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Our Christian Value of the Month is:

Patience

"Better to be patient than a warrior, and better to have self -control than to capture a city.

Proverbs 16:32

Welcome

Welcome to our new parents reading our first newsletter of 2022. It has been a busy start to the term, getting to know new children and staff. Week four is often one of the hardest weeks, when tiredness kicks in, the nights draw in and emotions are high. Please be rest assured that this is normal and the children (and you) are doing brilliantly! Thank you for the support you have already shown your children and the staff.

Arts Week

We begin every year with a whole school Art Week. This year are theme was Religion through Art.

Class 1

The children learnt about Christianity, specifically the importance of the cross and churches. They created artwork inspired by stained glass windows. They explored colour mixing and used simple shapes influenced by Piet Mondrian. Class 1 are proud of the display we have made of all of our work.



Class 2

The children in Class 2 focused on Islam and explored how geometric patterns and colour are used to decorate mosques. They looked closely at how these were constructed and created their own. They sketched out the shapes onto fabric and carefully used fabric paint to add the bight, vibrant colours. The children put all of their creations together to make a fantastic, colourful display.



Class 3

In Class 3 children's art week focused on Hinduism as we are studying this religion in RE this term. They studied the work of a Bollywood Mehndi artisit, Veena Nagda, and then designed their own Mehndi patterns. They progressed from using pencil to henna paste which was tricky to manage but we loved the end result on our hands.



Class 4

In Class 4, they researched about Jewish traditions and celebrations focusing particularly on a Jewish holiday called Tu BiShvat (New Year of the Trees). They then studied an Austrian Artist called Gustav Klimt and his painting 'The Tree of Life' 1905. Class 4 then drew their own trees and the results were stunning. The children are all extremely proud of their artwork.



Pick Up and Drop Off

Please can we remind parents and carers that the drop off zone (the area between the grey railings and the telegraph pole with the drop off sign) is only for briefly pulling into to let your child safely alight onto the pavement and walk through the gateway independently. This provides a fast method for dropping off, especially for the older children. If you wish to walk your child through the gate please park behind the drop off zone.

Please do not park on the village hall carpark when there are red cones out and be mindful of our neighbours. Please do not use our neighbours' driveways as a place to turn around. Please be mindful of all our families and drive at a safe speed past school.



E-safety For any advice and Information about keeping your children safe please visit:

5-7 Year olds www.thinkuknow.co.uk/5_ 7/hectorsworld/

8-10 Year olds www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8_ 10/cybercafe/cyber-cafe -base/

For any concerns that you may have please be reminded of the websites below.

www.childnet.com www.ceop.police.uk

September 2023 Admissions

For further information regarding Reception 2023 admissions please go to the council website below:

https://

www.herefordshire.go v.uk/schoolseducation/primaryschool-admissions/3

Eco Council Meet our Eco Council

The focus for this term is recycling. So far we have set up a soft



plastic bin and poster to recycle the items that would usually be thrown away and sent to landfill. We have also partnered up with the Herefordshire Recycling and Reuse Group to turn our school into a reuse hub. On the afternoon of Friday 14th October, the school will be open for members of the public to drop off unwanted clothes, books and DVDs/CDs. These will be sent to Hereford where they will be reused and donated/sold to families in need.

School Council Elections

Children took to the stage in assembly with their speeches, pledging the changes they would implement if they were elected. Children and staff then voted for their new councillors in a secret and highly organised election process which replicates that of a real life election with an election officer, ballot papers, secrecy screens and ballot boxes. One child from each year group from years two to six is elected. We are happy to introduce you to our new councillors and look forward to working with them on projects this year.



Harvest Festival

Please be reminded that everyone is welcome to join us in our Harvest celebration on Friday 21st at 1.30pm. After the service parents and carers are welcomed back to school to look at their child's classroom and the art displays in the hall. We look forward to seeing you all there. Please let us know if you still require the bus to take your child home.

McMillan Coffee Morning

On Friday 30th September the school joined the country in raising money for such a worthwhile cause. The choir performed whilst parents and local villagers enjoyed tea and delicious cakes. Please be reminded that for such events you do not need to be a star baker, bought cakes are always welcome too! Our coffee

morning raised £210.00! Thank you to those who supported the event.



School Uniform Consultation

As the cost of living dramatically increases we want to ensure our uniform is accessible to all. If you have a daughter in Year Reception to Year 5 you should have received a paper letter and survey asking for your opinion on our girls' school uniform. Thank you to those parents who have already responded. We will let you know the outcome of the survey and any changes in due course.

Friday's Celebration Assembly

The whole school come together for an end of week celebration. One child from each class is presented with a special award for showing one of our school values. We reflect on the best part of our week and wish each other an enjoyable weekend. Once all photo permission slips are returned we will share the special awards on our website.

Cauliflower Christmas Cards

Biannually we make Christmas cards in October (yes we are a little mad!) We make them this early so that we can send them to a company who turn them into packs of cards using your child's design, which you can buy and send out to your friends and family.

You are invited to view your child's card in school and place your order on **Monday 17th October at 3.30pm** (After school club can place their order at pick up). Bus children's designs will be sent home on Monday evening but all orders must be returned on **Tuesday 18th** or the order cannot be placed.

Please bring **cash** to pay for your cards. The prices are as follows:

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Pack of 12 cards	£5.50
Wrapping Paper	£5.00
Gift Labels	£2.50
Mug	£6.75

Important Dates October 21st Harvest Festival 1.30pm

Last Day