

Newsletter 3 (2021-22)

September 24th, 2021

Dear Parents,

This week's Theme of the Week has been Listening to God. Miss Granite arranged a fantastic assembly along the lines of saying unkind words that God would not approve of. She gave children a length of kitchen table and some canned cream – they were then to spray this all over the paper (great fun!). The cream represented harsh words which once said, cannot be taken back – or put back into the can! Lots of fun was had by all.

My assembly today was based on prayer and what you might ask for. For example, if one was to ask for an endless supply of Mars bars, it is unlikely that God would answer that particular prayer. However, if a person was to ask for help with a real problem, He would be more likely to listen.

Secondary Transfer Meetings for Year Six Parents

I have started meeting with Y6 parents to discuss their options for secondary schools. If you haven't made an appointment yet, please contact Miss Simmons asap.

Can you please send back your photograph permission slip by Monday? If you would like another one, please let us know.

Extra! Extra! Read All About it! After School Clubs will be starting on Monday! How very exciting! We are so looking forward to working with the children after such a long time. There are still spaces in KS2 Homework Club and Debating Club. Please contact Mrs. Pearman if you are interested – or have not sent your form back yet!

The School Photographer will be visiting on Wednesday 29th September to take individual photos. Please contact Miss Simmons if you would like all your children taken together.

Reception and Year Six Buddies are Back!!

I am delighted to announce that Year Six and Reception have been Buddying up this week with a view to finding the perfect pairing for amazing friends. We will be holding a special announcement assembly on Tuesday. Sadly, we will not be including parents (for obvious and very annoying reasons) but Miss Cornelius will be videoing the event and this will be sent to you by the end of the day. Happy days!

PTA New

The PTA is on the move again – thank goodness! Mrs. Toptsis and I met yesterday to talk over some very exciting fund raising ideas for this term and up until Christmas. We are also going to include PTA events on the school website calendar as well as updating the PTA page. Here are some of the great events coming your way:

- Friday 1st October
 - From Monday 27th September
 - Christmas Events
- Pyjamas or Onesie Non-Uniform day. Suggested donation £2
Brand new 100 Club Listed on ParentMail. £100 per randomly allotted number with the first draw on 15th October. Chance win £250 or £150 every month! Please see attached 100 Club rules
Child designed Christmas Cards – straight after half term
A child designed time for potential Christmas presents

- **Making Gift Aid Happen** We will shortly be sending Gift Aid forms to everyone to ask them to sign up for Gift Aid. Without having to pay any extra money, we can claim back 25% of any donation you give to school from the Tax Office – hurray!

The Book Fair is Visiting next week – Monday 27th September to Friday 1st October

Please see the attached letter from Miss Granite about ordering from the Book Fair. Payments will be on line. Children shall have a chance to look at all the books and will bring home a Wish List for you to consider.

Buster's Weekend Friend – Clotilde Year One

Clotilde has been exceptionally good this week at raising her hand and contributing to class discussions. She has been extremely brave at offering her ideas (even if she was worried about getting the answer wrong). She is polite, caring and always tries her best. Well done indeed!

Second hand uniform – would be gratefully received! Please could we have any donations of second-hand uniform by Wednesday so that we can do a stocktake and update the list of what is available to buy.

Teacher Angel

We decided that Teacher Angel would not be awarded this week! Not because all of the staff have been awful but because The School Council will start meeting again on Thursday next week. Miss Weekes will be leading this fine group of children from Year Two to Year Six. Voting for School Councillors will happen next week.

Friday TryDay: Today, we tried Banana Blossom – I know! This is a meat and fish alternative which is often used in Sri Lankan cooking. It is great in curries and with other tasty sauces. There was a mixed reception but, on the whole, everyone tried and like these interesting morsels!

Stars of the Week

Nursery: Congratulations Cosette! You are the Nursery Star of the Week ☺ we have been SO impressed with you and how brilliantly you have settled into Nursery! Your enthusiasm and positivity is a joy to see and you have been so kind and caring to your new Nursery friends! Well done for such a wonderful start to school- we are so lucky to have you in our class!

Reception: Star of the week in reception is Lukas for having a fantastic week, playing nicely and always being kind and respectful to others.

Year One: The Star of the Week for Year One is Golden! He impressed me by showing a lot of politeness and respect to adults and other children. He is definitely a role model for the whole class.

Year Two: Rafe – congratulations on being our Star of the Week. You have been a spectacular learner and wrote a very interesting sequel to Goldilocks and the Three bears. You are always doing the right thing and willing to learn. Well done!

Year Three: Ela has been incredible this week. She has been so kind to others in the class and she has been working particularly hard, especially when writing her story.

Year Four: This week's Star of the Week is Izzy. She is kind, hard-working and always tries her best during every lesson. Keep it up Izzy – excellent work, well done!

Year Five: Ozzy, has had a fantastic week. He has continued to work hard, produce great work and make progress in all areas of the curriculum. In English, when writing a biography, Ozzy came up with some brilliant sentences that helped other children in the class to progress. Amazing!

Year Six: Sophie has had another brilliant week. Her writing using dialogue was a very enjoyable read, and she used lots of impressive and exciting vocabulary. She has been a pleasure to teach and I wish her all the best. Well done, Sophie!

Random Photographs Taken of The Great Activities Miss Hodgson is our official roaming photographer who takes images of children enjoying activities across the curriculum. These have been posted on our Instagram account but, at Mrs. Vasiliou's suggestion, I will be creating a sheet of pictures to attach to the message.

We say a sad but fond farewell to The Lewis family (Sophie and Henry) as they leave London (hopefully temporarily!) to move to Newbury. Good luck and see you soon!

I hope you have a restful weekend and keep safe.

With love and best wishes,

Ms. Woodford