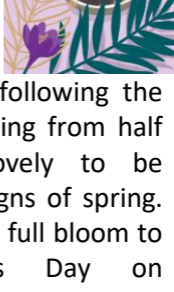




Following in the footsteps of Jesus, we learn, love and laugh together

Friday 3rd March 2023



Dear Parents and Carers

A warm welcome back following the half term break. Returning from half term, it has been lovely to be welcomed by the first signs of spring. The Daffodils were out in full bloom to celebrate St. David's Day on Wednesday.

As you can see, there has been further evidence of new life in our Reception class this week. They have witnessed the hatching of some baby chicks. It is certainly creating huge excitement and a distinct sense of awe and wonder amongst the pupils and staff.

We are also now in the Holy Season of Lent. The word "Lent" comes from an Old English word that refers to the lengthening of days, the coming of spring. As a school we are looking forward to making this a special time, where through our prayers and actions we will be placing the needs of others first.

Please find attached our half termly letter outlining the **Way Truth and Life topics** for the coming half term, you also have access to the **Ten Ten parent Newsletter** via the link below.

<http://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>

Next week we have Parents' Evenings on Tuesday and Thursday. If you haven't already, please sign up to make an appointment via our school website. Please also see dates for your diary.

Wishing everyone an enjoyable weekend.

Best wishes

Eileen Murtagh

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 7th March – Parents Evening 3.45pm onwards
Tuesday 7th March – C4 swimming
Thursday 9th March C5 – Crucial Crew
Thursday 9th March – Parents Evening 5pm onwards
Friday 10th March – FOSL meeting 2.30pm

Wednesday 22nd – Y4 Activity day at St. Nicholas Catholic High School
Wednesday 22nd – Y1 scooter workshop
Friday 24th March KS2 – FAVSP Cross Country run at Delamere
Tuesday 28th March - Y4 scooter workshop
Wednesday 29th Y3 Residential Barnstondale – returning Thursday 30th March

Attendance

<p>Lower than 90% Attendance</p> <p>Reception</p>	<p>90-95% Attendance</p> <p>Class 1 Class 2 Class 3 Class 4</p>	<p>96-100% Attendance</p> <p>Class 5 Class 6</p>
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Overall Attendance this week **94%**
Across the school, **1 hour 40 minutes** of learning time was lost this week through late arrivals.

Don't underestimate the importance of 100% attendance. Even one day missed can have an effect on learning.

98% attendance means **4** school days missed
95% attendance means **10** school days missed
90% attendance means **19** school days missed
80% attendance means **38** school days missed
5 minutes late each day means **3** school days missed

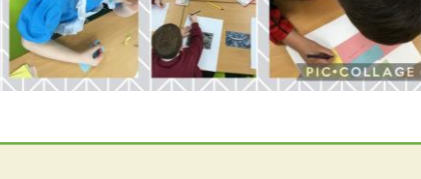
Please be aware that requests for children to take holidays during term time will be classed as an unauthorised absence.

Please be aware that unauthorised absences that exceed 5 school days during term time will receive a fixed penalty notice (FPN).

Reception

We have had a wonderful first week back after the half term break! The highlight of this week has to be our new additions within the classroom. On Monday, 7 eggs were delivered and were in a very special incubator to keep them warm. We didn't know what was inside the eggs but we were very excited to find out. We didn't have to wait long as, on Tuesday morning, a chick had hatched! Throughout the week, more eggs hatched and we now have 7 happy chicks to look after. We have enjoyed making them a cosy bed complete with food and water to help them grow.

As well as our new arrivals, we have been working hard in Maths, started our new book in English and celebrated St David's Day on Wednesday. We painted beautiful daffodils and used leeks to make different patterns. Da iawn, pawb!



Class 1

It has been a great first week back! On Monday, we had the grand re-opening of our new Year 1 classroom, we love being in our very special working space with brand new tables and freshly painted walls. We have been working hard in all of our lessons and particularly enjoyed investigating what our new book might be about in our English lessons.

In Maths, we are working hard to master adding within 20 and found using our tens frames really useful in our lessons this week.

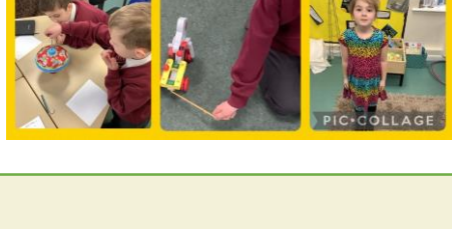
On Thursday, we celebrated World Book Day. There were so many excellent costumes and we really enjoyed completing lots of book/vocabulary themed activities. We also took part in a Story Makers workshop and were inspired to create our own collages filled with words that describe our favourite things.



Class 2

This week we have been so busy! Of course a highlight has been world book day. Thank you to the parents and children who helped make this day so special with their outfits. We had so many different adjectives and everyone looked fantastic. We loved all coming together for assembly and explaining our words.

We have also started a new English text, Major Glad, Major Dizzy. It has been an amazing opportunity to make a prediction on what will happen in the story and giving reasons for our own views. We have had some interesting discussions around toys from the past with the children choosing their favourites.



Class 3

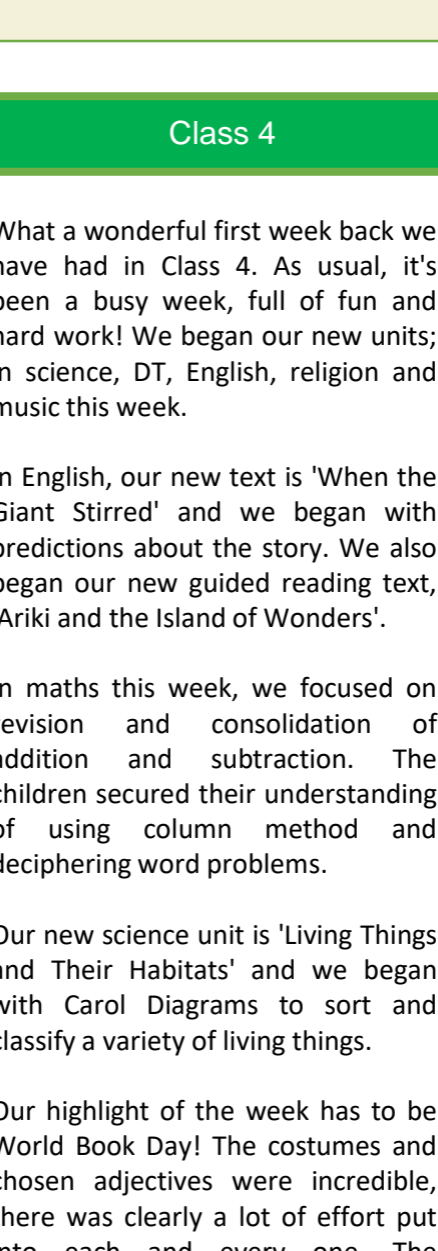
This week has been a really fun week in Class 3! In English, we have begun our new writing theme which is all about persuasion. To help us we will use the Big Blue Whale by Nicola Davies as our core text to follow.

In Maths, we have been continuing our multiplication and division work to break down two-digit multiplications into steps which help our problem-solving.

In Religion this week we have introduced our new topic which is all about celebrating the mass. We have learned all about the last supper and how this is reflected in mass through the communion.

In PE we started developing our ball skills and control, starting with technique and accuracy. Next week we will be starting to implement this through badminton and tennis.

The highlight of our week has been World Book Day. We have learned all about new and exciting words and collected them just like in the story, the word collector, by Peter H. Reynolds. A great week this week Class 3, well done!



Class 4

What a wonderful first week back we have had in Class 4. As usual, it's been a busy week, full of fun and hard work! We began our new units; in science, DT, English, religion and music this week.

In English, our new text is 'When the Giant Stirred' and we began with predictions about the story. We also began our new guided reading text, 'Ariki and the Island of Wonders'.

In maths this week, we focused on revision and consolidation of addition and subtraction. The children secured their understanding of using column method and deciphering word problems.

Our new science unit is 'Living Things and Their Habitats' and we began with Carol Diagrams to sort and classify a variety of living things.

Our highlight of the week has to be World Book Day! The costumes and chosen adjectives were incredible, there was clearly a lot of effort put into each and every one. The activities that we took part in throughout the day were so much fun! In Class 4 we had 'Noun Showdown' and 'Adjective Match', along with lots of reading and other word games. A great day was had by all!



Class 6

We have had a fantastic first week back in Class 6 - it has been non-stop all week!

On Monday, we were exploring the school grounds looking for the best place to put a solar panel. We then had the chance to interview Mr Dans and suggest our ideas – it was great fun!

On Wednesday, we took part in Hoops 4 Health with Cheshire Phoenix Basketball team- we learnt lots about the importance of a healthy diet and why we shouldn't smoke. We also enjoyed doing some basketball drills with the professionals.

We had a brilliant World Book Day on Thursday - there were some fantastic adjectives and outfits! We enjoyed lots of activities to do with word exploration and even enjoyed a word hunt around school.



Award winners

Well done to everyone that won awards this week, we are very proud...

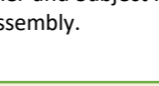
Head Teacher Awards



Subject Awards



Pride Awards



Please note we only invite parents and carers of Head Teacher and Subject Award winners to Celebration Assembly.

Other News

A polite reminder to follow the one way system when dropping off and collecting from school and that no cars are to be parked on the zigzags.

A Polite Reminder – if a mobile phone is brought to school then it must be kept in the school office until the end of the day.

If your child has an appointment during school hours then school must be made aware of the appointment at the earliest opportunity. An appointment card/confirmation must be sent to the school office as evidence of the appointment.

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