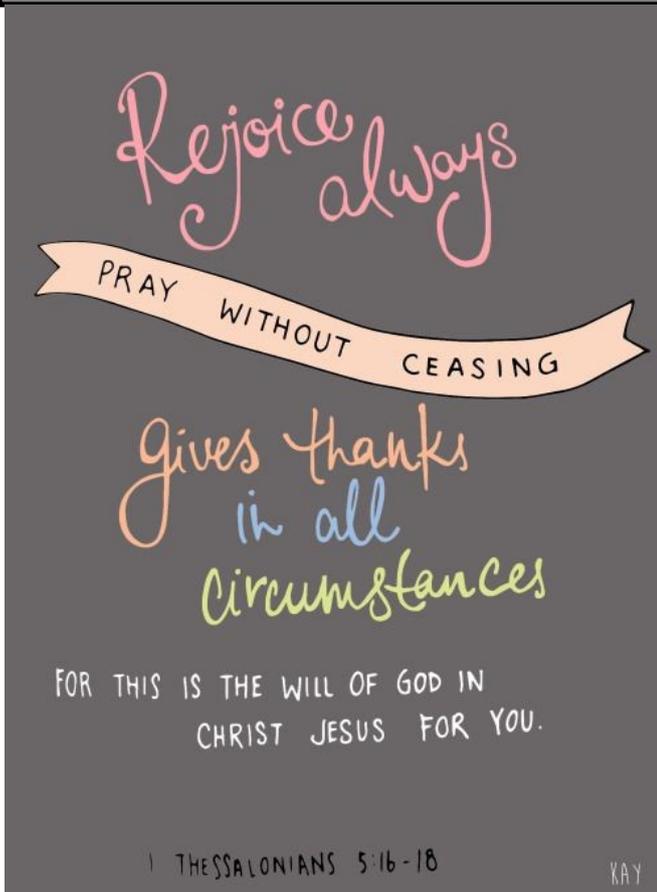


Headteacher's Newsletter

1 October 2019

Christian Value for this half term:

Thankfulness



Dear parents/carers,

Welcome to the October newsletter!

It's been a busy few weeks, with teachers getting to know their new classes, new staff getting to know the school and our routines, our new curriculum for Years 1—6 being put into place and us all finding our way with our new

behaviour strategy.

Walking around school the last few days has been a joy—our children have been displaying fantastic learner behaviours in the way they are ready for their lessons, and displaying 'legendary line ups' 'marvellous moving' and 'awesome ordering' around school (more about that later in the newsletter).

We had a wonderful 'Inspiring the Future' careers day a couple of weeks ago, where we had a range of visitors who came to talk to the children about their jobs. We had people from Bolton University talking about future jobs in the world of technology, and the arts. We had a barrister, speech and language therapist, nurse, bin lorry driver, Mayor's officer, hairdresser, our Bolton West MP, charity volunteer and a female boxer.

The children were so interested in the range of careers, and found that you might not always do the same job all your life, that some of the jobs they will do haven't been created yet, that some jobs they already know about might not exist, that in some jobs you get paid for talking and most importantly that whatever your hopes and dreams may be you must do YOUR best. Don't worry about how good you are compared to others. Be the best YOU can be.

Some of our children have been interviewed for BBC Radio Manchester on Brexit and what they know about it (quite a lot as it happens). We haven't been told yet when that will be broadcast but we will let you know via Twitter.

Best wishes,

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Ready, Respectful, Safe

"You can be strict without being nasty, maintain boundaries without cruelty and correct children without aggression".
(Paul Dix, Pivotal Education)

Our new behaviour approach is working extremely well, and although we haven't got it absolutely right yet we are determined to have this embedded as time goes on.

Children have already been rewarded with 'Ready, respectful, Safe' certificates on Fridays for behaviours which go 'above and beyond' the norm. We're looking forward to awarding more and more of these.

Three areas we have agreed as staff to focus on especially are:

Legendary Line-ups: stand quietly, face the front, hands and feet to yourself

Marvellous Moving: walking, inside voices, let others pass

Awesome Ordering: look at the board, choose your food, use your manners

These are being reinforced every day by all adults in school.



Parents' Evenings

The first parent/carer consultations will take place on Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th October. For those parents who are new to us please be aware that you will receive a text message in a week or so prompting you to book an appointment. This is all done electronically so you can see what appointments are available.

It's a bit like 'fastest finger first' - appointments are booked at lightning speed when they are released. Be ready!!

Lost Property



We will be putting lost property boxes outside of infant and junior doors every day from next week. This is because the children claim it doesn't belong

to them, despite teachers asking and asking! It is all un-named.

Mrs English-Mather and I have washed two big piles of lost property left over from the last school year which remains unclaimed. Last Friday I wheeled out a clothes rail at the end of the day with them all on, plus some items which have been donated from parents where their children have grown out of them. They were in great condition and were offered to any parents who wanted them.

Please can all parents/carers check their child's uniform: if it hasn't been bought via the school website it won't be labelled and it is down to you to get their names in. It helps so much as you're much more likely to get back missing items if your child's name is clearly written inside.

School Admissions

The primary and secondary school admissions portals are now open on Bolton Council's website. If you have a child due to start secondary school in September, or a child due to start reception in September, you will need to start the application process if you haven't already done so. The portal is on Bolton Council's website .

www.bolton.gov.uk/admissions

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact the school office. Mrs Platt is more than happy to help.

Our open afternoon is Thursday 7th November 1.30—3.00pm . Please share!

Harvest

Harvest is a time of year for being grateful for all the food and drink that we can share together at



mealtimes. Our Reception through to Year 6 children will mark this time with a special service in Church, led by Year 3 on Friday 11th October at 9.30am. Please come and join us if you are able!

As ever we will be collecting as follows:

Nursery—Year 4: Donations of money to continue to sponsor a child called Rishi who is 6 years old and lives in India. Our sponsorship of Rishi is an ongoing commitment to improve his well-being.

Year 5 and 6: Donations of flowers. These flowers will then be distributed to our elderly neighbours in the sheltered housing off Greenstone Avenue. We know from the letters and cards the school received after our last Harvest festival that the gifts of flowers were very much appreciated.

PTA



As you may be aware we don't have a chair of the PTA at the moment. Being chair is a huge commitment in terms of time and energy, but it is also the key role which makes things happen! If you think that you may have the time and energy to commit to leading the PTA this school

year please let us know—without an active PTA we're not able to continue the fantastic work which has been achieved in the past. The PTA have been fundraising for new laptops for the children—as you will be aware funding in schools is woeful at the moment and we simply cannot fund equipment like this from the school's funds.

On Monday 7th October I will be holding a coffee and chat morning from 9.00am in Starbooks (the library). This is a chance to come along and say hello, as well as finding out more about the PTA and how you might be able to help.

Forthcoming events

1 Oct	Y6 Hall I' th' Wood trip
4 Oct	Y3 Ancient Greece workshop
8 Oct	Y4 lantern making workshop Netball match play
11 Oct	Harvest Festival in church 9.30 Led by Y3
15 Oct	Parent consultations Quick Sticks hockey
16 Oct	Parent consultations
17 Oct	Y4 trip to Chester School closes for half term (note this is a Thursday)
26 Oct	Diwali in the Square celebration (more info to follow for Y4 parents)
28 Oct	School reopens
5 Nov	Year 5 to Jodrell Bank Y5/6 cluster football
6 Nov	School photos
7 Nov	Open afternoon for prospective parents



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