



ANN EDWARDS CHURCH OF ENGLAND
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Learning and achieving in a caring community

"Do to others what you would want them to do to you." - Matthew 7:12

Our special chosen Bible story is the Parable of The Good Samaritan.

Thursday 20th October 2022

Newsletter No 3

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Dear Parents and Carers

It's the end of Term 1 – can you believe it? It's been a really busy and positive term and it's amazing to think how much has been achieved already since the far-distant-seeming summer holidays. We are coming to the end of our focus on the Christian value of Respect and will be diving fully into exploring the important value of Service after half-term. Being of service to others is so important and I know we're going to learn so much from each other and have some really deep discussions. I strongly believe that everything our children learn (academically, socially, emotionally and creatively) should be used to help improve life for others, be that the child they sit next to in class or see unhappy on the playground; the wider school community; our local community or the world community. Christian teachings offer such a rich education in this area and next term's focus will be very important.

Members of our governing body have been busy in school as part of their roles to support and challenge our work to ensure we are being of the greatest service we can be to the children in our care. For example, governors have been in school speaking to staff, helping review policies, looking at the impact of teachers' hard work over the last twelve months and generally spending time in school. Another key aspect of their work is monitoring our school development plan.

This term is ending with Year 6 spending the week on an amazing residential experience at Morfa Bay and Year 4 spending three days at Braeside. We will be following up these opportunities by restarting our programme of class assemblies, which were halted at the height of Covid. Each class will lead a celebration and presentation of their learning to parents, carers and other classes once throughout the year – please see the key dates for the first of these, Year 6 running a Morfa Bay assembly and Year 4 a Braeside one. We're all in for a treat!

I hope that you and yours have a relaxing half-term term break and we look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday 1st November.

Harvest Collection

Combining our two core Christian values of Thankfulness and Service, we followed up our Harvest celebration and thanksgiving service at All Hallows Church with a collection to help our local food bank. I am very pleased to say that we collected a whopping 320,257 kg, which will make a real difference locally. Thank you! (Oh, and I should mention that the winning class, collecting the most for this worthy cause, was Beech Class, Year 2. Well done!)

Safeguarding

Safeguarding and child protection are such vital areas of our work in school that I am now going to include this section in each newsletter. You can find our new updated Safeguarding Policy on our school website, as well as an updated e-safety policy. I am the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) for our school and the Deputy Safeguarding Leads (DDSLs) are Miss Lund, Mrs Jo Jones and Mrs Collins (nee Sheldon). We form the Child Welfare Team and meet regularly to ensure our help for vulnerable children is having the greatest impact and engaging with other agencies such as the early help team, the inclusion team, housing and social services as necessary. It is our whole staff team, however, who are responsible for safeguarding and everyone takes their role very seriously, as you would expect. All staff have training every three years although we do provide regular updates throughout



each year. Similarly, myself and the DDSLs have specialist refresher training every two year but also completed at least ten hours of specialist training each year. Recent training has included: domestic abuse, multi-agency working, child sexual exploitation and safer recruitment. I will finish here by saying that myself, Mrs Emma Jones (school business manager) and two of our governors (Rev'd McKenzie and Jo Hanson) are safer recruitment trained – renewing this every three years – and at least one safer recruitment trained person will sit be involved in each round of staff recruitment and sit on the interview panel.


Staff Update

We recently said goodbye to Miss Lily Smith (MDSA) and Miss Robyn Curnock (TA) but have given very warm welcomes to Mrs Paula Parker and Miss Gemma Sampson, who have both joined (or re-joined, in Mrs Parker's case) out team of talented and dedicated teaching assistants.

Did you know?

...Why we think Forest School is so important and give every year group in the school this amazing opportunity? You can find out about our Forest School curriculum on our website here: <https://annedwards.gloucs.sch.uk/information/curriculum-information/> .

Yours Sincerely


Ian Moore
Headteacher

Key Dates

Half Term	Monday 24 th – Friday 28 th October
INSET day – school closed	Monday 31 st October
First day of term	Tuesday 1 st November
Wear Something Bright for Firework Night	Friday 4 th November
Individual Tempest Photos	Monday 7 th November
Remembrance Sunday (children at cross)	Sunday 13 th November
Y6 Class Assembly – Morfa Bay	Wednesday 16 th November-9am Parents into the hall for 9:05 Start
Children In Need	Friday 18 th November (£1 charity donation)
Anti-Bullying Week	Monday 14 th - Friday 18 th November
Y4 Class Assembly - Braeside	Wednesday 23 rd November-9am Parents into the hall for 9:05 Start
Experience Christmas Yr3/4 at church	Tuesday 29 th November all day & Wednesday 30 th November am only
PTA Christmas Fayre	Thursday 1 st December
Prayer Space in classes	W/C 5 th December
KS1 Christmas Production – dress rehearsal	Monday 5 th December afternoon
KS1 Christmas Production	Thursday 8 th December afternoon & evening performances
Christmas Jumper Day (£1) and Dinner	Wednesday 14 th December
Church Christmas Service	Friday 16 th December 9.30am
Last day of term	Friday 16 th December (1.30pm finish)
INSET Day – school closed	Tuesday 3 rd January
First day of term	Wednesday 4 th January
Christingle activity morning and service Rev McKenzie	Friday 6 th January
Young Voices (Yr4-6 children in school choir)	Thursday 26 th January
First Aid Champions Week	Monday 13 th - Friday 17 th February
1 st Aid Champions Week - Skip Hop workshops	Thursday 16 th - Friday 17 th February
Last day of term	Friday 17 th February (3pm finish)
Half term	Monday 20 th February – Friday 24 th February
World Book Day	Thursday 2 nd March
Red Nose Day	Friday 17 th March
Tempest Class Photos	Tuesday 21 st March
Prayer Space Week – Spirituality garden focus	W/C 27 th March – am or pm session
Parents' Evening - 10-minute phone calls	Tuesday 28 th & Thursday 30 th March
Easter Church Service (Yr3/4 parents/carers)	Friday 31 st March 9.30am – 10.30am
Last day of term	Friday 31 st March (1.30pm finish)
Easter Holidays	Monday 3 rd April – Friday 14 th April
First day of term	Monday 17 th April



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Yr5 Cycling Proficiency	Monday 17 th April – Friday 28 th April
KS1 SATS	1-31 st May
Bank Holiday	Monday 1 st May
KS2 SATS	W/C 8 th May
Last day of term	Friday 26 th May (3pm finish)
Half Term	Monday 29 th May – Friday 2 nd June
Yr4 Multiplication Check	W/C 5 th June – 3 week window
Inset Day	Monday 5 th June
First day of term	Tuesday 6 th June
Yr1 Phonic Screening	W/C 12 th June
EYFS New parents meeting	Tuesday 13 th June
Experience Church Yr1 & Yr2	Wednesday 14 th June
Year 6 Leavers Service – Gloucester Cathedral	Wednesday 14 th June
Armed Forces Day	Friday 23 rd June
Sports Day	Friday 7 th July
Yr6 dress rehearsal to school	Monday 10 th July Pm
Yr6 performances to parents	Tuesday 11 th July PM and Thursday 13 th July evening
Prayer space week	W/C 17 th July
Y6 Leaving event	Monday 24 th July
Last day of term	Tuesday 25 th July (1.30pm finish)