

29th 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

Welcome back to the summer term. It has been lovely to see the summer uniform making an appearance and hopefully the weather will warm up a little over the coming weeks.

This week the children have begun their new History and Geography units with Year 5 exploring Mayan Civilisation, Year 4 are beginning their USA unit and Year 2 will learning about the Great Fire of London. For information about what your child is learning please look at our curriculum and year group pages on the website. As always, if you feel you are able to contribute to the children's learning please do not hesitate to contact the class teachers.

Although short, it is another busy term so please keep an eye on diary dates for specific events. Year 6 SATs week takes place on the w/c 9th May and we will be sending out further information next week regarding the arrangements for this. Young Voices takes place next Wednesday and I know the staff and children are very excited about the event, if you are unsure of any of the arrangements please contact Miss Rowse via the school office.

I hope you all have a lovely bank holiday weekend.

Mrs West-Gaul
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

2nd May - Bank holiday
4th May - Young Voices concert in London
6th & 9th May - Year 5 Bikeability
9th May - Year 6 SATs week
17th May - Class school photos
26th May - PTA Disco
30th May - 3rd June - Half Term
5th July - Sports Day (parents invited to attend)
7th July - Move up Day

Term 3 Christian Value: Friendship



The writer of Ecclesiastes puts it very simply: 'if one falls down, a friend can lift him up'. **Ecclesiastes 4:10**

Stars of the week

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



Acorn class	Mackenzie Bonnie
Ash class	Harry
Birch class	Bethany
Chestnut class	Harper
Elm class	Ceejay
Holly class	Harry D
Hazel class	Ralphie
Maple class	Teddy G
Oak class	Jayden
Pine class	Archie
Rowan class	Lacey-Mae
Sycamore class	Chloe
Willow class	Luke

Year 5 Forest School

Pupils in Year 5 have been making mandala's within forest school this week to celebrate Earth Day.

The children filled their mandala's with all that they appreciate about Earth and in turn, we saw many celebrations of the mountains, oceans, trees and plants, animals and seasonal



Forest School / PE information

A reminder of Term 5 Forest School and PE days.

	Forest School	PE		Forest School	PE
Acorn	Fri	Mon *	Maple	/	Mon & Thurs*
Ash	Tues	Tues *	Oak	Thurs	Tues & Thurs
Birch	/	Tues *	Pine	Tues	Wed* & Fri
Chestnut	/	Mon & Tues	Rowan	Tues	Wed* & Fri
Elm	Mon	Wed & Thurs	Sycamore	/	Mon * & Fri
Holly	Tues	Wed	Willow	Fri	Mon *
Hazel	Fri	Wed			

* Pupils to wear PE kit into school and bring school uniform to change into afterwards.

World Down Syndrome Awareness Day

We have received a letter from Ups and Downs South West thanking the staff, parents and pupils for the donation of **£108.46 which** was raised on Odd Sock Day.

The money will help to continue the charities work of supporting children and Young People with Down Syndrome.

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Out of School Achievement

Four students of DES Schools of Taekwondo achieved new taekwondo grades last Sunday.

Well done to Ciaran in Pine class, Teddy in Maple, Molly May and Annabelle in Hazel. Annabelle received a Distinction pass.



Driving faster can be a disaster: Seven-year-old's petition for 20mph speed limit in Midsomer Norton

Seven-year-old Chloe Purnell has certainly been making an impact in her community, with over 140 signatures on her petition to bring in 20mph speed limits to her estate in Midsomer Norton.

Chloe, who is currently undertaking her 'Speaking Out' badge at Midsomer Norton Brownies, wrote a letter and delivered it to 628 houses across Withies Park Housing estate (including Staddlestones area), asking residents to sign a petition to reduce speed limits in her area.

Chloe, who set up the petition on Change.org, said: "For my 'Speaking Out' badge, I have decided to write to B&NES Council about the fast speed that some cars travel on the Withies Park estate where I live in Midsomer Norton.

"I would like it to be safer for children walking to school and think that

it would be better if the speed limit is reduced to 20mph.

"The centre of Midsomer Norton is 20mph, but the speed changes to 30mph just past my school on Redfield Road.

"I hope that you might like to support me - driving faster can be a disaster!"

Chloe's Mum, Sharon, told *The Journal*: "She has certainly found the residents to be receptive and had 140 signatures for her petition, just from the letters.

"It was lovely to see that someone had also written a letter to *The Journal*

last week in support of her petition.

"As a seven-year-old with no access to social media or email, writing a letter to the residents was the only way she could get her idea out to our neighbourhood."

Once Chloe's petition has gained more support, the final stage of her task will be to present it to B&NES Council, in the hope they will listen to her local drive for change.

If you would like to support Chloe, you can sign the petition at: <https://www.change.org/p/reduce-speed-on-withies-park-housing-estate>



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Chloe from Holly class has been undertaking her 'Speaking Out' badge at Brownies and has written to local residents to ask them to sign a petition to reduce speed limits in her area. Her efforts have been reported in Midsomer Norton Journal.

If you would like to sign her petition you can do so at: <https://www.change.org/p/reduce-speed-on-withies-park-housing-estate>

School Dinner booking

Please can we remind parents to please book your child's school dinners in advance, ideally a term at a time. This week we have had a number of pupils who didn't have school dinner booked and in some occasions parents were not able to bring in a packed lunch. The kitchen place an order on a Friday based on the number of meals ordered on ParentPay. In order to reduce waste and cost, stock is only ordered for the required number of meals. Therefore we will only have spare dinners if pupils are absent from school that day.

Also please can parents remind pupils of the meal option that they have each day as children often arrive at the kitchen hatch not knowing what meal they are having or they change their minds and select a different option. This then means that some pupils are unable to have the meal option that they have been booked for.

Top Doodlers this week!

Acorn - Leo
Chestnut - Henry D
Hazel - Lucy
Pine - Erin
Willow - Ava

Ash - Olivia
Elm - Luca G
Maple - Isla
Rowan - Matilda

Birch - Isaac
Holly - Isla
Oak - Amelie
Sycamore - Melissa

