



Summer Newsletter 01

Friday 23rd April 2021

Rooted in the community to grow and flourish

The Parable of the Mustard Seed, Matthew 13: 31-32

Dear Parents/Carers,

As always, we have had a busy first week back at school but it has been lovely to hear the children talk about what they have done over the Easter holidays. Garden get togethers and the odd sunny day have certainly helped lift collective spirits ... and chocolate egg hunts have also been described with huge excitement!

For the last month we have been running an Easter competition which encouraged children to reflect on the theme: He Is Risen! It was a real joy to see the various creative responses which have been sent in and we celebrated the children's efforts in our virtual assembly this morning. I have included some photos of entries below which include an Easter place setting, decorated tree and collaged cards. What struck me about all the entries was that they all encouraged the joy of Easter to be spread amongst us and I hope all these pupils enjoy the little prize they received today. Well done and thank you for taking part!



The summer term has now well and truly begun and I am sure you will have questions about certain things that traditionally take place at this time of year. Events such as sports day and school trips are usually enjoyable activities for children, staff and parents/carers alike. I am sure you will understand that some things may not be able to take place in the normal format due to restrictions but want to reassure you that we will continue to do as much as we can to ensure all our children experience enriching and engaging opportunities. This may well require us to think outside the box but the last year has given us lots of practice at doing exactly that so please know we will do our best!

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs E Griffiths

Home Learning

As you know, last term teachers did not send home additional learning tasks as we wanted to give families time to re-establish their daily school routine following partial school closure. Over the next week, teachers will begin to set home learning tasks again using the Microsoft Teams pupil logins. We have decided to use this platform for home learning as we hope it will encourage children to keep practising these vital skills in case we are ever in a position where remote learning is required again. If you do have any questions regarding home learning, please do email your child's class teacher.

Family Filming

Our collective worship theme this half term focuses on Faith. We will be exploring the following Bible stories: Daniel and the Lion's Den (Daniel 6), Jesus Heals a Paralysed Man (Mark 2: 1-12), David and Goliath (1 Samuel 17), Moses and the Parting of the Red Sea (Exodus 14: 21-31).

It would be fantastic if you would like to get involved with these sessions by recording some videos at home. For example, you might film your children (and family members too if they are keen to take part!) reading or acting out one of the Bible stories. You might also want to email in a prayer which could be shared with the pupils as part of the collective worship ... written by parents/carers, children or even grandparents! The children often write their own reflections and prayers so it would be wonderful if we could extend this opportunity to others in our school community. Thank you in advance for any contribution you are able to send in.

School Uniform

As we are now in the summer term, children may wear summer uniform to school, this can be a blue gingham dress or a blue polo t-shirt bearing the school logo. If you would prefer, children may still wear a white shirt and school tie. PE kit must consist of our school PE t-shirt, plain black or blue shorts/joggers and a plain black or blue jumper/sweatshirt or their school jumper on top of their PE t-shirt. Letters will be sent home with children who are not wearing the correct school uniform, PE kit or school shoes.



Trackit Light Winners

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, Hot Chocolate with the Headteacher has been replaced with a Treat from the Tray. Congratulations to all our winners this week.



Life Education Visit

A member of the Coram Life Education team will be working with Key Stage 2 children in school on Monday 17th May, they will cover the following topics: Friends, Decisions, Meet the Brain and It's Great to be Me.

On Friday 21st May, the same team member will work with Key Stage 1 children and they will cover topics such as: All About Me, My Wonderful Body and Feelings.

Thank you to the 35 families who have donated towards this event already, if you haven't yet contributed but wish to, please do so via Sims Pay. If you are not registered to use Sims Pay, please contact the school office. We are suggesting a voluntary donation of £3.00 per child. We are extremely grateful to the PTFA who have generously agreed to subsidise this visit.

If you have not yet made a donation towards this event, we would be grateful if you could please do this as the current payments mean we might not be able to run this event in future.



Reverend Carol Langford

Reverend Carol Langford During the Easter holidays, we received the very sad news that Reverend Carol Langford has passed away.

Before the pandemic, Rev Carol was a very familiar face to the children in school and came in regularly to lead Collective Worship, run the Wool CREW lunchtime club and also work with younger children as part of our Messy Vintage collaboration.

As you know, Rev. Carol had been seriously ill throughout this academic year and I know you will join me in sending our thoughts, love and prayers to her husband Mark and the rest of their family. Rev. Carol was a very important part of our school community and through her role as a governor, she was instrumental in helping to create our school vision.

We would therefore really like to do something in her memory and to celebrate her desire to show love to everyone we meet. We will be collecting donations which will go towards an engraved friendship bench which the children will be able to use during break times.

Please do feel free to share our intention with other members of the community in case anyone else would like to donate to this cause.

Please complete a bank transfer using the following details:

Sort code: 30-99-12

Account number: 00140054

Account name: Wool CE VA Primary School PTFA



Attendance

Class attendance figures are:

Oak Class: 95.1%

Willow Class: 96.8%

Beech Class: 94.9%

Chestnut Class: 95.5%

Elm Class: 98.9%

Whole School Attendance: 96%



Notification of a child's absence must be reported to the school office on each day of absence. A phone call or email must be received by the school office prior to 09:00 giving the reason for absence.

Please use the pupil absence guide to help you make an informed decision about whether or not to send your child into school if they are feeling unwell.

Please allow 48 hours after your child's last occurrence of diarrhoea or vomiting before allowing them to return to school.

Diary Dates

Sunday 25th April - Virtual Messy Church – 16:00

Monday 3rd May – Early May Bank Holiday

Wednesday 5th May – Virtual Parent Council Meeting – 09:30

Monday 17th May – Coram Life Education Visit – Key Stage 2

Friday 21st May - Coram Life Education Visit – Key Stage 1

Tuesday 25th May – Class Photographs

Friday 28th May – Last Day of Term

Monday 31st May – Sunday 6th June – Half Term

Monday 7th June – INSET Day

