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# NEWSLETTER



## GOSPEL VALUES

During our assembly this morning, we focussed upon the Gospel Value of 'Gratitude' and we listened to a story about a scruffy black wartime dog called Lucky. The story had a hidden moral as it explained why it is important to show gratitude towards someone who shows kindness to somebody else.

We always award a merit badge to any child that has been recognised for displaying one of our Gospel Values during the week. Well done to the winners this week!



## SCHOOL ENTRANCE

Please bear with us as we work on improving the entrance corridor at the front door of the school. This area will be receiving a lick of paint, a polished floor and some fresh display boards to welcome visitors to our school. Thank you in advance to members of the PTA, parents and the staff for their valuable and creative input.

## ACTS OF CHARITY

This half term, we will be supporting Stockport's homeless charity, The Wellspring. The charity is appealing for certain foods to make hot meals. These include; long-life milk, tinned meat, tinned vegetables, tinned tomatoes, tinned potatoes, cereal, rice, pasta, corned beef, beans and tinned fruit. We will be holding a non-uniform day next Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January and are asking the children to make donations of any of the above items in exchange for wearing their own clothes. Thank you in advance for your continued support.



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## EDUCATIONAL VISIT TO TATTON PARK

The children in Key Stage 2 were excited to receive the details of the forthcoming History trip to Tatton Park. To help us with the organisation of the trip, please can parents complete and return the consent form as well as making payment of the £20 donation into the school account. Thanks in advance.



## GARDENING CLUB

Our Lunchtime Gardening Club has been busy this week! With Mrs Jones' help, the children enjoyed making bird feeders and learning how to care for our feathered friends. We can't wait to see who comes to visit our garden!



## FOREST SCHOOL

It has been wonderful to see the children so engaged in their weekly Forest School sessions. They are building confidence, teamwork, and practical outdoor skills, while also benefiting from the positive impact on their mental health through time spent in nature. This week, the children especially enjoyed making dampers over a campfire, developing fire safety awareness and a strong sense of achievement. Thank you to Mrs Jones and Mrs Curley for their continued efforts with the children.





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# CLASS NEWS



## Pre-Prep

This week in PP, the children have been thinking about how to care for birds in winter, making bird feeders from pine cones, lard, and bird food and hanging them in the school garden. It was a bit messy, but the peck marks show the birds are enjoying them! The class also began planning the new school library, creating wish lists and adding pictures, and have passed the project to the Year 6 girls to continue the research and planning.

## Year 4/5

It has been a productive week in our classroom, with the children showing great effort and progress in both Maths and English. In Maths, they have been building their confidence with multiplication, moving from mental recall to formal written methods, including long multiplication with larger numbers. In English, the class worked on funny retellings of a classic Calvin and Hobbes story, using Chromebooks to type, edit, and improve their writing. Their stories captured the humour of the comic while practising descriptive writing, dialogue, and "show, don't tell." A quick tip for home: practising times tables with your child is a great way to reinforce their growing skills in multiplication.

## Year 1/2

The children in Year 1-2 have really enjoyed their learning this week. In Maths, they continued learning about money, recognising different coins and notes and completing simple calculations. In Computing, the focus was on computer safety, helping the children understand how to stay safe online. During French, they learned how to order food, and they are also enjoying taking turns to read the class story together.

## Year 6

The children in Year 6 have been extremely busy this week as all of them have been involved in sitting entrance exams and/or attending interviews for their preferred high schools. They still found time to learn new skills playing hockey in their P.E lesson, draw some Viking longboats in Art and listen to and appraise some classical masterpieces during music. Their new class reader is Goodnight Mister Tom and they have already read and analysed the first 2 chapters.



# Extra Activities

## Monday

Chess Club - Mr Usher - FREE  
After-school (3.05pm-3.45pm)

## Tuesday

Computing Club - Mr Brown FREE  
After-school (3.05 pm – 3.45 pm)

Gardening Club - Mrs Jones - FREE  
(Lunchtime for all ages)

## Wednesday

Multi-Sports Club - An after-school club led by coaches from Stockport County C.T. - Year 1 and upwards - £3.50 per session (3.05 pm – 4 pm)

Speech Club - Mrs Mesagno - £7.50 per sessions (Lunchtime for Year 3-6)

## Thursday

Art Club - Mrs Baldwin - £10 per session (Lunchtime club for all ages.)

Sewing & Craft Club – Mrs Ashworth – FREE after-school club for all ages ( 3.05 pm – 3.45 pm)

