Parents' Newsletter

Love, Respect, Honesty, Perseverance

Friday 23rd October 2026

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our final parents' newsletter of the half term. We have had a busy half term with many opportunities, such as Learning Togethers for you to be in school. These continue into the new term. Firstly, with Parent Consultation Evenings and then with our DT event. We will be immersing ourselves in a major project most afternoons in all classes, learning new skills and re-visiting those used before, to perfect our ability to plan, make and evaluate our creations. As with previous years we are asking for willing volunteers to support this work within the classroom, so whether you can give half an hour, a day or even more please let class teachers know. The project will be a Christmas Themed "make" in time for the festive season. Teachers will have slots for parent volunteers to sign up to on their doors during Parent Consultations, the DT event runs from the 16th – 27th November.

Alongside this Newsletter, Mrs Vikki Anderton, has circulated a letter about next year's French exchange programme with Ombrosa School. This programme will be open to our Y5& Y6 KS2 pupils. Please do take a look to find out more. This has been a really positive experience for the children in past years and we have several children who have remained in touch with their exchange partners and their families.

As a Trust we are part of the Trussell Trust Partnership linked to the local foodbank. If you feel you may need access to the foodbank please do get in touch with school and we will be happy to support families who are struggling with a voucher application. So, following our amazing collection of food for this charity, if you are in need of accessing this support do please let me know and we can facilitate this for you.

Have a wonderful half term, we hope the weather brightens for you.

Kind regards

Bridgette Gough

Collective Worship & Reflection Space

Last week our Fruit of the Spirit was Peace, what it means to be at peace with yourself and delving into the benefits of this. We used the following texts to prompt deep thought and reflection and shared our thoughts and feelings in response to questions.

Using the text Julian is a Mermaid – we explored the importance of feeling accepted and a sense of belonging – finding your people and the power of connection. Using the text Frederick by Leo Lionni we linked the book to the idea of talents and appreciating that we are all different and whilst the talents of others might not always be in plain sight, we should recognise that everyone is good at something. The power of being thankful, on shaping reliance and a feeling of peace with what we have, was drilled into using the text Just Like Me and the story of Nick Vujicic and his experiences and journey to success through a sense of thankfulness. I can't recommend this book enough.

This week we have explored the Fruits of the Spirit element Goodness and we explored empathy and fairness as part of this linked to Respect Yourself and Others. We have had a visit from the Church to support the theme. We also had a worship led by our Collective Worship Committee this week. They supported our understanding of Fairtrade as part of the theme which tied in with our Reflection Space, children found out about the symbol and what it means for people and our planet.



Headteacher's Cup

Bear Cub Class:	W1- Sophia
	W2- Bo
Octopus Class:	W1- Reuben
	W2- Amelia
Starfish Class:	W1- Bella
	W2- Freddie
Sea Turtle Class:	W1- Margot
	W2- Mila
Hawaiian Goose Class:	W1- Maisie
	W2- Grayson
Armadillo Class:	W1- Max
	W2- Erin
Bison Class:	W1- Harley
	W2- Elsie



Birthdays in October

Anastasia
Chloe
Talia
Danniella
Myles
Finley
Michael
Katherine
Willow
Juliette
Harley
Florence



Going For Green

Clara & Ayla

Sports Cup

Eleanor

Parent Consultation Evenings

As we approach the half term, we have lots to look forward to in the coming terms and much to celebrate in the way of children's achievements.

We really hope you have signed up for our parent consultation evenings in the week following the half term break. This is an essential opportunity to share with you the latest assessments that have taken place for children this week, and to discuss ways you can support your child going forward to make the most of the time ahead. This is also a time to discuss any concerns you may have and of course for us to let you know how additional interventions such as Thrive or academic extras are impacting upon your child.

Poppy Appeal Sales

We have Poppy Appeal merchandise for sale for the week after half term. There are stationery items as well as the more traditional badges and bangles, hair accessories etc.

Remembrance Event

We want to draw the school community's attention to the Remembrance Commemoration event organised for Sunday, 8th November. This annual gathering serves as a poignant reminder of the sacrifices made by our brave servicemen and women. It's a vital opportunity for us to reflect and honour those who have given so much in service of our country. We encourage all pupils and parents to attend and participate, as it fosters a sense of unity and respect within our community. Together, let us ensure that their courage is never forgotten. We will be meeting in the Public Gardens from 2pm and invite pupils to wear their uniform if possible.



Harvest Collection success

We have had a big thank you from our local foodbank for your fantastic work in collecting food for our local foodbank. In total 230kg of aid was collected by our two schools within the Trust and the children have been sent a certificate which we will present in our Celebration Worship and will then be displayed in the school reception.

Wet Weather Drop-off

When the weather is wet the gates and classroom doors will be open to allow the children to be taken round to their external classroom doors to ensure they get no wetter than necessary before the school day starts. Gates will then be locked as soon as practicable after 8:45am.

