



High Ash C of E School Weekly Newsletter Friday 8th February 2019



Grow Together Shine Forever

'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16

To all our families,

Another busy week goes by at school and it was great to see so many of you attend Parent's Evenings. It is always so valuable to have the opportunity to meet with you and share your child's successes and their next steps. I would also like to thank parents for your patience with the new on line booking system for Parents' Evening that we have used. Whilst you have all been very accommodating with the new system, we feel as a school that the previous online booking system worked better and so we will be going back to that in the Autumn Term. It means that you will once again be able to see all your bookings on one page which is much easier!

Highlights this week...

Reception- The children have continued to apply their phonics in their writing this week and they have been learning about money and coins in Maths. In PE they have been practising their throwing and catching skills and trying to add the challenge of doing so over longer distances. It was also great to see so many parents completing the learning stars to capture magic moments at home as well so we can record them in their Learning Journey too. The children are very excited to share their learning with you at their Class Assembly on Friday 15th February at 2:45pm (doors open at 2:30pm). **Please could parents remember to have the children's costumes for this assembly in school by Wednesday 13th February-** Thank you!

Year One and Two- Towards the end of our topics, the children have a chance to deepen their knowledge through an 'Innovate' activity. This week, the children have been completing their own additional research on Rio De Janeiro in order to write their own Travel Guide to the city for a four hour whistle stop tour! They had to independently plan their routes across the city to ensure they got in as many sights as possible in the four hours. Here are some of the photos of them working on this!



I also saw Joe T, Ronnie and Hayden who had shown super concentration in RE when working with Mrs Roberts. Rohan C, Thomas G, Alice, Roseanna and Harrison H have been determined to improve and have written some excellent non-fiction sentences in English- wow!

Year Three and Four- In support of their learning on explanation texts, the children have been writing these as part of their Home Learning. Well done to Nelka, Holly K, Skye and Herbert for their effort with this- great to see them applying their learning. Molly S and Matilda had Gold Stars for RE linked to their explanation of the Holy Trinity and Varsha, Fred and Autumn had demonstrated good explanations in their Maths reasoning activities. Well done to everyone! Imogen had given a creative explanation in her Science book, mixing humour and Science to show her understanding of the digestion process in animals. In Maths, the children have continued learning and reasoning about fractions, including improper fractions and mixed numbers. A special mention to Hawthorn Class whose excellent behaviour was commented on by our specialist Music Teacher, Mrs Snell.

Year Five and Six- This week, the children have been writing police reports to highlight the style and tone needed in writing different types of recounts. Mrs Gray's group have also been looking at writing the report in a different genre to show the difference between formal and informal recounts. I did join them for an interesting debate about how to show dialect through writing and I was impressed with the range of books they could draw upon from their own reading of authors who use this to add authenticity to their writing. Well done to Kiera who showed me some excellent home learning from the Snow Day activities too. In Maths at the moment, the children are rehearsing arithmetic strategies, fractions, ratio and proportion. In PE, the children have been performing

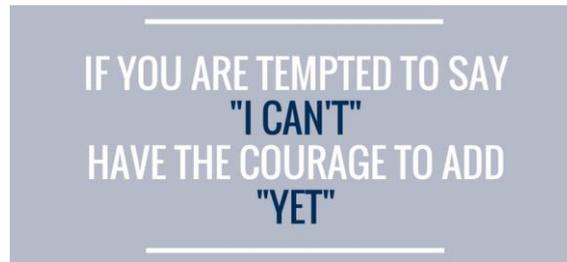
their Zumba dance routines and in RE have been looking at the Ten Commandments and their meaning in our life today. Thank you to Emily N, Hannah L, Jayden and Isaac C for sharing their thoughts on this with me.

Parent Governor Elections....

Thank you to the parents who have returned their ballot papers so far and remember you have until midday on the 14th February to register your vote. Both candidates were available in the hall after Star Assembly today, yet if you were unable to make it and have a question for them, please feel free to email the office and we will forward your query to the relevant candidate.

Assemblies this week...

The focus this week has been on 'courage' and using this to come out of our comfort zones. We have looked at the power of the word 'yet' to encourage the children to try new learning and to give them the confidence and positivity to persevere with something they find tricky. It has been great to hear the children moving from saying 'I can't do this', to 'I can't do this....yet'. We have linked this to the bible story of Daniel and The Lions and the need for courage knowing that you have people and faith to support you in making brave steps.



HASA Dates for the diary...

Wednesday 27th February - Winter Disco Foundation & KS1 - 3.30-4.30pm KS2 5.00-6.00pm
Thursday 28th March - Ladies Prosecco & Pamper Evening
Wednesday 3rd April - Spring Film Night - 3.30-5.15pm
Friday 5th April - Easter Raffle Prize Draw (will be drawn at Star Assembly)
SAVE THE DATE - HASA Summer Fair - Saturday 6th July 11am - 2pm

Please see HASA poster attached with details of all these events!

The Ash Tree...

Please see attached our menu for the second half of this term. You can now book your children's hot school meals from the 25th February to the end of this term. You can book your children's meal options up to 9am the same day.

Diary reminders for next week...

Friday 15th February - Foundation Assembly at 2.45pm - doors open at 2.30pm followed by a chance to look in Foundation class afterwards, all welcome!
Friday 15th February - break up for half term
Monday 25th February - return to school
Tuesday 26th February - Y5/6 Basketball Finals @ The Buckingham School 3.45-6.00pm
Friday 1st March - Star Assembly at 2.45pm - doors open at 2.30pm, all welcome!

Please remember that the full list of diary dates for the remainder of the academic year are on our website, under the News & Events tab and then go to Calendar.

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