



Langho and Billington St. Leonard's Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Despite the frequent downpours, this week has been filled with sunshine at school! It is great to see how the children are really in their stride and learning so much each day. Thank you to those parents and grandparents who have offered to help with improving our outdoor areas - it was great to have a look together at how we can develop the area and there are already exciting plans forming. We are truly blessed to have an incredible woodland on the school grounds and look forward to when it can be used to enhance learning for children across all year groups.

Our School Council also met for the first time this week, and discussed possible plans for an outdoor reflection area, ideas for improving our school reward system and after school clubs. Further information will follow next week about Autumn Term after school activities on offer.

Congratulations to the wonderful sporting attitude and teamwork of our first football squad to play a match representing St Leonard's in years! It is lovely to be able to offer the opportunity to experience friendly competition again and we look forward to offering more competitions for all our children who are interested in the near future.

Please see below for important information, our weekly class updates and of course our Stars of the Week!

Kind regards and have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Lindley

Christmas Cards (Already!)

This term we are again using Art Screen Prints to print our Christmas cards. The aim is to encourage pupils' creativity and design skills whilst also raising funds for our school.

Your child has created and brought home his/her own design for a Christmas card that can be professionally printed to produce a pack of 12 cards with envelopes.

Not only would it be very exciting for your child to see his/her work as a finished printed product, the cards themselves are great for sending a more personal greeting to friends and family at Christmas!

Card packs can be ordered by completing the order form attached to your child's artwork.

PLEASE DO NOT FOLD THE ARTWORK.

Payment should be made via Parentpay (sorry, no cash or cheques can be accepted).

Artwork and payment must be returned by 11 October 2021

Harvest Appeal

School will be celebrating the Harvest Festival in church on Monday 4th October at 9am. It will be wonderful to worship together again in church as a whole school. Year 6 will be leading the prayers and readings. Parents are welcome to join us for this service. We are inviting donations of either, food & toiletries to our local foodbanks, or money in an envelope for the Bishop's Harvest Appeal charity. If you would like to donate, please bring these in the week beginning 4th October. See below for suggestions.

Please send in...

URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS

LAUNDRY LIQUID/POWDER

WASHING UP LIQUID

CLEANING CLOTHS

SOAP

SHOWER GEL

SPONGE PUDDINGS

TINNED MEAT

TINNED POTATOES

TINNED CARROTS

TINNED SWEETCORN

SQUASH/CORDIAL

STRONG, REUSABLE CARRIER BAGS

OUR SHOPPING LIST

SUGAR

FRUIT JUICE (CARTON)

SOUP

PASTA SAUCES

TINNED TOMATOES

CEREALS

RICE PUDDING (TINNED)

TEA BAGS / INSTANT COFFEE

INSTANT MASHED POTATO

RICE

PASTA

TINNED MEAT

TINNED FISH

TINNED FRUIT

JAM

BISCUITS OR SNACK BAR

NAPPIES

SHOWER GEL

SHAMPOO

DEODORANT

WASHING UP LIQUID



Upcoming Dates for your diary

Harvest Festival Service – Monday 4th October 9am in St. Leonard's Church (parents and carers welcome)

Harvest Festival Service – Sunday 10th October 9.15am or 10.30am in St. Leonard's Church

Parents' Evening – Wednesday 20th October and Thursday 21st October (Further information to follow)

Blackbirds Mini-Concert for parents and carers – Friday 22nd October 2:30pm (Further information to follow)

School closes for half-term – Friday 22nd October 2:30pm

School re-opens after half-term – Monday 1st November 8:45am

Class Updates

Little Lennie's



We have had lots of fun in Little Lennie's this week with activities based on the theme of Harvest and the story of the Little Red Hen. We talked about fairness and how it was fair that the Little Red Hen got to eat all of the bread - because her friends didn't help her! We talked about the importance of being kind and helping each other.

The children helped to make bread, measuring, mixing, kneading...and then eating the warm bread when it came out of the oven.

We were treated to a really special visit from Reverend Tracy. She taught the children a song and told them all about her job as a vicar.

We've also been digging for worms and have added them to a wormery outside so that we can keep an eye on them when we go out to play!

Along with our music lesson this week the children have also enjoyed our small world area, painting with vegetables, sticking and gluing, singing, dancing and generally having a wonderful time!



Blackbirds



This week we have been enjoying the story of 'A Wet and Windy Day for Puddles.' Puddles is a cat who belongs to Reverend Freddie. (we have these characters in our class) This book has introduced us to the world of Harvest, being thankful for the foods we have on earth and understanding that not everyone is as fortunate as ourselves. We have drawn fruits and vegetables (and learned the names of some less familiar ones). Reverend Tracy came to visit and told us all about her job as Vicar at St Leonard's. We sang two of our Harvest songs for Reverend Tracy which she really enjoyed. We have done lots of sorting and continued with our phonics skills - some of us are already becoming real readers! Our favourite areas to play in at the moment are our new home corner, small worlds space - where we can build our own areas and use our imagination, and the block play space - balancing and making 3D structures. A super week again in Blackbirds Class - well done everyone! 😊



Doves



It has been another fun week in Doves, We have worked very hard in Maths by counting forwards, backwards and finding one more with numbers to 10. In English, we have continued our story writing and really tried hard to use capital letters and full stops as well as use correct letter formation. In Geography, we have had fun creating messy maps of our local area. In DT, we have continued to practise building skills including learning how to join and fix objects together. In RE, we have been chatting about all the Bible stories we know and we have created our own bookshelves of favourite stories.

Have a lovely weekend and come back ready for another week in Doves!



Eagles



The children have had another very busy week in Eagles and it has been lovely to see them smiling as they learn! In English we have used a story map to help us retell part of the story of 'The Jolly Postman' and we had lots of fun searching our classroom for nouns. In Maths, we have been comparing numbers using the comparison symbols.

In Geography this week, we explored maps of the local area and produced messy maps to show a variety of geographical features. We enjoyed different Bible stories in our RE lesson and thought carefully to identify our favourites and explain why we chose them. Such a busy week!



Falcons



We have had some super scientists in Falcons this week! Not only have we explored what makes a healthy lunchbox and thought about what we would choose to have in ours but we have also helped Little Red Riding Hood! She needed our advice on which soap and tissues were the best to take for her poorly Grandma. I'm sure they will both be very grateful for our help! We have put our math brains to the test when comparing objects and numbers and we also put our writing brains to the test when writing the opening of our very own story based on 'Katie Morag and the Two Grandmothers!'. Wow, I am so impressed by all of the hard work and think we all deserve two days off to let our brain rest, ready to go again on Monday!



Thomas!

Let Your Light Shine... Matthew 5:16



Hérons



In English, the Heron Class children have written their version of 'Black Dog' this week. They have been putting into practise the grammar objectives of punctuation for direct speech, prepositions, and synonyms for *said*. I have been extremely impressed by their amusing folk tales. In Maths the children have finished the unit on place value and have started addition and subtraction of multiples of a hundred. They have been spotting number patterns and using their knowledge of one-digit addition to help them. Science was a practical lesson to discover magnetic and non-magnetic materials. The children then thought about uses of magnets in everyday objects. In RE we considered the impact of responding to God's call, on peoples' life. We thought about the impact on the person and how they impacted others. In PE the children further developed their throwing skills and tactics. To inform future design decisions, the children evaluated existing desk tidies in DT and identified how they would improve the product. They then presented their information to the rest of the class. Great work Heron Class children!



Tallulah!

Let Your Light Shine... Matthew 5:16



Kingfishers



Kingfishers have had another busy week of learning. We have written our own version of our class text 'Black Dog'. We are looking forward to reading their own folk tales next week. In PSHE we have been discussing friendships and what a good relationship looks like. In Maths we have found 1, 10 and 100 more or less than different numbers and have solved problems using what we have learnt. We have also enjoyed reading our guided reading book 'The Witches' where the children were able to use the text to find out about the different characters.



Sophie!

Let Your Light Shine... Matthew 5:16



Owls



Owls Class have continued to work hard on their learning this week. In Maths, the children developed their understanding of rounding by rounding to the nearest 1,000. They also looked at counting in 25s, partitioning numbers and working with negative numbers. In English the children developed their own ideas of characters and settings and also looked at how folktales are structured. In RE the children looked at people called by God and the important roles they have played in making the world a better place. They focused on peace in worship and discussed what to do when we are feeling worried. Our science lesson consisted of exploring magnets and how they work. In PE, the children enjoyed practising their ball skills and worked well as part of a team. In Geography the children enjoyed locating different cities using an OS map and came up with some directions. They also enjoyed creating their Christmas card designs as an Art focus and in DT focused on evaluating products. Good work, Owls Class!



Jessica!

Let Your Light Shine... Matthew 5:16



Robins



In Robins class we have continued making our own language choices in our English work so we don't just write the first thing that comes into our heads but think of several possibilities before choosing the most suitable. In Maths, we finished our unit of work on place value with Roman numerals. We used our line graphs about the climate in Scandinavia to compare temperature and precipitation. We created a timeline of Jesus' life, showing where he went and the twelve most important things he did. In our class worship, Mr Colpman played his guitar and sang a song about being precious in the eyes of the Lord. The children also looked at the chorus in sign language. Finally, we carried out an experiment to find out which materials are good thermal insulators. What a busy week!



Swifts



We have had another busy week in Swifts class, in English we have completed our stories based on 'The Journey' and the children have spent the last part of the week using all their skills independently to write their own story. In Science this week we were setting up more investigations but this time considering how we could use thermal insulators to keep Mrs Filder's cup of tea hot. In Geography we explored the human features of Scandinavia and used population density maps to identify which areas most people lived in and why. In PE we started thinking about the positions in Netball and what their role was when playing a match. In Music the year 5's have worked really well playing their brass instruments impressing Mrs Rayton with the sound they are making so early on in their playing. Year 6 are working well playing their recorders too. We ended the week experimenting in our art books with mixed media and watercolours. Thank you for a lovely week Swifts.



Wrens



Wrens have worked hard this week and have impressed me with their levels of concentration. In English, we have completed our scaffolded write of 'The Journey' and are now beginning to plan for our independent work next week. In Maths, the children have worked hard at various addition and subtraction problems which have really made them think hard. In Science we have investigated the best materials for making a paper cup, and in Geography, we have compared the physical geography of the three Scandinavian countries. The children also enjoyed a visit from Mrs Horrocks, the headteacher from Ribblesdale as well as helping me with worship on Thursday. Well done Wrens - another super week !

