

NEWSLETTER

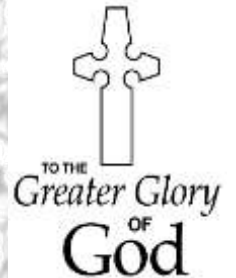


Welcome back, we hope that you had a lovely half term break.

Children in key stage one completed their Enrichment activities last half term and we are looking forward to beginning Enrichment again with children in Key Stage two, this Friday. Children have made their selection of activity from: art, batik, book making, clothing design, guitars, model car making, multisport, outdoor adventures, paper craft, photography, sewing and yoga. Check out the school blog and twitter for updates as the weeks progress.

We are really pleased to be able to offer parents an Online Safety presentation, to be held in school on Wednesday 15th March, starting at 5:30pm. The session will be led by a school liaison officer from West Midlands Police, which will include information about County Lines.

Look out for an email and completed the MSFORMS.



GRACE

Davian 3C
Michael 6A
Troy 6W

**Deanery
Values**

Cienna RHM

LOVE

FAITH

Florence 2R

HOPE

JOY

Frankie 1B
Amelia 5MC

Jasmine RW
Jessica 6W

PEACE

Pupil Voice

Cooper RHM – “We have been reading Eat Your Peas. The girl doesn't want to eat her peas and she never does. We have been counting peas as well.”

RW - The children have been learning about our special people and how to help at home. Benjamin said, "You can make your Mum a cup of tea if she's tired."

Sai 1B – “In Geography the ‘Naughty Bus’ escaped and has been driving all around our school! We had to use close up photos to find the different areas of our school and write on a plan view map of the school to show his journey. It was so much fun! I was very good at guessing where the photos were taken.”

Phoebe 3C – “I have liked poetry week and loved seeing how Michael Rosen uses expression!”

James and Daisy 5MC – “We are really enjoying poetry week this week! This morning, we have started to learn the Boneyard Rap by Wes Magee and adding dance moves to it. We really love how catchy it is and the rhythm.”

Liam and Max 6A – “We've started a new DT project, looking at ingredients used in Asian cuisine and we practiced key skills such as: cutting, slicing and grating. In English, we have been looking at and practicing performance poetry. We have really enjoyed this and have learnt lots of tips to help us with our performances.”

Holly 6W – “I've enjoyed doing fractions, decimals and percentages because they are fun to work out.”

Asher 6W – “I've enjoyed the build-up to poetry because it lets me play with words and I like that.”

Term Dates Reminder

Spring Term 2	Monday 27 th February to Friday 31 st March 2023
Summer Term 1	Monday 17 th April to Friday 26 th May 2023 Bank Holidays - Monday 1 st May and 8 th May Teacher Training Days - Wednesday 3 rd May and Friday 26 th May 2023
Summer Term 2	Monday 5 th June to Tuesday 25 th July 2023

Mother's Day Services

Mother's Day Celebration Service for KS2 will be led by Year 3 on Tuesday 14th March at 9.30am. Only one parent per child from Year 3 will be invited to attend due to capacity restrictions at church. All children from KS2 will attend the service.

Mother's Day Celebration Service for Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 on Tuesday 14th March at 2.00 pm one parent per child will be invited to attend.

We will need walkers to help on the day and also for the rehearsals – so if you are able to help then please look out for the communication that was sent out.

After School Clubs / Foxes Club Bookings

Foxes club bookings and afterschool clubs are now available to book for the Summer term. Please see separate emails that have gone out today for booking instructions.

School Dinners

Children who usually bring a packed lunch to school instead of having school dinners can join in with this Easter themed meal on Thursday 30th March 2023. Please fill in below if your child would like a meal on this day. The deadline for this is Wednesday 8th March.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=y4FijlNeEyqFgtjlf3WwWv09RIC8ZpPmBKDdOdmiLxURFQ5WjdHM1VIT0dZTThQTjNPTTMxS0M0SC4u>

POSITIVE POSTCARDS

Following the resounding success of delivering our Happy New Year positivity postcards to the local community, we would love to do this again and deliver an Easter message to our community. – look out for one coming through your door if you live locally!

During the weeks just before Easter we will be going out into the community again, first thing in the morning after drop off and we would really appreciate any help to accompany each class and help with the posting. Teachers will let you know when each class is playing positive postie!

Thank you in advance of your continued support for this activity.

Response to Curriculum Evening feedback

If you are looking for recommendations of books for your children to read, <https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/> has recommendations for each year group. Their lists of books are carefully put together to make it easier to find high quality, engaging and interesting books to instil a reading for pleasure culture and encourage children to read at home.

It also has some great tips as to why reading is so important and how to read with your child and the kinds of questions you can ask.

March 2023 recommendations



The Fixer of Broken Things by Julia Patton

Bea loves to fix things. But one day she comes up against something she cannot mend and this story follows her as she makes use of friendship, support and cooperation to resolve a problem. This is a diverse and inspirational text for children who yearn to know about how things work.

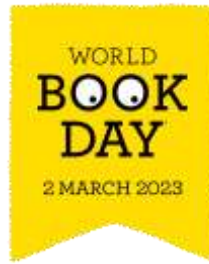
Highly recommended for EYFS & KS1



Tourmaline and The Island of Elsewhere by Ruth Lauren

When intrepid Tourmaline sets out to find her missing archaeologist mother, they stumble upon a fantasy land with talking fauna and **Captain Violet's crew of pirates**. **Are they all searching for the same thing?** With strong and relatable female characters, a compelling plot and immersive fantasy settings.

Highly recommended for 7+ year olds.



Please look out for the World Book Day tokens which will be coming home with your child on Thursday 2nd March. You can use these tokens to get a FREE book buy simply taking the token to your nearest bookseller and swapping it for a World Book Day book or you can get £1 off any book or audiobook costing £2.99 or more. (Please see a list of the World Book Day books attached)

You can also use the tokens for £1 off a book at our Scholastic Book Fair which will be in school from 9th March



Thurs 9th –Wed 15th March
3.30 - 4pm KS1 Hall

We are excited to be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair in school with hundreds of new children's books to browse and buy.

There are over 200 titles to choose from, and with prices starting from £2.99, there's sure to be a book for everyone.

You will also have chance to use your World Book Day voucher. Don't forget that every book purchased can help to get free books for our school library.

Payment can be made by cash or card.

We look forward to seeing you at the book fair!

School Uniform Grant 2023

Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust have opened for applications for School Clothing Grants for 2023. Application forms are available to collect from the School Office and must be completed and returned to school by Monday 13th March 2023.



Mental Health and Wellbeing Update

The five ways of Wellbeing have been designed to help us to live a mentally healthy life



Our whole school wellbeing focus this half term is Take Notice!



Reminding yourself to 'take notice' can strengthen and broaden awareness. Be curious. Catch sight of the beautiful. Savour the moment.

Studies have shown that being aware of the world around you and what you are feeling directly enhances your well-being and that savouring 'the moment' can help you to appreciate what matters to you.

Take some time to enjoy the moment and the environment around you. Here are a few ideas:

- Get a plant for your workspace
- Have a 'clear the clutter' day
- Take notice of how your colleagues are feeling or acting
- Take a different route on your journey to or from work
- Visit a new place for lunch.

Look out for our monthly mental health and wellbeing newsletter coming soon!





Early Help is a network of local organisations, here to ensure services are accessible for families who need support.

Use the QR code to access our **Family Connect Form**

Fill in your details and what support you're looking for, and we will be in touch.



If you need more information, or support filling out the form, contact your Community Connectors, Dawn & Danielle
communityconnectors@ourplacesupport.org



School Nurse

Please follow the link below for an updated telephone number and email address for the School Nursing Team. If you have any concerns or worries around the health and wellbeing of your child, please contact the School Nursing team. [Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust website here](#)

PLEASE SEE INFORMATION
BELOW FOR LOCAL
ACTIVITIES

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ANY OF THE ACTIVITIES



**St Chad's Church Sutton Coldfield &
Falcon Lodge Methodist Church**

Invite you to an Easter Themed Messy Church



Saturday 25th March 2023

4.00pm - 6.00pm

at St Chad's Church
Hollyfield Road, B75 7SN

Free event - Everyone welcome
Booking essential via QR Code



Please book for every member of your party, adults and children

