



GREAT GADDESSEN C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter 3

September 2018

Message from the Head

The children have now all settled into their new classes and the atmosphere throughout the school shows that the children are focussing well on their learning. This year, we are encouraging the children to develop a mindset in which they challenge themselves within their learning. Having the confidence to take risks within their learning creates a more resilient learner, willing to have a go.



This week, the EYFS children took great delight in sharing the fresh fruit salad they had all prepared. They were all very keen to tell me their favourite fruit! I believe that soup may be on the menu for this week.

GRANDPARENTS OPEN AFTERNOON

To celebrate National Grandparents Day, which is on Sunday, 7th October, we would like to extend an invitation to Grandparents (or special relative of the same generation) of our pupils to join their grandchildren in class on the afternoon of Friday, 5th October. It will give them the opportunity to spend time in class with their grandchildren, working in our school.

MINDFULNESS

Our reminder that the parents information session, led by our Mindfulness teacher, Ms Chris Michael, will take place this Thursday, September, 27th at 2:45 in the school hall. She will introduce us to the benefits and strategies of the Mindfulness practice. Although this is for KS2 children, parents of all children are welcome.

SAFE DOG HANDLING TRAINING

On Wednesday, we are delighted to welcome Mrs Karen Tonge back to school to carry out our dog training.

Mrs Tonge is a Member of the Association of Pet Dog Trainers and regularly visits us to teach the children how to read dog body language and how to act safely around dogs. Karen runs her own local dog training school, 'Karen in the Dog House'. Donut would have been a good candidate this week when he ate one of the bird feeders

September value:

Respect

This week, Fallon and Fenella were both nominated for showing **respect** to others and our environment.



The girls had their hand prints pegged onto our 'values tree', joining the other handprints on the new Values tree.

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Every Thursday, we hear from 2 children the reasons why they are 'Likeable' and 'Capable'. The other children and adults also contribute adding to their children's qualities and gifts. This is an opportunity for us, as a school community, to celebrate together the fact that we are all unique, and each one of us has something different to offer.

So far this term, we have heard from Matthew G, Lilly, Maxwell and Abigail.

Christian value for September: RESPECT

DIARY DATES

Book Fair all week

Tuesday, 25th September

- 2:40 Curriculum Information Y3/4

Wednesday, 26th September

- 9:00 Safe Dog Handling training

Thursday, 27th September

- Parents Mindfulness Information session

Friday, 28th September

- FOGGS disco/film evening

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, 24rd October

- 5:30 Parents Consultation Evening

Friday, 26th October

- 3:30 FOGGS cake sale

Monday, 29th October- Friday, 2nd November HALF TERM WEEK



CURRICULUM INFORMATION SESSIONS

I would like to thank all the parents who have been able to attend the Curriculum Information session. The information that has been shared at these sessions is available on the class website for your reference.

HOME/SCHOOL AGREEMENT

Our Home/School agreements have now been given out to all the children and hopefully, these have found their way home to all the parents. A copy of this is available for your reference on the website under 'Key Information/policies'. We would be grateful if you could go through this document at home with your children and return a signed copy to school. The current Behaviour Policy and other related policies are available on the school website.



SUMMER ART EXHIBITION

It is lovely to see so many parents and family members coming in to view the Summer Art Exhibition on Thursday. There was a great variety within the children's work - ranging from photographic collages, geometric designs to paintings. Congratulations to all the children who participated and many thanks to Mrs Lilley for being the driving force behind the scenes. All exhibits are now on the website.

LIBRARY MESSAGE

On Monday, the children from Nursery to Y4 had their first library session of the new year. They selected a book to read at home and share with you. They will have the opportunity each Monday to select a new book to take home and enjoy.

A reminder notice will be sent home if a book has not been returned after three weeks. If a book is mislaid or damaged, please let the classroom teacher know. In order to maintain our excellent range of library books, we would ask that a replacement book in new or like new condition is sent in as a replacement.

If you have any books in good condition at home that your family has outgrown, we would be delighted to receive these as we are always looking to extend our collection of high quality books for the children.

Christian value for September: RESPECT