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NEWSLETTER

'With Jesus at the centre of all we do and say'

Life Education Van Visits

Once again the Life Education Van was a huge success. The children learnt about keeping our bodies and minds healthy. The children enjoyed learning with Harold the giraffe.

A big thank you to Barnoldswick and Earby Rotary club who donated some money to help fund the visit of the Life Education van.

Some of our parents attended the van for the parents workshop and said they thought it very informative.



Mayor of Nelson visits school

On Tuesday 15th January the Mayor of Nelson visited our school accompanied by the Mayoress. The Mayor told everyone how important his job is and the Mayoress showed us her necklace with a four and half carat diamond in it!

The Mayor talked to us about the fundraisers they do and how he felt it was important for every primary school child to learn to swim.

Everyone enjoyed holding the mace and looking at the Mayor's chain. He was asked lots of interesting questions. (Written by school council.)



Online safety by Mr Worsley

Mr Worsley, our ICT governor worked with the children to teach online safety as it was 'Safety Internet Day' on the 5th February.

The children listened and learnt how to use the internet in a responsible and safe way. Please talk to your child about how to be safe online. Keeping safe online is not just on 'Safer Internet Day' but everyday!



Class I Assembly

Class I led an assembly based on their class virtue 'Love.' They all worked hard, remembered lines, sang a song and ended their assembly by giving the adults a daffodil. Well done Class I you made your families and our staff very proud.



Dates for your diary

School closes 15th February at 3.30pm

Re opens 25th February at 8.55am

World Book Day– 7th March-dress up day

Ash Wednesday Mass– 6th March at 10am in Church. All welcome to join us.

Science Week– week beginning 1st March. More details later.

School closes 5th March at 1.30pm for Easter.

Please see the school website for further information on our calendar.

Forest School News

During our Forest School sessions the children are given the opportunity to explore the environment through a range of games and activities. They learn to work together as a team in den building and are taught various knots to enable them to do natural crafts. The children are also taught how to identify trees, flowers and insects and the importance of these for our environment.

Forests school challenges the children and helps their holistic development.



If you have any queries regarding items on this newsletter please see Mrs. De Carteret (Deputy Headteacher)

Thank you to Barnoldswick Library

Class 2 visited our local library this term as it was 'Storytellers Week.' We received a warm welcome from the library staff. The children loved the stories and are keen to visit again. Thank you to the parents who helped us on that day.

Governor News

Our school governors and headteacher are pleased to announce that a new fence and internal gates will be installed during the half-term holiday. These will give a further boost to security at the school and are part of our continuing efforts to keep your children safe.

The work is the latest in a series of projects we have been able to undertake over the years thanks to grants from a special fund the education authority runs for voluntary aided schools like ours. Schools have to bid for such grants and successful applications in the past have given us money towards a new roof, new windows and doors, a perimeter fence round the playing fields and a new boiler room.

Taekwondo

Taekwondo has been running after school for Years 2-6.

This week, sessions have filmed in Year 5&6 as part of a 'Martial Ed Anti-Bullying Power of Me' course.

The film will be used as an online training tool to help other children learn key skills .



Mrs Balk teaches sign language

Mrs Balk is teaching a group of students how to use basic British Sign Language. The children are very responsive and are enjoying learning a new and valuable skill.



Reminder

Please may we remind the parents of children who have packed lunches that nuts, sweets and chocolates are not allowed. They may bring in other items for example: fruit, crisps, yoghurts, cereal bars. This is part of our school policy to encourage our children to eat a healthy and balanced diet. If you require any further details please look at our school prospectus on the website at: www.st-josephs-barlick.lancs.sch.uk.

