



3 May 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

Breakfast Club

Wednesday 1 May saw the grand opening of the 'Gold Key Breakfast Club' at Victoria. We are very pleased to be able to add this to our offer of wraparound care and we look forward to seeing the club grow over the next few months.

Whole School RE Day

As a Church of England school, our RE teaching focuses mainly on Christianity, but we also teach the children about other major religions. On Tuesday we learned more about Judaism and welcomed a Jewish visitor into school, who told us all about the important festival of Passover.

Reception Trip to Berkhamsted Castle

On Thursday both Reception classes walked to the castle, where they climbed up to the motte, saw the double moat and the two wells and learned about how the castle was designed to help those inside defend themselves from any unwelcome visitors. The sun shone and the children had lots of fun.

'Perform' Theatre Workshops

On Friday, 'Perform' visited us and ran a workshop in each year group, linked to their topic for this term. There were fairy-tale characters in Reception, adventurous explorers in Year 1 and knights and princesses in Year 2.

Mindfulness and Well-being Update

All classes are enjoying daily mindfulness practices now and the teachers report that these sessions really make a difference to the children's readiness for learning. As a federation staff, we had a training session on Mental Health and Well-being from our Mental Health leads: Laura Bradford and Lisa Williamson on our INSET day, 23 April. This has been a high priority for us this year and we really feel as though we have

Star of the Week



Acorn

Nathan for listening well and following instructions carefully.

Maple

Elijah for his excellent observational skills and comments during our trip.

Oak

Effie for her fantastic attitude to writing.

Beech

Alice for concentrating really well during maths and producing great work.

Cedar

Imogen for working hard at her 'sounds and blending' skills.

Hazel

Brooke for working really hard in lessons.

taken steps towards being a highly resilient school. Attached to this newsletter are two leaflets you might find useful if you have any concerns about your child's or your own mental well-being.

Lisa MacGovern Drop-in Surgery

A reminder that Lisa will be in school on Tuesday 7 May, for any parents who would like her advice on issues such as routines, diet, behaviour and general family life. You can call her on 07780 114079 or make an appointment through the school office.

Caroline Crozier
Head of School

School and VSA Diary Dates

Please check the website
for most up-to-date
information

Monday 6 May
School Closed

Monday 13 May
Class Photographs

Friday 17 May
Dress Down Day for Spring
Fair

Saturday 18 May
VSA Spring Fair

Thursday 23 May
Maple Class Assembly

Wednesday 5 June
Collective Worship at St
Peter's

Wednesday 7 June
Parent Forum Meeting

Tuesday 11 June
Cedar Class Assembly

Wednesday 19 June
New Parent's Meeting

Thursday 20 June
Oak Class Assembly

Information sent out this week

None this week



Value Champions

This week our value has been:
Service – Receiving as well as giving

Nathan – Jack – Joel – Louisa – Tess

This week at St Peter's

May is a busy month in and around St Peter's.

The Friends of St Peter's and Cemetery Project are supporting the Book Festival, **Sunday 12 May, 9:30am – 6:00pm** to be held in the Town Hall and Rectory Lane Cemetery. **Meet authors, take part in interactive workshops, children's writing competition.** Kate Campbell needs volunteers to help on the day - everything from checking tickets to escorting authors. If you can help please let us know. www.BerkoFest.com for ticket information.

BERKHAMSTED WALK raising funds for **The Children's Society**. **Sunday 12 May**. 6, 12 or 18 mile walks through the local area. For details go to www.berkhamstedwalk.com

The BERKHAMSTED DEANERY LECTURE will be given this year by Revd Lucy Winkett, Rector of St James's Church Piccadilly and a regular broadcaster on Radios 4 and 3. The lecture is entitled: *Good news or Fake news? A Christian perspective on broadcasting in echo chambers and filter bubbles, facing the challenge of a 24 hour news cycle.* The lecture will start at **7:45pm in St Mary's Northchurch on Thursday 23 May** and light refreshments will be provided.