



3rd March 2023

Newsletter

Welcome to this week's newsletter. It's been a fantastic week in school made especially enjoyable by our celebration of World Book Day. The children pulled out all the stops with their wonderful book character designs for their wooden spoons. We have also had a number of visitors in school this week from other schools in our trust and they have all commented on how wonderfully clean and tidy our learning space is and how exceptionally good our pupils' behaviour for learning is. The Outdoor Classroom is now finished and we think the contractors have done a splendid job in building a beautiful useable space for all the children to enjoy learning in outside.

The gospel this week was The Temptation of Jesus. We learnt that denying ourselves something during Lent not only brings us into greater communion with those who are suffering in our world but it also allows us the freedom to focus our attention more resolutely on the Lord. As Christians, we are supposed to be yearning to know God better, if on reflection we know that we are actually yearning for other things on a daily basis, this will probably offer a clue about something we could fast from for Lent. In Collective Worship on Monday, we talked about giving things up such as chocolate and sweets but the children offered some really insightful ideas – 'I could be kinder to my brother,' 'I could have less screen time,' 'I could not retaliate if someone is unkind.' Well done children you are really listening to what Jesus is teaching us!

God Bless everyone and have a lovely weekend.
Mrs Grace



World Book Day 2023

On Thursday, as a school, we celebrated World Book Day. The children enjoyed a whole school assembly to support this year's theme 'reading for pleasure'. Throughout the day, the children have enjoyed different activities including 'drop everything and read' in their classes and at the end of the day, our Year 6 pupils visited different classes to share a story


Well done to all the children who participated in our World Book Day competition. We were so impressed with the high level of thought and creativity that went into making the wooden spoon characters and thank you to all the parents who helped at home! It was a very difficult task to judge, we even had to ask the Liberians to help us! The winners will be announced on Monday and prizes will be awarded during our collective worship. We hope your children will enjoy some of their favourite stories at home in the coming days and some may even follow up World Book Day with a visit to Woking library.






Book Sale

There will be an Usborne Book Sale from 3:15-4:30pm in the school hall on Thursday 9th March. Children will be able to use their £1 World Book Day Book Tokens.



USBORNE BOOKS

will be here



Thursday, March 9th
3.15pm-4.30pm

The very best books for children of all ages

Reception

Reception have really enjoyed exploring the classic story of, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. Amongst other things, the story has helped them to explore the passing of time and different ways that time can be measured. The children are becoming experts in reciting the days of the week in order! It has also provided a lovely platform for the children to practise retelling the story through painting and 'Small World' play.



Year 1

Our focus in RE this week has been learning to recognise, retell and describe the story of the Last Supper. The children worked in teams of four to retell the story using our godly play figures. We began our next art topic 'Paper Play' and we investigated how rolling paper can create 3D structures. This week we focused on designing a simple sculpture using paper cylinders.





Year 2

This week in Year 2 we have been learning about the different parts of the Mass in our R.E. lessons- We gather, we listen, we give thanks and we go out.

The children were very creative in making up their own actions to represent the significance of each of the four parts of the Mass. Some children decided to show their actions in a liturgical dance. Well-done children for showing respect and reverence towards our Mass resources.



Year 3

This term in Science Year Three are learning about 'What plants need'. This week, they worked together to set up an investigation 'How much water do plants need?' In small groups, they will be giving a plant an amount of water each day. They will be observing what happens to the plant over the course of the week and recording their results in a table.



Year 4

In year 4 this week we answered the question 'how is sound travelling to the ear?' The lesson began with the children using tuning forks and feeling the vibrations made when it was placed on paper and on the surface of water. They then looked at what happens as it travels through a solid, liquid and a gas and ends up at the ear. The children had fun creating their own flow diagrams to sequence how sound energy is transferred from the source to the ear, and what happens inside the ear to register the sound. They identified that molecules vibrated and that this energy was transferred. They enjoyed the practical nature of this learning and many took the challenge of describing each process in detail within their diagrams. At the end of the session Mr Davies demonstrated how a sound changes as a speaker was slowly submerged under water. Well done year 4!



Year 6

Today in history, we looked at and compared how Athens and Sparta were ruled and the culture in Ancient Greece. We then decided whether we would like to be an Athenian or a Spartan. We also had a debate on whether it was better to be an Athenian or a Spartan. The debate got very heated with some great points raised.




Year 6 – Story telling for World Book Day



Lenten Charity

This year during Lent we have decided to raise funds for The Catholic Children's Society (CCS). They support disadvantaged children and families across London, Hertfordshire and the South East. Every single penny raised will go into our Arundel and Brighton Crisis Fund and help local children across the diocese who are facing a crisis in their lives.

The charity boxes were sent home with your children last Wednesday and hopefully they will be returned with some money in them after the Easter holidays, so that we can continue to support the great work of the Catholic Children's Society.



The poster features a banner at the top that reads "LENT APPEAL 2023 BUILDING BRIDGES" with the Catholic Children's Society logo. Below the banner, it says "Support CCS and help more local children and families this Lent." and provides the website "www.cathchild.org.uk/len2023". A central orange box contains two statistics: "26,874 local children and families in need" (represented by a group of people icon) and "5,301 individuals by providing emergency grants via our Crisis Fund" (represented by a hands holding a heart icon). To the right is a photo of a mother hugging her child, with a quote: "I can't thank you enough for what you have done for my family. Thank you for everything." attributed to a "Mother of three children".

For Home Learning Phonics/Early Reading Read Write Inc. - Virtual Classroom films

Please see below the links for each phonics group to complete at home. Please set aside 10 minutes to watch the film with your child at least three times a week. Please find a quiet space for your child to watch the film on a laptop or tablet. Please praise your child as he/she joins in with the lesson.

Reception- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/klllOPYo/zCpcNXJC> and <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/n6S7fLDH/CRJa28fG>

Reception Ditty Group- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/zFhsucXI/DFi90Fb4>

Reception Red Group- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/TzFxZy1T/we44bNv9>

Pink Group- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/Vs3Uu08M/VoOfyphE>

Orange Group- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/oHVKOKml/sSlonEjJ>

Yellow Group (Mrs Dhina)- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/3SdU7hD8/k2NI5gQL>

Yellow Group (Mrs Iles)- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/MMtk5Rob/o0Oc97aB>

Grey

Group- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/r125ehNj/wdiPka36> and <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/UO22Gbx2/ewfZuUCC>

Dates for your Diary

March

W/C 6th March – Book Looks for parents during this week. Parents' opportunity to look at your child's books in the hall.

Monday 6th March 2.45 Year 5

Tuesday 7th March 2.45 Year 3

Wednesday 8th March 2.45 Year 4

Thursday 9th March 2.45 Year 2 **Book Sale 3.15**

Friday 10th March 2.45 Year 1/6

9th March – Happy Bag Collection (**Friends' event**)

15th March – Inset day

17th March – Mothering Celebration Shop in School (**Friends' event**)

21st and 23rd March - Parent Consultation Meetings – on School Cloud 3.30pm-6.00pm

Year 5 Parent Consultations 21st and 28th March – on School Cloud 3.30pm-6.00pm

Friday 31st March – End of Spring Term MUFTI day in support of our Lenten charity– The Catholic Children's Society. Early finish 1.00pm

Reception Learn and Share sessions: Please arrive at 2.45 via the main entrance (by the office) where you can collect your child from their YR classroom to share their learning with you in the school hall. The session will finish by 3.15.

The next session will be on Friday 26th May 2023

25th April – Friends Meeting at the School

Class Masses

We are delighted to announce that Class Masses are well underway this term. They will be celebrated by either Fr Rob or Fr Nick and parents of the children in the class are invited to attend. Here are the dates:

Y4 Mass Thurs 9th March @9.00am in hall

Y5 Mass Thurs 16th March @ 9am in hall – **new date**

Y3 Mass Thurs 23rd Mar @9.00am in hall

Y2 Liturgy Thurs 27th Apr @9.00am in hall

Y1 Liturgy Thurs 25th May @9.00am in hall

YR Liturgy Thurs 22nd June @9.00am in hall

Safeguarding contact reminder

We seek to provide a safe and happy environment for all children. This means that we have a Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy and procedures in place. If you are concerned about a child's welfare, please record your concern, and any observations or conversation heard, and report to Mrs Grace, Mrs Pickard or Mr Davies or dsl@sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk as soon as possible the same day.

