



## **Weekly Bulletin Friday 15th March 2019**

Dear Families

This week the children have been busy preparing for their Easter Story & Values project which they will be presenting to you at our Easter Service on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 10:00am in St John's Church. Our 6 new school values are Hope, Curiosity, Respect, Responsibility, Courage and Tenacity. Every day the children are learning to live and articulate these values, and they are reflecting deeply on how these values become embedded in every part of our lives- in the way we treat each other, spur each other on to greater achievements and make a difference to their own lives and those of people around them.

### Access

With the building works going on around the school and the changes to entrances and exits, it is more important than ever to only try to access the school when you have an appointment via our temporary admin office by Reception Class. You can speak with your class teacher at the entrance to your class to discuss any updates or changes of plan and pass on any messages. If your discussion needs to be more involved, please make an appointment or request a member of staff to call you and they will respond as soon as possible. Please remember the back gate closes at 9:00am promptly as lessons start then and all staff need to be in classes for teaching and learning.

### Red Nose Day!

Thank you to everyone who came in on Red Nose Day not only wearing a red accessory but also with a joke! All the children enjoyed celebrating with lashings of fun whilst also raising money for a fantastic cause.

### Tree Planting!

We have had a delivery of young saplings, ready to plant in our garden area! These are fledgling fruit and edible-berry bearing trees, hedgerows and shrubs in preparation for the Summer Term's learning journey which will have a major focus on the Science and History areas of the curriculum. As a school we will be holding a Tree Planting Day on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March - that's next week! The children across the school will get to plant out young trees that will grow quickly during their time at school and their produce will be used for natural dyes, crafts and markets. If you would like to join us on Tree Planting Day, we would hugely appreciate it. Please let your class teacher know so we can get an idea of numbers and we will let you know our tree planting schedule.

### Attendance

This week we also held our Spring Term Parent/Carer Consultations. It was a great opportunity to discuss your child's learning and progress. Discussing attendance was also a key part of the consultation. We appreciate some absences are unavoidable however it is our duty to inform you as parents and carers of the level of your child's attendance due to the impact it can have on

academic outcomes. To help safeguard children against low attendance having a damaging impact, from now on if your child's attendance falls below 90% you will receive a letter outlining concerns and ways of addressing this. This will be an introductory letter outlining all the supportive ways we can work together to get attendance back on track.

Each week we publish in this newsletter the attendance for each class and the class with highest attendance will receive a certificate. At the end of this term the class with the consistently highest attendance will win a cash prize that they can spend on a class celebration. Well done to Year 1 and Year 3H for being this week's Champion Children!

### Percentage Attendance This Week

YR	Y1	Y2	Y3B	Y3H	Y4	Y5	Y6
85.83	100	99.17	92	100	96	95.56	99.23

As always, we thank you for your continued support.

Mr Funnell & The Staff of St John's

### Diary Dates – Spring Term 2019

<b>20<sup>th</sup> March 2019</b>	<b>Whole School Tree Planting Day</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019</b>	<b>Easter Service at St John's Church – 10.00am</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> April 2019</b>	<b>Tempest Photography Class Photographs Year R and Year 6</b>
	<b>Last Day of Spring Term</b>
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019</b>	<b>First Day of Summer Term</b>