Our School Newsletter 13th October 2023

Our School Vision -

"In all things, treat others as you would like to be treated."

Matthew (7:12)

Dear Parents,

Another thnk you to begin with - thank you to mr and Mrs Wheeler, who have paid for new blinds for Sparrows Class so the children can see the smartboard without the sun in their eyes! We are very grateful for such a kind donation.

Well done to Theo, Archie, Tommy, Gracie, Paige, Arabella and Lacey who were all mentioned in Golden Book this week. They have been working hard at their maths, phonics and reading, and have also been fabulous role models for the younger children in class and on the playground.

Next week is our final week before the half term holiday, so just a reminder that Monday 30th October is a non-pupil day. Next Friday (20th October) is a non-uniform day with children asked to bring in a small gift for Elfridges, thank you, For those of you new to the school, Elfridges is our Christmas shop where children can buy small gifts for mum, dad or a grandparent so donations of toiletries, chocolates, stationery etc would be much appreciated.

Best wishes, Mrs Overton

Ducklings Class

As part of the Creep, Wriggle and Crawl topic, children in Ducklings class have been watching caterpillars form pupas - all five survive and became butterflies, which is a Ducklings class record! The children have also been making their own versions of The Snail by Matisse. They have been on minibeast hunts on our school field and have been investigating their finds.

We hope Duckling parents enjoyed the phonics workshop last week - we have been very impressed by how hard the children have been working to learn their sounds!

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Sparrows Class

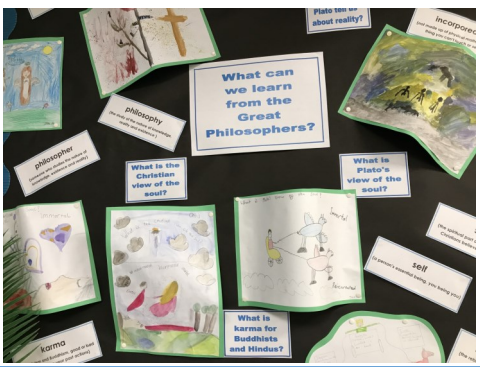
Sparrows Class have been loving their Superheroes topic this term. They have been writing stories about Super Ted and his adventures with Mad, Bad Glove Man! Sparrows writing wall shows just how hard they have been working and we are very pleased with the exciting Superhero stories they have written. We have been developing our computing skills by beginning to type using the keyboard and learning how to use caps lock, the space bar and 'enter'. We have also been learning how to save and print our work. In RE, we have enjoyed our work on Harvest and also finding out about Diwali.

Robins Class

Robins Class are enjoying their Scrumdiddlyumptious topic this term and made delicious smoothies using different fruits - we thought it was as good as anything you could buy in the shops! We have been using atlases to investigate where food comes from around the world, have found out about how to eat a healthy and varied diet and have also baked our own bread. In maths, we have been adding by exchanging - we have been doing this using tens and ones equipment and place value counters but have also worked on column addition and checking to ensure our answer makes sense. We have enjoyed reading Charlie and the Chocolate Factory as our class text over the last few weeks.

Woodpeckers Class

Woodpeckers Class are learning about the Solar System through their topic, Stargazers, this half term. This week, they have investigated gravity through an experiment involving what looked like a giant cat litter tray! In RE, we have been learning about Plato and the great philosophers and have been reflecting on big questions such as ' what is the Christian view of the soul and how is it different to Plato's view?'; and 'What is karma?' In Computing, we have investigated different search engines and looked at the pros and cons of each. In maths, we have been adding and subtracting large numbers using column methods, finding factors and rounding to check answers.



Diary Dates

Tuesday 17th October 10.30am - Preschool Stay and Play in Ducklings.

Friday 20th October - Non-Uniform Day in return for a donation of a small gift for Elfridges

Monday 23rd October - Half Term Week

Monday 30th October - Non-Pupil Day

Tuesday 31st October - final date for online applications for secondary school places

Tuesday 31st October / Wednesday 1st November - Y6 Bikeability sessions

Tuesday 7th November - School Photographs

Tuesday 7th November 3.30-4.30pm Parent Consultation Evening

Wednesday 8th November 3.30 - 7pm Parent Consultation Evening

Thursday 9th November 1.30 - 2.45 - Open Afternoon for Prospective Parents Sept 2024

Friday 10th November 10.45am - Remembrance Community Worship at church.

Monday 13th November - Book Fair Week

Tuesday 14th November 1.30 - 2.45 - Open Afternoon for Prospective Parents Sept 2024

Monday 20th November - Choir to Royal Albert Hall

Thursday 23rd November 10.30am - Preschool Stay and Play in Ducklings

Friday 24th November - non-uniform day in return for the donation of a bottle of something for the Christmas Fayre

Tuesday 5th December - Proposed Christmas Panto Day

Wednesday 6th December - Christmas Lunch / Wear A Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 7th December - Flu Immunisations (consent required, info to follow)

Wednesday 13th / Thursday 14th December 2.15pm - EYFS / KS1 Nativity Performances

Wednesday 20th December - last Day of Term / Christmas Parties in class

Wednesday 20th December 6pm - KS2 Carol Service at Church

Thursday 5th January 2024 - First day of Spring Term