

## SEAL themes and Christian values

Our SEAL theme this half-term is **Changes**. Our targets at school and at home are:

- Dealing well with an unexpected change
- Getting better at our learning
- Changing our behaviour for the better
- Making the most of an unwelcome change

Thankfulness is our Christian value for the Summer term. We are thinking about all the places, people and things that we can be thankful for.

Our Nurture Group focus is Risk-taking and also our final Enterprise Projects. We will be finding out which Nurture Group team has grown their original £5 to the biggest total.

## Keeping safe

This week, we have been thinking about keeping ourselves safe on the roads and by the sea. Our rail safety visitors had to cancel their visit but are trying to rearrange for later this half-term.

Several parents and members of staff have expressed concern over children on bikes and scooters who are putting themselves at risk when they are playing out in the village. Please talk to your children about this – and let me know if you would like me to speak to your child too.

## Brownlee triathlon

We were really proud to send a group of our children from Sports Club to take part in the Brownlee triathlon this year. The children tell me that the swim, cycle and run was challenging but enjoyable.

## Inter-school debating competitions

The children have taken part in two debating competitions this term, one at Strawberry Fields Primary School and one at East Garforth Primary Academy. The children were not given the subjects for debate until they arrived and at East Garforth they were in mixed school teams – quite a challenge! They did really well, some were on the winning teams, and they were confident that they will do even better next year.

## Visiting places of worship

We were made very welcome on our visits to both the synagogue and the mosque. Our children, staff and parent volunteers found the visits fascinating. The National Curriculum includes the requirement to learn about Christianity and one other faith in Key Stage 1; in Key Stage 2 we are required to learn about Christianity and two other faiths. We aim to arrange visits to places of worship every two years in order to cover this part of the curriculum.

## Twitter

One of the aspects of school I would like feedback on is our Twitter account. Some schools use this rather than their website for photos of what the children have been busy with in school. We have tried out a Twitter account for a while and would like to know whether to continue using it and increase the amount of photos on there, to close it and just use the new website or to use both.

## Compliments and complaints

We do like to hear from our parents and we are always trying to improve on what we do, so if you have any comments about school, please email us on: [office@micklefieldceprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@micklefieldceprimary.co.uk).

## Dates for your diary

These are now available on the website calendar and on class newsletters. A paper copy can be requested from the school office.

**forgiveness**

**justice**

**faith**

**compassion**

**peace**

**thankfulness**