



Friday 21st June, 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

St Mary's Church Flower Festival

This creative team set to work last week with the additional expertise of Imogen, Creative Director, to create this beautifully apt flower display for St Mary's Church Flower Festival. The children told me how the meadow was to depict our local surroundings and how we want to encourage bees after learning about their decline. Bumblebees are important pollinators of wild flowering plants and crops. The loss of our much loved bumblebees can have a far reaching ecological impact due to their role as pollinators. Valerie Roberts, organiser of the festival, has said that the festival was a huge success raising £2500 for the church bells.





Ash Class visit Testwood Lakes



The rain held off for Ash Class' wonderful trip to Testwood Lakes this week. We were nature detectives for the day, led by real life explorer Steve! He shared his experience of how, when in the Congo, he had been attacked by leeches and had an anaconda snake wrapped around him (but not at the same time!). The children were enthralled and quickly learnt how to be ace explorers with our wildlife in the woods and water. Ash Class showed great care hunting for minibeasts and joy was evident on all their faces when they went pond dipping in the afternoon. Tess remarked it was, "the best school trip ever!" A big thank you to Steve at Testwood Lakes for inspiring our little explorers who one day may become big explorers, looking after our world in the future.



Sycamore and Willow go time travelling

On Wednesday, Sycamore and Willow journeyed back through the mists of time to England during the Dark Ages when Anglo-Saxons and Vikings fought for power. The staff at Butser Ancient Farm had organised a series of activities that allowed the children to get a real insight into what life would have been like around 800AD. From pottery-making to wall-building, pupils were fully immersed in day-to-day activities – even getting to eat their lunch in a genuine (and smoky) Saxon longhouse due to rain. The weather was unable to dampen their spirits, however, and Sycamore and Willow enjoyed a very fun and messy historical adventure!



Winchester Cathedral Leavers' Service 2019

On Wednesday, our Year 6 children took part in the Winchester Schools Leavers' Service at Winchester Cathedral to mark the end of their journey with us at Twyford St Mary's. This year's service was particularly special as we had been asked to speak during the service. Evie J, Mabel and Jack did us proud with a fabulous presentation. We are so proud of all our Year 6s for representing our school so well.

Evie, Mabel and Jack's presentation



Good afternoon, everyone. We are Y6 pupils from Twyford St Mary. Our school started its journey towards understanding the concept of Stewardship during the planning of our Easter service. We explored the idea of stewardship and how it involves humans acting on God's behalf to look after his creation. Each class presented their interpretation of the concept and persuaded the community to start making a difference. We will read our stewardship poem at the end of our presentation.

When we collectively brainstormed concepts for our bee art, we settled on the idea of putting homegrown pressed flowers onto the worker bee. This illustrates the significance of their part in pollination and the beautiful blossoms they help sustain. They also represent the rapidly declining wildflower habitats and the importance of preserving them in our own community.

We wanted to depict the hive in our artwork and our initial plans evolved when it occurred to us that we could feature the bee environments we cherish in Twyford. Some of these include: our local farm, the chalk stream where we did activities on our Nature Day last week, wildflower meadows and our outdoor classroom which we recently built for multiple functions including worship.

Courage, care, joy and respect: these are our Christian values, which we portray in every way and help us to value our bees. We must all have courage to raise awareness about our world that is under threat. Caring for bees is vital. Joy reminds us that we can get satisfaction out of planting flowers. It is essential to respect bees and their environment.

Finally, we will end with a thought provoking poem that members of our class wrote summing up the importance of acting on God's behalf.



Tri-Golf Hampshire County School Games

Following our winning performance at the Winchester and District Tri-Golf competition earlier in the term, we progressed to the Hampshire County School Games. Our team headed to Aldershot Military Stadium yesterday for the tournament. They put on a superb performance, demonstrating Twyford St Mary's values exceptionally well, and finished 3rd in the county! Well done team, we are very proud of you.



Bag2School Scheme

Don't forget that your bags are due on the top playground by **9.00am on Monday 24th June**. The more bags we can collect, the higher the amount raised for the school, so please do have a big clear out this weekend.

Coats

Given the unsettled weather we are experiencing at the moment, it is **essential that all children bring a raincoat into school each day**, even if the weather is sunny first thing in the morning.

Dogs

Whilst we are well aware that dogs are important family members for many of our children, can we politely remind parents that they are not permitted on the playground even if they are carried.



Sweets and sugary birthday treats

Please can we ask parents not to send in sweets or cakes on your child's birthday. Although a kind gesture, we have many children with dietary requirements whose parents do not wish for their children to be given sweets etc. Many thanks for your cooperation.



Star of the Week

Ash	Guy	For making a wonderful lift-the-flap church after our trip to St Mary's church in Twyford. Guy had his own ideas and included a stained glass window, a bell and the Twyford Team colours.
Beech	Robert	For being an Evaluating Owl when explaining in detail his reasons why it's important for Christians to have a special place.
Oak	Lauren	For accurate subtraction on an unstructured number line and for presenting her workings beautifully.
Sycamore	Annabelle	For her incredible perseverance with her maths, her calculations are superb.
Willow	Samara	For her expert news reporting on the Viking invasion of Britain.
Yew	Lillie-Rose	For her imaginative approach at presenting fresh images in a poem inspired by a Walter de la Mere poem



Roll of Honour

Ash	Jonah	For clever number skills helping Mrs McQueen total the lunches in the morning. Jonah is starting to use number patterns when calculating. He used the 5's pattern on the class number line and worked out 20 came after 15.
	Finn	For having his own ideas and creating a joyful picture on the front of his church picture.
Beech	Aron	For being an Evaluating Owl when improving his writing on Guthrum the Viking warrior.
	Daisy	For following our 'Golden Rule-We work hard 'and achieving next reading band. Well done Daisy!
Oak	Evalyn	For being an Incy Independent in Literacy and writing about what she might like and dislike about living in palace.

	Zef	For showing acts of kindness every day and upholding our core value of Care.
Sycamore	Jude	For showing respect and care to everyone, especially on our trip to Butser.
	Ruby	For using her explore key to get really stick in on our trip to Buster ancient farm.
Willow	Maisie	For being so curious and respectful during our trip to Butser Ancient Farm, they were great role models to all!
	Charlie	
Yew	Katie E	For evaluating a biblical text really well to see what it conveyed about God's holiness and love.
	Poppy L	For her curiosity on the cathedral trail and linking a lot of RE learning to the visit.

Dates for your diary

Summer Term	
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
8th July	Senior Citizens Tea Party
9th July	Strawberry Tea Party
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
16th July	Parents' Evening – 4 – 6pm (inc. afternoon for KS2)
17th July	Sycamore + Willow Banquet Event for Parents – 2.45pm
18th July	Listen 2 Me concert for Parents (Sycamore Class) – A.M (time TBC)
18th July	Parents' Evening – 5 – 7pm (inc. afternoon for Sycamore/Willow)
22nd July	Yr 6 TSM Leavers' Service

23rd July	Last Day of Term
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