



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

Friday 3rd November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

We hope that you all enjoyed the half term break. As always, it was lovely to welcome all the children back to school on Tuesday morning. Yesterday afternoon, pupils from years five and six represented our school and the Frodsham and Villages football tournament. Despite the weather conditions, the teams played valiantly. I was so impressed with the level of skill and talent. More importantly, I was very impressed with the level of team work that was evident.

Caleb, one of our Year Six PE Leaders said “the football was great fun, we were only disappointed by the fact that we didn’t get through to the final.”

Today, and every Friday throughout the rest of this half term, pupils in Key Stage Two will be fortunate enough to receive cricket coaching, this is through the Chance to Shine programme. This is another opportunity to broaden the range of sports our pupils are introduced to over the years. Also, to leave a legacy of skills that they can continue to develop.

Zaine, one of our Year Six PE Leaders said “I would definitely recommend the cricket, it was really fun.”

This morning, pupils in Yew Tree class visited the Frodsham Library. All classes have now visited the library. These visits have been a huge success, we would like to extend our grateful appreciation to the Library staff and to all parents who volunteered their support.

Next week we have parents evening on Tuesday and Thursday. Please ensure that you sign up to make an appointment with your child’s class teacher to discuss their progress.

This is always a very busy half term, particularly with the run up to the Christmas season. Please see the dates on the next page to add your calendar.

Olivia and Harvey our Safety Officers would like to remind everyone to put Safety First this weekend.

Keep fireworks in a closed, metal box.

Light the firework at arm's length with a taper and stand well back.

Always supervise children and don't give sparklers to a child under five.

Best wishes

Eileen Murtagh

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 7th November—Parents evening

Thursday 9th November—Parents evening

Friday 10th November—KS2 cricket training

Friday 17th November—KS2 cricket training

Friday 1st December—KS2 cricket training

Friday 1st December— Year 2, Christmas Journey at Main Street Community Church

Friday 8th December—Whole school at the Panto, The Brindley

Monday 11th December—KS2 Carol Service 5pm

Wednesday 13th December—Christmas Dinner

Thursday 14th December—Christmas Party

Friday 15th December—KS2 cricket training

Wednesday 20th December—School closes for Christmas

Attendance

Overall Attendance this week **94.8%**.

Across the school, **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

Lower than 90% Attendance	90-95% Attendance	96-100% Attendance
Reception	Class 1 Class 3 Class 5	Class 2 Class 4 Class 6

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).

St Luke's Lion Cubs

We had a great time playing with our Lion Cubs this week. Please invite family and friends to join us for a coffee and a play during the cold winter mornings.

Friends of St Luke's

FoSL will be once again hosting a Christmas Wreath making night with Flowers by Jenny Penny. The event will be on Wednesday 29th November, 7pm - 9:30pm, and will be £25 per head. This is now available to book on ParentPay - places are limited (adults only).

All children should have received their Christmas Card order forms - please note the shop closes on 12th November. If anyone has lost their form, please email friendsofstlukes100@gmail.com

Little Church

Come and join us during 6pm mass on Saturday for some fun activities about All Saints day and this week's Gospel.

Mr Curran's After School Club

Are you ready to take on the dodgeball challenge and experience the thrill of competitive dodgeball in a fun and supportive environment? Look no further because we're excited to introduce our Dodgeball After-School Club (ASC) on Monday's in St. Luke's Primary School! The perfect opportunity for your child to learn, grow, and have a blast!

At JCPE, we believe in the power of physical activity and teamwork to develop essential life skills. Our Dodgeball ASC is designed to provide a safe and enjoyable space where kids can:

- * Learn the fundamentals of dodgeball
- * Enhance their hand-eye coordination and reflexes
- * Build valuable teamwork and communication skills
- * Boost self-confidence and sportsmanship
- * Stay active and have tons of fun!

Here's what sets our Dodgeball ASC apart:

- * Experienced and certified coaches: Our dedicated coaches are passionate about teaching dodgeball and ensuring your child's safety while having a blast.
- * Age-appropriate activities: We tailor our programs to suit different age groups, ensuring an enjoyable experience for everyone.
- * Affordable rates: High-quality dodgeball instruction at competitive prices.
- * COVID-19 safety protocols: Your child's well-being is our top priority, and we follow strict safety guidelines to keep everyone safe.

Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity for your child to engage in a sport that's not only physically invigorating but also promotes character development and social interaction. Plus, it's a whole lot of fun!

To sign up for our Dodgeball ASC, simply visit our website <https://jcpeprimary.classforkids.io> Act fast, as spots are limited, and they're filling up quickly!

Join the ultimate dodgeball adventure and let your child experience the thrill of dodging, ducking, and diving. We can't wait to see them on the dodgeball court!

Cherry Class

This week Cherry class have been using clues to predict what Nibbles the Book Monster might get up to next! He has been nibbling things around our classroom and left us a new book.

In science we have been planning our investigation and we have planned to test which material is the best to use for as wrapping paper.

In history we have been learning about what schools were like in the past and deciding whether we would like to go to school 100 years ago or now.

We enjoyed some Halloween craft activities and we even designed and decorated our own pumpkins.

Parents of Cherry Class are invited to attend Stay and Play on Friday 10th November from 1.30. You will be able to enjoy different activities with your child.



Elm Class

Elm class have had a fabulous start back after half term. In English we have started our new text *The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark* and been looking at how we can describe Plop.

In Maths we have been using our resources and number lines to help us with our addition and subtraction. In Geography we have looked at which continents are hot and cold, thinking about why this is.

In Science we have started our new topic looking at different animal groups. In our 'In The Way, The Truth and The Life' we have been looking at the mystery of Heaven and what we think it would be like.

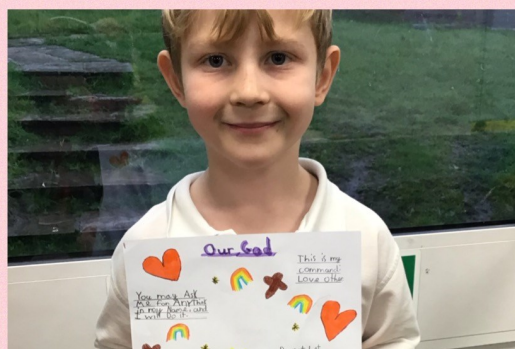
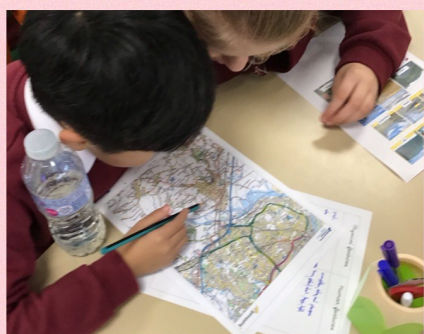


Yew Class

Yew class have had a fantastic start to the new term. On Tuesday in Geography, we looked at human and physical features of the River Weaver using different scaled maps. We then looked at different OS map symbols and decided whether they were human or physical.

In Science, we started our new topic 'Animals including Humans'. This week we investigated our teeth. We used mirrors to count our teeth and then looked at the different shapes and sizes. We discovered that we have four different types of teeth. We ate carrots, bread and popcorn and used a mirror to investigate which teeth we used to chew the different foods. We then made our teeth out of modelling clay.

In The Way , The Truth and The Life, we discussed how God speaks to us through the Bible. We then made some beautiful prayer cards for our class.



Cypress Class

It is wonderful to have everyone back together after the half term break and we have had a busy first week back. In maths, Year 6 have been investigating prime numbers and discovered the prime numbers up to 100 whilst Year 5 have been working on developing mental strategies to help them add and subtract.

Our science lesson this week was all about human evolution. First, we looked at the evolution of biscuits to help us understand what evolution meant before looking more specifically at the evolution of humans. Did you know that we share 97% of our DNA with chimpanzees? A common misconception is that human evolved from apes but, when we researched, we found out that humans and apes just share a common ancestor dating back to 14 million years ago.

Our history lesson focused on more Maya achievements this week and we explored more about the Maya calendars and the systems that they had in place.

Finally, a special mention to our wonderful footballers who, on Thursday afternoon, braved the weather to represent our school at the FAVSP 5-a-side football tournament. They were an excellent team and made us all incredibly proud.

