



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Collective worship

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Today we marked Cafod Family Fast Day in school with our soup and bread lunch. Each class made their own soup and we enjoyed a range of breads to go with it, as we gathered together in the hall with other members of the centre. In our assemblies we looked at the work of Cafod, how they help those less fortunate than ourselves across the world and that is why we make soup and donate to Cafod. It was a great occasion, to come together as a community and share a meal, while helping others. Singing practise ended our week on a high as usual.

Psalm 33:20-22 We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield. In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name. May your unfailing love be with us, Lord, even as we put our hope in you.

Dates for the Diary

**World Book Day – Thursday 7th
March**

**Easter Break – Thursday 28th
March**

**Spring Terms begin – Monday 15th
April**

Head Teachers Message

Dear Parents and Carers

Following our successful launch of Earwig that allows us to share the wonderful daily experiences of your young people, we have decided to move our weekly newsletter to monthly.

The monthly editions will be sent out and uploaded to the school website at the end of each month, starting at the end of March.

Beacon: We've had a wonderful week here in Beacon Class! Our students have thoroughly enjoyed our circle time, where we've been delving into the sensory experience of "The Wind in the Willows." It's been fantastic to see them engaging with the story's actions and using the characters to construct sentences. Our creative endeavours have taken place in The Drawing Room, where the students have been adding flower stems to their canvas backgrounds. The progress is already remarkable! Additionally, we had the pleasure of attending the opening of the new charity shop on-site, exploring the diverse items available for sale. In preparation for Cafod Soup Day, our students worked diligently to chop vegetables for our curry soup. We've also been exploring colours and tastes through various fruits in our RE sessions. Our schedule has been quite active, with visits to the ball pool, therapy sessions, and leisurely walks around the school grounds. It's been a fulfilling week for everyone involved!



Bramley:

Bramley have had a great first week back after the half term. We have been getting stuck into our new topic and have been enjoying our story – The Train Ride. This week we have been visited by the drawing room who have been helping us make a spring canvas. We practiced our printing skills to make stems for our meadow. This week we have also been exploring our sensory and play skills by visiting the therapy hub. Today we will be sharing our potato and leek soup with our peers to support CAFOD. Have a great weekend!



Darcy: Darcy class have had great time preparing for St Elizabeth's 'soup day' this week in support of CAFOD. Not only does the day help us to consider those I need and embrace the catholic ethos at the heart of St E's; the act of preparing a meal together as a group has encouraged our learners to complete some activities fully independently. We've found that watching our peers try something by themselves helps us feel more confident to try it ourselves- we'll be sure to learn from this and make a better effort to pay attention to what our friends are doing in school every day.

Star of the week: Cordelia- for coming straight into class every morning and sitting at the group desk.



Discovery: It's been a busy week for Discovery Class this week ! We have discovered interesting facts about penguins in literacy, measured how tall we in comparison to emperor penguins and danced our way through the week as we learn how to follow instructions through dance. Following our topic light fantastic we have been learning about Dias des Muertos and how it links to our own All Souls' Day celebrations. Some of us were even able to enjoy some face paint! To finish our week we have all gathered to recognise Family Fast Day and support CAFODs soup day. We loved making our Roasted Tomato and Red Pepper soup and chopped the veggies really sensibly. Our star of the week this week is Medeea for exploring more and more sounds each day!



Jubilee:

Dear family and friends. The first week has flown by! This week we continued to work on nonfiction by researching rabbits. We enjoyed doing practical tasks at Church Farm feeding and taking care of rabbits. Next week we will be caring for lambs and feeding them rosemary twigs. We celebrated CAFOD soup day in the hall and it was brilliant to share our class made chicken and vegetable soup. Enjoy the weekend! Team Jubilee.



Pippin: Pippin class have had a very busy week back this week! Everyone worked so hard on their cause and effect skills in IT, exploring interactive stories and favoured music with lots of smiles and giggles as we used touchscreen or VOCA to 'Go!' during pauses in play. We saw some fantastic achievements within our communication session too, with clear choice making using objects, pictures and symbols. In RE we have had lots of fun exploring fruits alongside the story of Adam and Eve, as well as investigating and preparing our soup ingredients ready for Friday's CAFOD family fast day. Our star of the week goes to Hadley this week for his wonderful concentration, exploration skills and perseverance in exploring props and photos within our sensory story - fantastic work! Have a lovely weekend everyone.



Stirling: This week Stirling class were learning about the rural and urban environments we live in as part of their topic. In work related learning, they shared knowledge of different transport available to them and how to use key transport as they prepare for trips out actually using such transport. In science learners gained insight into synthetic and natural materials we use and what their characteristics are. As always, learners were keen to cook two key dishes this week. One towards our theme of exploring dishes from different cities and the other, making soup for our CAFOD food day. Katsu curry was first on the list followed by a European inspired vermicelli soup. For RE, Stirling visited the story of Jesus's resurrection and in chapel time, as chaplaincy team this cycle, the team read the gospel and prayers beautifully in front of their peers



Winston:

This week in literacy, Winston class have started reading their new story, 'The Pursuit of Happiness'. They have started looking specifically at the relationships between Christopher, Linda and Christopher Jr. In numeracy, the students began studying multiplication and population. They used the iPads to research the populations of different towns, cities and countries. During our topic lessons, Winston class have been looking at the differences between rural and urban landscapes. In food tech, the students made sourdough bread. In RE, the students are working on sequencing of the story of the resurrection of Jesus. In PE, Winston class practiced their cricket techniques.



Wonder:

Wonder class have had a great week this week following half term. This week we have had some wonderful engagement in our sensory story, we have been tracking objects with our eyes as well as exploring through touch. We have enjoyed the immersive technology in our room and explored the animals we find in spring by moving our bodies to reveal pictures. In our phonics lesson we have been listening to rhymes.

Our star of the week is Alvssia



Friday's Prayer

Loving God, when our boat is rocked on the sea of life, by poverty, illness or disaster,
you quiet the waves, calm the storm, and lead us safely to shore.

When we work hard, for our daily bread, but at the end of the day go hungry,
you walk alongside us, calling, "cast out your nets", knowing there is enough for all. When we are lost, and
uncertain of how to make a change in our world, your words ring out: "Come, follow me", guiding us to new life
with you.

Lead us then, Lord, to play our part in calming the storm and sharing your gifts with each other, so that all people
throughout the world may look to the future with hope. Amen.



Class	Star of the Week
Beacon	Samuel
Bramley	Marcus
Darcy	Cordelia
Discovery	Medeea
Jubilee	George
Pippin	Hadley
Stirling	Kwaku
Winston	Luke
Wonder	Alyssia



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