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MESSAGE FROM MRS SADLER

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the second half of the autumn term! We hope you enjoyed the break. We've certainly noticed the chill in the air when we've been out on the playground, so it really does feel like autumn term now.

The children have enjoyed some fantastic enrichment opportunities this week, right on our doorstep! Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 visited the church on Tuesday for a theatre company performance. The performance was called 'Alicia's Amazing Adventure', and later in the afternoon the Year 6 children were able to go back across to the church for an interactive workshop with the theatre company. What a great opportunity! On Wednesday, Year 1 visited Hanley Park for their autumn walk, to support their learning in science. This is a great use of our local area to support learning.

Also this week, we enjoyed holding our second Play and Stay session at the church, for the babies and toddlers in our local community. We are so pleased with the success of this new group, and we welcome any other families in the local area who might like to join our sessions. We also welcomed parents yesterday afternoon as Mrs Nicholl's led a reading workshop for our Reception parents. Thanks to everyone who attended this.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Sadler

TEACHING & LEARNING FOCUS THIS WEEK

This week, leaders have focused on phonics in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Governors have also been into school for an open morning, where they have visited classes across the school and completed their link governor activities.

Worship this half term:

This half term we will be focusing on

Equality

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

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This will be next Friday - 13th November

Parent Workshops

2.15pm at school



Dua (5), Danniah (9), Ibraheem (9), Aaira (5), Urwa (5), Zohran (8), Minha (8), Muhammad Hashir (6), Zayaan (5), Qasam (5), Azan (11), Sufian (9), Miss Wilson

Year 1 - Phonics- Thursday 19th November

Year 6 - SATs- Thursday 26th November

Year 2 - Maths- Thursday 3rd December

Reminder to Parents

Any absences from school need to be reported by phone by calling

01782 234411 option 1

Please do not send messages about absences to staff members through ClassDojo.

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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 - Amaara
Reception - Chizzy (Rain)
Year 1 - Yousaf (1S)
Year 2 - Idris (2C)
Year 3 - Jessica (3T)
Year 4 - Ali (4W)
Year 5 - Isah (5K)
Year 6 - Anas (6C)



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 - Abeeha,
Rainbows – Mani,
Sunshines – Minahil B,
1H – Zahra, 1S – Elijah,
2C – Hala, 2W- Abinayan,
3C – Diana Maria, 3T - Haseeb,
4A – Azaan, 4W - Sufian,
5A – Khadija, 5K – Daniyal,
6C - Subhan, 6J – Atharva,







DATES FOR THE DIARY

More details to follow for a number of these events.

Wednesday 11th November - Yr5 Anglo Saxon Workshop (Payment to be made on Arbor)
Monday 16th November - 5K visit to the library
Thursday 19th November - Yr 1 Phonics Parent Workshop
Monday 23rd November - 5A visit to the library
Thursday 26th November - Year 6 SATs Parent Workshop
Friday 27th November - Yr2 Great Fire of London Workshop (Payment to be made on Arbor)
Wednesday 2nd December - Yr 2 Songbirds rehearsal & concert
Thursday 3rd December - Yr2 Maths Parent Workshop
Monday 14th & Tuesday 15th December - Nativity Performances
Friday 18th December - Last day of term!



