



Friday 10th May, 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Open Book



This week, we welcomed Jane Roots to our Collective Worship. She shared with us the Bible story of The Little Children and Jesus. We learnt how people were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples told them off for this. The picture shows our children acting as the people and the little children. When Jesus saw this, he was disappointed. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." We remembered that our world does belong to the next generation and used this story to think about our value of Courage. Jesus showed great courage to stand up to his friends, the disciples, for something that he believed was the right thing to do.



NSPCC Visit



This week we were reminded to Speak out, Stay safe! Mandy from the NSPCC told us how we can keep safe from harm, including those issues that may be hidden, and how to get help if we have any worries. It was an empowering session for both children and teachers. They spoke to the children and staff about the valuable work they do across the country, and talked about how important it is for everyone in our school community to join them in their 'fight for every childhood'.

We reminded the children of their rights under The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child:

- The right to speak out and be heard
- The right to be safe
- The right to get help when they need it



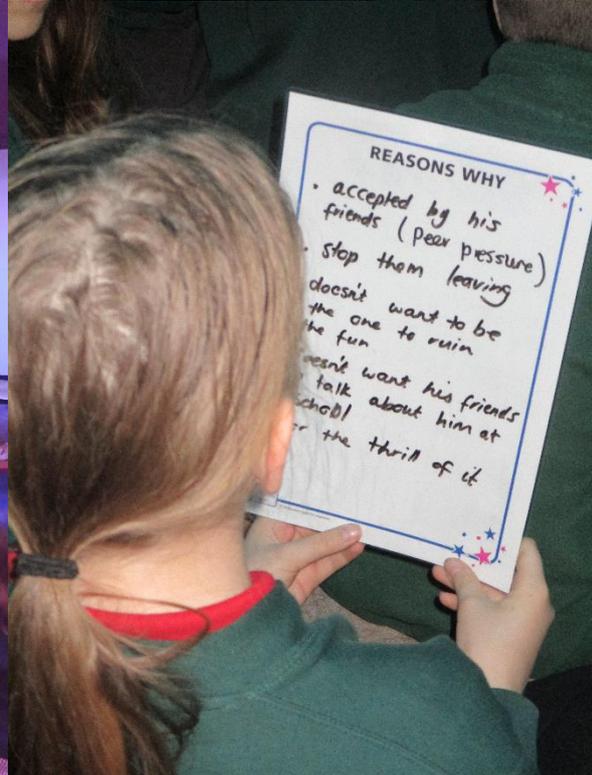
On **Monday 20th May** our children will be doing **Buddy's Meaningful Maths** – which will not only be exciting for our children but will also mean they're raising money for the NSPCC's vital work and helping keep even more children safe. Your child will be bringing home a sponsor form **soon** to start practicing some of the maths questions that they'll be set in preparation for Monday 20th May. We have had some delays with the delivery of these forms but have been

assured that they are on their way.

At the end of the week, Years 5 and 6 explored types of abuse in more depth looking at scenarios and then applying the key messages from Speak out, Stay Safe.

Life Education

Dovetailing from our work from the NSPCC we all visited the Methodist Chapel where we were taught in a pop up classroom. Once again, the children met Harold the giraffe, who helped them learn about keeping their bodies healthy, their feelings, being a good friend and the safe use of medicines. Our older children learned to consider the effects and risks associated with the use of drugs, including medicines, alcohol and tobacco. In addition, children learned about choices that can affect health and well-being, skills of friendship and how to cope with bullying and peer pressure. Inviting the Life Education team in provides our staff with many resources that we can then use to support our teaching and enrich our Social, Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship curriculum, as well as our Relationships and Sex Education curriculum.



Ash Class Parents' Lunch

Ash class parents loved dropping in to have lunch with their children earlier this week. Ash children were so excited to show them what to do in the lunch hall. Mums and Dads had to remember to put up their hands to ask for pudding and they learnt where to put their used plates and cutlery. Dodging sporadic showers, hail **and** a storm, they all played inside and outside after enjoying their yummy dinner. A typical lunch at Twyford St Mary's really!

Here are a few comments from our parents:

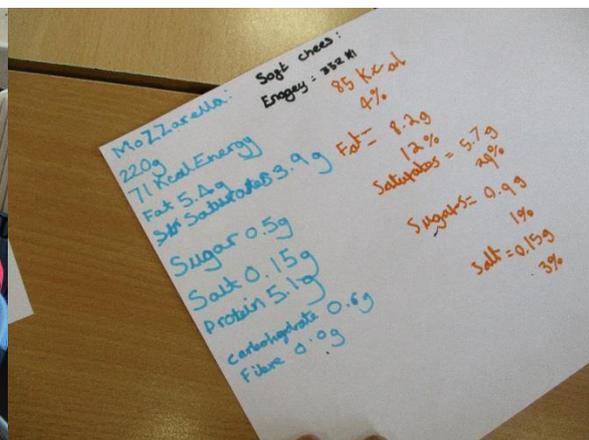
"It was lovely to see how happy and well behaved all the children were. I really

enjoyed joining them for lunch. The dinners looked great. Thank you for inviting us!" "We both enjoyed the meal. Thank you so much for inviting me to share the experience with my child. My salmon was nice and crispy. I especially enjoyed the potatoes." "What a lovely time we had – thank you. Tobias had pizza and I had jacket potato. Both meals were delicious."



Willow Class investigate

In DT, Willow class analysed food packaging for its nutritional value, discussed the 'Eat well Guide' and evaluated existing pasta salad products to help us design our own. We worked safely and effectively in the kitchen to prepare a balanced, healthy pasta salad. Whilst working we used our knife skills and learned about cooking times.





Ex TSM pupil becomes Head Girl at Westgate

We thought you would like to know that an ex-Twyford St Mary's pupil, Lily Sullivan, has been appointed Head Girl at The Westgate School. Her parents wanted to thank the staff for the care, guidance and support she was given during her time with us. We feel privileged to have been part of her educational journey.



Learn about Bell Ringing at Twyford Church

Last week the Year 5s and 6s listened to a talk at Twyford church about bell ringing. Now, this Saturday, 11 May, we can all have a go. Come to Mildmay House, next to the church, where there will be a 4 metre high mini belfry ready for demonstrations and lessons. Bell ringing is straight forward and anyone can learn. There will also be



tower tours, ploughman's lunches and refreshments in the church. Bring the whole family, from 12 noon to 3pm, for a unique opportunity to try your hand at this traditional British art.

Also, this Friday evening, at 7.30pm, there is a talk in the church about the project to renovate the bells and their history. Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

Andrew Johnson (Susanna's dad)
Steeplekeeper



Star of the Week

Ash	Finn	For having his own ideas and encouraging his friends to work as a Team Bee to be a band and perform some music to the rest of the class!
Beech	Maisie	For being a Curious Cat when writing a letter to Greenpeace to ask questions about whales.
Oak	Rosie	For creating her dream garden using a variety of materials for her home learning this week.
Sycamore	Sam	For his thoughtful ideas and good reasoning in our guided reading session.
Willow	Sophie	For really persevering in her learning this week with such a positive attitude.
Yew	Tom C	For excellent effort in Maths and rising to challenge when answering SATS questions involving decimals.



Roll of Honour

Ash	Alannah	For explaining to the class how we must be safe with medicines and always ask a grown up to help us when we visited Coram's pop up class on how to be healthy on Thursday.
	Annabel	For showing a great understanding of the 2's pattern. She wrote it up to 38!
Beech	Clara	For showing our value of Care by bringing in her own money to donate to the NSPCC after our NSPCC assembly.
	Rowan	For being an Incy Independent when naming 3d solids and describing their properties.

Oak	Tilly	For always being an exceptional role model and for always showing a caring attitude towards her peers.
	Michal	For his outstanding effort and positive attitude in both Literacy and Maths.
Sycamore	Zara	For her enthusiasm during our science investigation this week.
	Luke	For demonstrating our value of 'care' by being a kind and sensible friend.
Willow	Saul	For his non-stop writing energy to produce an outstanding Healthy Living piece.
	Ila	For her evaluation skills in writing and always trying to achieve her very best.
Yew	Maggie	For super progress in grammar and spelling and achieving greater depth in a recent practice paper
	Chloe	For super progress in a SATS arithmetic practice paper (improving by nine marks)

Dates for your diary

Summer Term	
13th – 17th May	KS2 SATs week
15th May	Beech Class Parents' Lunch
16th May	Sycamore Class trip to Manor Farm
20th – 24th May	Walk to School week
20th May	IBM Cricket Tournament
22nd May	Willow Class trip to Lakeside Park
22nd May	High 5 Netball Tournament at St Swithun's School
22nd May	Football Tournament at Owslebury Primary School
24th May	Crazy Hair/Non Uniform Day
24th May	Beech and Oak Garden Party
27th – 31st May	Half Term
3rd June	INSET Day
5th June	Yew Class trip to Lepe Country Park

6th June	Oak Class Parents' Lunch
7th June	Penguins Swimming Gala
9th June	PTA Summer Fair
11th June	Class/Group Photos
11th June	Stroud School Maths Challenge
13th June	Sycamore Class Parents' Lunch
17th June	Ash Class visit to Testwood Lakes
19th June	Sycamore and Willow trip to Butser Ancient Farm
19th June	Yr 6 Leavers' Service at Winchester Cathedral – PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE
21st June	Sports Day
25th June	Beech and Oak trip to Portchester Castle
26th June	Willow Class Parents' Lunch
3rd July	Summer Concert at St Mary's Church, 6.30pm
4th July	Reports home to parents
10th July	KS2 Performance – p.m
11th July	KS2 Performance – a.m
15th July	Yew Class Parents' Lunch
16th July	Final session of the Swimming Programme
22nd July	Yr 6 TSM Leavers' Service
23rd July	Last Day of Term



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