



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

Friday 4th November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

A warm welcome back following the half term break. It was lovely to celebrate the first day of term and the feast of All Saints with a whole school mass. As always, we were very proud of all the children. This is without doubt a very exciting half term, with lots of events extending beyond the school community. We are constantly updating calendar details on the school website.

This week 'Safety' has been a key focus. Following a meeting with our Junior Safety Officers, they delivered safety messages at our assembly on Tuesday. They reminded everyone of the ways we can stay safe in school as well as providing the everyone with some very important safety messages around bonfire night celebrations.

Yesterday, our year two class attended 'Safety Central'. They had a very enjoyable day learning a lot about how important it is to stay safe. This morning they were very eager to share the information they found out. I am really pleased that they told me how important it is not to leave you phone on charge overnight as it might catch fire.

If you have not already done so, please make an appointment to attend parents evening next week, either on Tuesday or Thursday evening.

We wish all our families an enjoyable but safe weekend.

Best Wishes
Eileen Murtagh

Attendance

Lower than 90% Attendance Class 6	90-95% Attendance Class 5	96-100% Attendance Reception Class Class 1 Class 2 Class 3 Class 4
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Overall Attendance this week **95.2%**
Across the school, 15 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

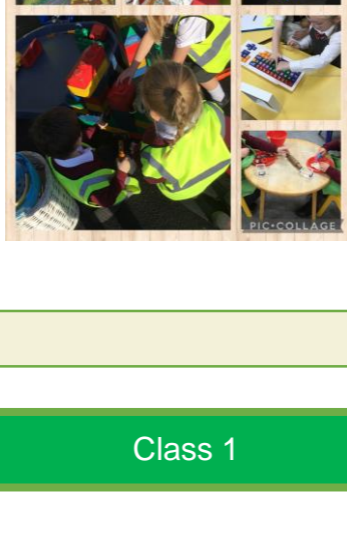
Please be aware that requests for children to take holidays during term time will be classed as an unauthorised absence.

Reception

We've had a great first week back after the half term break! The indoor and outdoor construction areas has been particularly busy this week as we have been building lots of towers, houses and animal enclosures.

We've also enjoyed 'baking' in the play dough area and working hard in our class office.

We are excited to be back with our friends after our break and we're looking forward to learning lots more this half term.



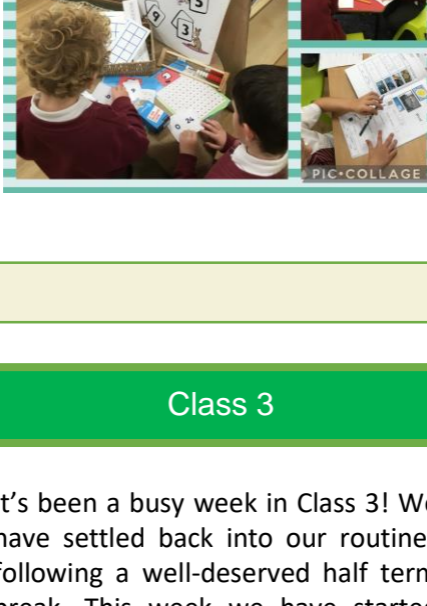
Class 1

We have made a great start to the second half of autumn term.

In English, we are coming to the end of Lost and Found and, this week, one of our lessons focused on using interesting vocabulary to describe the waves during the journey to the South Pole. 'The wild waves crash on the rocks...' was one of the amazing sentences created.

We have been comparing numbers in Maths and have enjoyed working with our maths buddies to solve tricky challenges.

We've also been working in partners to sort and describe different types of materials. During our lesson, we discovered transparent means you can see through things and opaque means you can't.



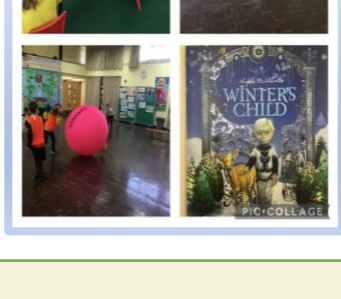
Class 3

It's been a busy week in Class 3! We have settled back into our routines following a well-deserved half term break. This week we have started our new writing story Winter's Child by Angela McAllister and have written our own Winter themed fantasy story.

In maths we have been learning about making connections and using strategies to support our addition and subtraction.

In science we have started our new topic and have been learning about volcanic rocks.

Class 3's highlight of the week has been our P.E lesson where we have played lots of different games with a kin-ball! Well done Class 3.



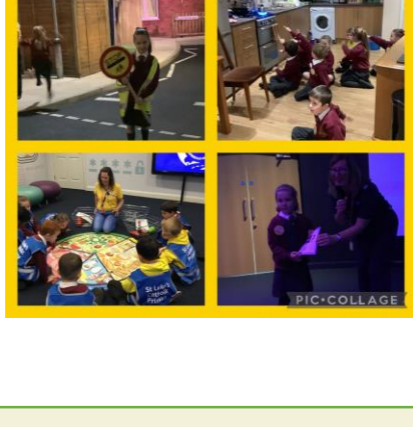
Class 2

What a fantastic week we have had. One of our highlights was our trip to Safety Central. It was amazing! Thank you to Cheshire Fire Brigade who lead the sessions in their purpose built training facility.

When we arrived we split into two teams, we took a quiz and didn't do very well. At the end of the session we took the quiz again and the group scored over 96%!

The children found out lots of different ways that we can stay safe, identified hazards around the home and even took part in an interactive quiz. During the visit, we looked at hazards in the home, on the road, railway and the dangers of fire. We explored healthy eating and looked at ways we can stay active. Some of our 'naughty' fire fighters did some silly things in each location but we spotted them and helped them identify their mistakes! Some of the group became quite bossy and enjoyed explaining what they should be doing.

Special mentions to our parental helpers who made the visit run so smoothly. Overall the whole class, Mr Taylor and our helpers all learnt lots and showed fantastic learning across the day.



Class 4

What a great first week back we've had in Class 4! It has been a busy week (as always); with lots of hard work, amazing work produced and lots of smiles!

On Tuesday, we attended Mass to celebrate All Saints' Day, we really enjoyed going to church. Back in school, we carried out some research on Saint Matthew and we also created some beautiful artwork.

On Wednesday, Class 5 joined us in the afternoon for our Prayer & Liturgy and it was lovely to see the classes together. The children had some lovely, thought provoking discussions.

It has been a wonderful week and it's great to be back together - having fun and learning!

We look forward to next week.

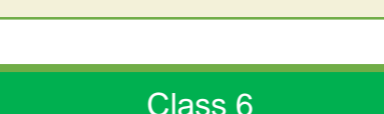
Class 5

We have had a fantastic first week back at school! Class 5 have enjoyed All Saints Mass at Church and were able to research further into our class Saint - Saint John.

We have been working hard this week in English as we start our new English text, The Lost Happy Endings.

The children are excited to begin our many experiments in our forces Science topic!

We have also had a very fun combined Kin-Ball PE session with Year 6. Have a great weekend everyone, see you all on Monday.



Class 6

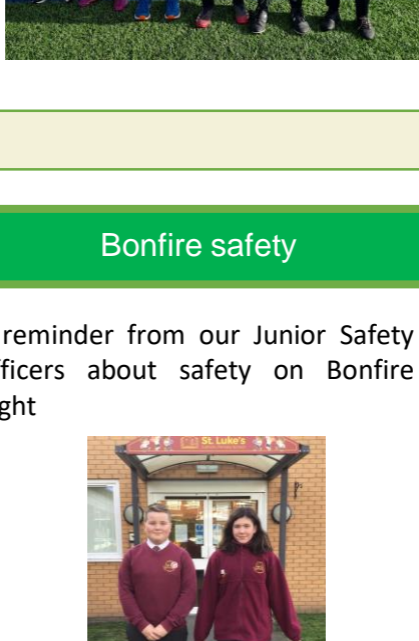
A brilliant first week back in Class 6! We have all worked so hard this week. We enjoyed attending Mass on Tuesday to celebrate All Saints Day and upon our return to school, we spent time researching St Luke.

On Wednesday, we enjoyed working together in Maths to revise last half term's learning before we had our final swimming session of the year. I know this is going to be another excellent half term!



Football tournament

Well done to our footballers who took part in the tournament on Thursday at Helsby. Everyone played fantastically, we were very proud.



Bonfire safety

A reminder from our Junior Safety Officers about safety on Bonfire Night



PREVENTING PROTECTING RESPONDING

BONFIRE SAFETY

Attending an organised bonfire is the safest way to enjoy but if you can't please follow the fireworks code -

- Fireworks must not be sold to any person under the age of 18.
- Buy fireworks marked BS 7114 or CE.
- Keep fireworks in a closed metal box.
- Follow the instructions on each firework.
- Light them at arms length using a taper.
- Stand well back.
- Never go back to a lit firework.
- Never put fireworks in your pocket.
- Keep a bucket of water nearby if you are setting off fireworks in your garden.
- Never throw fireworks.
- Keep pets indoors.
- Alcohol and fireworks do not mix and may lead to injury.

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CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT

Wednesday 16th November
3:20pm - 5:30pm

Tickets are £4 and include chip shop chips, biscuit and drink.
Please book via ParentPay by Friday 11th November.
Films include: Elf, Arthur Christmas & Home Alone.
Children decide on the night which movie they'd like to watch.

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CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING EVENING

DATE: Thursday 24th November
Time: 7:00pm - 9:30pm
Cost: £25
Venue: The hall, St Luke's Primary School

Please join us for a fun Christmas wreath making class with Jenny from Flowers by Jenny Penny. Jenny will show us how to make a beautiful Christmas wreath, which could be transformed into a table centre piece, and then will be on hand as we have a go ourselves. It will be a great way to get into the Christmas spirit and create something special this Christmas to take home and proudly hang on our doors!

All the flowers, greens, decorations and supplies are included in the ticket price. Free mulled wine and mince pies will be served during the evening.
Please book via ParentPay. Numbers are limited. Friends and Family welcome. Adults only.

Win a football at your local library...

Under 13s who borrow a book from any Cheshire West and Chester library before the World Cup starts on 20 November can ask to be entered into a free prize draw to win their very own white FIFA 2022 Qatar World Cup Size 5 Nemesis Football. Children will be asked to pick a country's name from a bag and if they're one of those whose team wins the Cup then they could win the ball! It's free and easy to join the library and there are no late fees for Under 13s. If you can't get into a library, borrow an eBook via Borrowbox and let us know and we'll enter on your behalf. For more details on Cheshire West and Chester libraries see www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/libraries. Terms and conditions apply

WORLD CUP 2022

Do you think you can pick out the winning team?

Win This Football!

Borrow a book then ask a member of staff

Simply borrow a library book (or eBook or eAudio) then ask to pick a random team. Terms and conditions apply. Under 13s only, parental or guardian permission needed.

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