norm. We have everything crossed that we can ride this out as swiftly as possible! Thank you for your continued support.

We have also welcomed two visitors into school this week. On Monday Dr Gray came to visit Acorn class and talked about healthy eating and how to look after ourselves. Today we were also visited by Danni from Midsomer Veterinary Surgery and her dog Olive who spoke to Year 6 pupils about her career working as a vet and met with pupils in Years 1 and 3 to talk about the habitats and conditions that animals need to survive and how we identify different types of animals.



Mrs West-Gaul

Head Teacher

Dates for your Diary

4-6 April - Year 4 Camp
5th & 7th April - Year 2 trips to Radstock Museum
8th April - PTA Mufti Day
11th - 22nd April - Easter holidays
25th April - Start of Term 5

Term 3 Christian Value: Hope



'Hope is coupled with faith and love as one of the three most enduring gifts of the Spirit' (1 Corinthians 13:13).

Stars of the week

Well done to all of our pupils who have been awarded a certificate this week!



Acorn class	Rosie Bella
Ash class	Max
Birch class	Reuben
Chestnut class	Matthew
Elm class	Enoch
Holly class	Ruben
Hazel class	Hephziba
Maple class	Zack
Oak class	Josh C
Pine class	Archie
Rowan class	Elijah
Sycamore class	Gracie
Willow class	Devon

Rotakids: Food Bank Donation Appeal

The Rotakids have noticed in recent weeks that the amount of donations made to food bank collection points in supermarkets has dwindled. This is something that has concerned us greatly as the cost of living is rising and we are worried that more people in our local area will struggle to put enough food on the table. We would therefore like to appeal to people in our school community to bring donations into school if they are able to.

- **What?** We would be grateful for donations of: food with a long shelf-life, sanitary products, household cleaning products and carrier bags.
- **When?** We would like all donations to be made by Wednesday 6th April, so that they can be delivered to a local food bank before the Easter holidays.
- **Where?** We would be grateful if all donations could come to Miss Banwell in Year 6.

Top Doodlers this week!

Acorn - Jake
Chestnut - Poppy
Hazel - Corben
Pine - Erin
Willow - Daksha

Ash - Todd
Elm - Grayson
Maple - Oliver
Rowan - Matilda

Birch - Brie
Holly - Dylan
Oak - Rosie
Sycamore - Milo



Picture news



If you keep trying, will you always succeed?



In the news this week

The shipwreck of Sir Ernest Shackleton's ship, Endurance, has been found 107 years after it became trapped in ice and sank off the coast of Antarctica. The Falklands Maritime Heritage Trust said the ship, which had not been seen since it sank in 1915, was found by a robot at a depth of 9,868 feet (3,008 metres). Footage of the wreck shows it has been very well preserved, with the ship's wheel still intact and the name 'Endurance' still visible on the ship's stern.

Things to talk about at home ...

- How do you think the team felt when they found the Endurance shipwreck over 100 years after the ship sank?
- Can you think of a time when you've persevered and achieved something, perhaps not on your first attempt?
- Why do you think failure is harder for many of us to deal with than success?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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Gymnastics success

The hard work paid off as our gymnastics team performed amazingly at the competition at Writhlington yesterday.

Our Level 1 gymnastics came in 1st place and our Level 2 gymnastics came 3rd place out of 8 schools.

Level 1 gymnasts Gracie from Year 6 received a gold medal and Jess from Year 5 received a silver medal and in Level 2 Milo from Year 6 was awarded a silver medal.



Year 4 Roman Baths Trip

On Wednesday Year 4 pupils went on a Trip to the Roman Baths. Thank you to Phonenix, Hannah, Seb and Erin for writing this report about what they did and learnt.

In this picture year 4 are discovering the main Bath. They are listening to the audio guides which tells them what they are looking at. All of the statues are of important people to the Romans. All the year 4 are looking down at where the Romans bathed. - Phoenix



At the Roman Baths these Year 4 pupils are using the audio guides to find out more about where they were at. They are at the main Bath which is under a hot spring. - Seb



In this picture year 4 are lifting different blocks. On the right is the Roman way of lifting blocks and on the left is the modern way. The modern way is lighter than the other because it's more developed. The year 4 were very surprised when they found out the modern one was lighter because there was a bigger block. - Hannah



Year 4 are sat outside the Holburne Museum doing their footfall. Footfall is where they were counting how many people go by. Each person that walks past you do a tally. The Year 4s do this in 2 other places. The Roman Baths and the Sydney Gardens. - Erin



Year 4 Residential - Arrangements for Monday morning

Drop off at 8:20am - all luggage to the hall and then the children go into their class to be registered.

- Mrs Yarlett will be at the medication table for parents to drop off any prescribed medication or medication that has been agreed with a member of staff.
- Mrs Flagg will be at the pocket money table to collect in all named purses with any spends the children may wish to take - this should not be more than £5.
- For safeguarding reasons all parents must be off site by 8:30am but may return at 9am to wave us off!

Don't forget a packed lunch is needed for the first day and all children need to bring bedding.

Make sure you check our Facebook page for updates on our trip throughout our time away!

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EASTER SERVICES

Holy Eucharist - Monday 11th April 12 noon.

Holy Eucharist - Tuesday 12th April 7:30pm.

Holy Eucharist - Wednesday 13th April 12 noon.

Maundy Thursday Liturgy - Thursday 14th April 7:30pm.

Good Friday - Time of Meditation and Reflection - 12 - 3pm.

Easter Eve Vigil service - Saturday 16th April 7:30pm.

Easter Day services - 8am and 10am.

