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*'Caring, Believing, Achieving'*

### **Newsletter: March 2023**

This term our value is Forgiveness. We are looking at how God gives us a 'clean slate' when we ask for forgiveness, and how it takes a lot of strength to apologise when we have done something wrong. We will look at Bible stories, including the story of Zacchaeus, to see how we can turn over a new leaf when we make a mistake. During the season of Lent, we will learn about Holy Week and how Jesus dying on the cross is connected to our value. As a school, we will go to the church to 'Experience Easter', with two of our Governors preparing the different stations that the children will be able to visit.

Term 4 may be short, but we have a lot to look forward to including Outdoor Learning, World Book Day, the Science Dome visit and Art Week, where we will enjoy creating some new work with a visiting artist. We will then have an exhibition in school. A reminder that Thursday is World Book Day. We will be sharing our book reviews.

Finally, a big thank you, to the PTA who continue to come up with fun ideas to raise money for the school. These events are very supportive to the school, not only to bring the school community together, but also to raise crucial funds that help us enhance the children's learning. Also, a huge thank you to Mr and Mrs Legg, who during the half term, gave the apple tree a much-needed trim!

### **Cross Country Trials**

Earlier this month the children took part in cross country trials at Far Peaks, which is a challenging course. They all did incredibly well with six children invited to run in the Gloucester County event.



### **Swimming Gala**

In the recent swimming gala our team came 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 9 teams. Well done to all who competed.



### **Events this term include:**

KS2 cross country

Yr 5/6 High 5 netball

Yr 3/4 Tag rugby - Mrs Clarke will be running a tag rugby practice for Yr3/4 on Mondays from 12.30 - 12.50.

### Year 4 Trip: Local Area Study

This term, on Friday 10th February, year 4 went on a walk around the local area. All of us ticked off things on our sheets such as the pub, river and shop. Everyone wrote down the symbols on the map as we went past them. On the walk we passed one of the governors and her dogs. **By Ava**

At school we went on a walk to Coln St.Aldwyns. So we had clipboards with a sheet of Coln and a waypoint at the start of the walk I was excited I have never been on a walk round Coln I have only driven through it, so when we started we saw a post box so we draw the symbol on the map and headed off. Then we went past a river we stood and took a pictures. **By Osca**



When we walked to Coln St Aldwyns, we saw amazing stuff like the Coln shop. We asked the manger questions like how many years have you been manager of this shop? **By Aarlo**

We explored the place and wrote down what we saw like if we saw a church, we wrote the symbol on the map where it is. There were three places of worship, one store and some houses. **By Cody**

### Art in Year 4/5/6

One of my favourite lesson this term is art. We've done so much, we have learnt about Chinese art. We made Chinese dragons and a terracotta army. We also tried out calligraphy and made some clay dragons. **By Eben**



### Term 3 in Red Kite

We had some people from the **NSPCC** come in and spoke about online safety and so did **PC Davis** we learnt about how to stay safe on the internet. We learnt not to share any personal information with strangers.

We had another visitor for our science lesson about medicine called Mr Boothroyd, since he has helped make some medicine. He also taught me something I had no idea about which is that making a vaccine can take up to twelve years.

We also got new play equipment this term and everyone is using it carefully and not getting them all knotted. People are also using the big skipping ropes, setting up big skipping games and everyone is playing super nicely all together.

This term, we got some books with different cultures and religions, and it has been really nice to learn about them. We also got some picture books.

**By Orla S**

### Outdoor Learning: Skylark Class

Skylark Class took part in an Outdoor Learning session at Lea Wood. The children used their map reading skills to find the clues and work out where the story characters were hidden.



### Kingfisher trip to Gloucester Cathedral and Mosque

On Thursday 2nd February, Kingfisher went to the mosque and cathedral in Gloucester on a bus to learn about Muslims and Christianity.

At the mosque, we learnt what Muslims wear, what they do and how they pray. Inside the mosque, we learnt about the 5 pillars. We tried on Muslim clothes and did wudu this is where we wash our hands, head, face, arms and feet. We also got to hear the call to prayer! The girls wore dresses and head scarfs called hijab. The mosque was beautiful it has two blue domes and a moon on the top.

Then, we went to the cathedral and it was humongous and the stained glass windows were amazing! Just before we went in we saw a knife angel. In the cathedral, we did crafts and they were to do with stories from the bible. We also did role play and acted out a baptism which was really fun. As a class, we also learnt that it is called a cathedral because there is a special chair called a cathedra that the bishop gets to sit on. Some of us even got the chance to sit on it! One of my favourite activities was making candle holders out of clay.

That was our day and we loved it!

By: Freddie (Y2), Frank (Y2), Emma (Y2), Wilf (Y3), Maggie (Y3), Willa (Y2), Digby (Y3), Henry (Y3), Josh (Y3) , Balthazar (Y3) and Jessica (Y3).



#### Trip Payments

Following the pandemic, we are trying to make sure that the children have experiences that they have perhaps missed out on over the last couple of years. This includes Educational Visits. In the main, we try and make them as cost effective as possible, keeping in mind the cost-of-living crisis. The PTA have been very generous in supporting us by paying for the transport. We also look for funded activities such as the outdoor learning. However, we do need to ask for some contributions for these trips to go ahead. Unfortunately, the percentage of contributions has been low this year. If you do have any outstanding payments, please could you make sure that you settle them on ParentPay.

#### Uniform

A reminder that the required uniform can be seen on the website. If you are purchasing new uniform, please check the requirements before doing so. This includes PE kit.

If you need help with uniform, please ask. The PTA have a collection of good quality second hand uniform available.

### RE visitor in Skylark Class

Mrs Sayers came into Skylark class to talk about how Christians know what God is like. She explained to the class that just like her baby daughter, Poppy, needs to be cared for, God is like a father to all of us, caring for us. She explained that she saw him as the creator, and how being a Christian brought her joy. She then shared a lovely story with us about how we show we are happy. Thank you to Mrs Sayers for taking the time to help us with our RE topic.



#### **Dates for the Diary:**

Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Parents Evening
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Litter Assembly/Litter Pick
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Cross Country – Kingshill School 4-5pm
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Outdoor Learning: Red Kite and Year 4
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Outdoor Learning: Red Kite Online Safety Parent Workshop: 6pm
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Dome visit – more information to follow
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Experience Easter at Church
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Bee Netball Competition Yr 5&6
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Start of Art Week - visiting artist in
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Kingfisher Trip to Coronium Museum Art Exhibition in school
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Term Ends: 2pm
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Term 5 starts
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Outdoor Learning: Kingfisher Class
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Skylark visit to Cogges Farm
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Life Space visit
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Bank Holiday
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
Week Commencing 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATS week
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Outdoor Learning: Skylark
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Outdoor Learning: Kingfisher
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Outdoor Learning: Red Kite
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Outdoor Learning: Year 4