



Newsletter 4

Monday, 1st October 2018

Message from the Head



This week, Karen Tonge, a member of the Association of Pet Dog Trainers, visited school and all the children received their training in 'Safe Dog Handling'. All children were very excited to meet Karen's training dogs. The strategies that Karen shared with them will help to support the children in behaving safely when with dogs and will continue to give them confidence with Donut.

During the week, I received the email below from PCSO Nigel Haggard, following receipt of the thank you letters written by the children, after his support at the Summer Fair:

'Today I have come into work to find some lovely letters from some of your children. I was so moved when reading what the children had written in their letters. There are many different aspects to my job, but the one that I enjoy the most is going to my local schools and talking to the children. I am very grateful to be asked to attend school events and thank the children from the bottom of my heart for their lovely letters'.

On receiving this, I invited PCSO Nigel to visit us during the week. On Wednesday, the children gave him a great welcome and the range of questions were very interesting. EYFS were keen to know if he had arrived by helicopter, Y1/2 were interested to know if he had put anyone in jail, Y3/4 were questioning Nigel about the dog units and how the dogs were able to track smells and Y5/6 asked insightful questions regarding the different roles within the police force.

HERTS HERO AWARD

On Friday evening, Rowan had to leave the FOGGS film evening a little earlier than everyone else. This was because Rowan and his family were due to attend the Hearts Hertfordshire Hero Award as Rowan had made it through to the final. The fantastic news of the evening was that Rowan was announced as **the winner of the award** and he was called up to receive it. As a school community, we congratulate Rowan on being the well deserved winner of the award ! What fantastic news !



IALAC

This week, Josh (Y2) and Olivia W (Y4) spoke confidently to the school about their gifts and talents in our Celebration Assembly. Staff and children added to their list, giving examples of ways in which they use their gifts to help others.

BIRTHDAYS

At the end of each month, we will be wishing a 'Happy Birthday' to the children who have had a birthday during the month.



At the end of September, we wished a 'Happy Birthday' to:- George Dill, Fenella, Hannah B., Harry B., Dottie, Olive, William, Layla and Luke. We hope you all had a lovely day.

DIARY DATES

Tuesday, 2nd October

- Diocese Harvest Festival at St Albans Abbey

Thursday, 4th October

- World Poetry Day

Friday, 5th October

- Grandparents' Open Afternoon

Friday, 12th October

- 9:00 Harvest Festival

Monday, 15th October

- Monastery trip Y3/Y4

Tuesday, 23rd October

- 3:30 Parents Consultation Evening

Wednesday, 24th October

- 5:30 Parents Consultation Evening

Friday, 26th October

- 3:30 FOGGS cake sale

HALF TERM WEEK

Monday, 29th October- Friday, 2nd November

DIOCESE HARVEST FESTIVAL



On Tuesday, 2nd October, our oldest pupils will be representing our school at the Diocesan Harvest Festival at St Alban's Cathedral. This will be a lovely occasion when we join other Church of England schools in our Diocese to celebrate and give thanks for the harvest. We are very honoured that our school has been chosen to provide readers for the service.

GRANDPARENTS OPEN AFTERNOON

We are looking forward to welcoming grandparents (or a relative of the same generation) to join us in school this Friday, 5th October, at 1:30 p.m. when there will be the opportunity to spend time working on a Remembrance craft activity with their grandchildren. Please see attached letter with return slip.

FOGGS

We heard this week that FOGGS had been **successful** in securing a grant for the school from Boxmore Trust. The trust are going to award Great Gaddesden School £2,500 toward the cost of the new roof for the school. This is a fabulous result and I would like to thank all the FOGGS members for making this application; in particular Kim Hurrell and Kasia Albinska. This application took hours to draft and redraft. We are extremely lucky to have such an active parent association, who work so tirelessly for the benefit of our children.

LOST CAR KEYS

A set of Ford car keys were found after the disco on Friday evening. Please ask in the office if they belong to you !



Christian value for October: PERSEVERANCE