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MESSAGE FROM MRS SADLER

Dear Parents

This week has been a busy one for visits and visitors! Year 6 have had a World War 2 workshop to immerse them in this term's history topic. Children have been looking at artefacts, explored weaponry, created simple Morse Code and took part in role play where they were interrogated by a German officer!

Year 5 have visited Hanley Museum for an author event with bestselling children's writer Christopher Edge, based on his thrilling new book 'How to Steal the Future'. This was part of the Stoke Book Festival.

Year 2 have had an author visit. Local author Melanie Seiver, visited to share her book, 'Polly Pin', which is based on sewing, encouraging children to move away from screentime and enjoy looking at books and embrace the tactile world of sewing! Year 2 also visited Hanley Park this week to look at landmarks, helping children to plan their own adventure stories!

Thank you also to everyone who supported 'Hello Yellow' day today for World Mental Health Day. All the money donated will go to the young minds charity. Thank you. Next Friday we will be wearing RED and 'Showing Racism the Red Card' Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Sadler



TEACHING & LEARNING FOCUS THIS WEEK

This week, we have started to look at writing provision across the school and standards in pupils' books. We have also started to hold our termly pupil progress meetings, where leaders meet with each teacher to discuss strategies for supporting the children in each class to make the most possible progress.

Worship this half term:

This half term we will be focusing on

Respect & Responsibility

Children are welcome to write prayers for our prayer box in the hall

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Urwa (9), Hussain (4), Patrick (10), Muhammad (8), Simona (6), Rohan (4), Zahra Batool (6), Rameen (10), Mohammad (9)

Mrs Sadler, Mrs Thorley







KS2 (Year 3,4,5&6) - Accelerated Reader - Thursday 15th October

Reception - Reading- Thursday 5th November

Year 1 - Phonics- Thursday 19th November

Year 6 - SATs- Thursday 26th November

Year 2 - Maths- Thursday 3rd December

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Good Samaritan

The following children were awarded 'Good Samaritan' awards this week for their kindness to others. We are really proud of you all!

Nursery - Hayat
Year 1 - Hashir (1S)
Year 2 - Lano (2C)
Year 3 - Khizar (3T)
Year 4 - Anas (4W)
Year 5 - Ubaid (5A)
Year 6 - Maya (6J)



Star of the Week

Well done to our stars of the week who have received awards. We are proud of your hard work. Keep it up!

Nursery - Haider,
Rainbows – Zayaan M,
Sunshines – Zayan,
1H – Khadijah, 1S – Sukaina,
2C – Numair, 2W- Ismaeel,
3C – Angel, 3T - Amal,
4A – Hudayfa, 4W - Aliza,
5A – Mustafa, 5K – Manaal,
6C - Eesha, 6J – Muhammed Abbas,







DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 13th October - Parent Forum 2.00pm
Wednesday 14th October - Parents Evening - Appointments available through Arbor
Thursday 15th October - Year 3,4,5&6 - Accelerated Reader Parent Workshop - 2.15pm
Friday 16th October - Show Racism the Red Card (Red Non Uniform day)
Tuesday 20th October - School photos (Individual & Siblings)
Thursday 22nd October - Year 3 Stone Age Workshop
Friday 23rd October - Last day for children before half term
Monday 2nd November - SCHOOL CLOSED FOR PUPILS
Tuesday 3rd November - Children back to school
Thursday 5th November - Stay and Play for parents with babies & toddlers - 8.45am-10.30am at the church.



