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NEWSLETTER

GOSPEL VALUES

The children have been focusing on the Gospel Value of 'CHARITY' this week and they listened to a success story about a lady in a developed country who used to find it a real challenge to source clean water. Thanks to the efforts of CAFOD, the village that she lives in now has clean drinking water for cooking and growing crops.

Due to our collective efforts as a whole school community, the school staff decided that all of the pupils deserved to be awarded with the 'Merit Award' this week due to their charitable donations to CAFOD. Well done to the children and thank you parents for your support.

THANK YOU

We want to thank all parents for your continued patience with the Cadent gas works outside of school in recent weeks. Almost finished now!

PARENTS' MEETINGS

The teachers are in the process of arranging an Autumn term meeting with parents to discuss how their child is settling in this academic year. Mrs Jones and Mrs Ashworth have arranged for meetings to take place before the half term break. Mr Usher and Mr Brown will arrange meetings for the first week after the half term break as they will be conducting some assessments before the break.

EDUCATIONAL VISIT

A reminder that the whole school will be on a trip to the Museum of Science and Industry on Monday, 13th October. Please can the children wear full school uniform and bring a packed lunch in a disposable plastic bag.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

The photographer will be in school on Tuesday morning to take photographs of individuals and siblings. These will be available for purchase directly from the company in the coming weeks.

HALLOWEEN DISCO

Don't forget about the Halloween Disco on Thursday, 16th October from 6:00-7:30pm. Entry is £3.00 per person, payable on the door.

BIKEABILITY

The children in Years 5 and 6 will be participating in a Level 1 and Level 2 Bikeability course after the half term break. Parents, please return consent forms by next Tuesday. Thank you.



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CLASS NEWS

Pre-Prep

Our class has started work in our special phonics books, learning to hear the sounds in words and beginning to blend sounds together. We also made some spooky skeleton art using chalk and black paper. We enjoyed helping out at the toddler group, where there was a dinosaur theme this week. At Forest School, we enjoyed a fire for toasting marshmallows and popping popcorn.

Year 4/5

In History, we have seen significant progress in our students' understanding of Ancient Greece. They explored Ancient Greek architecture and created impressive drawings of the Parthenon in Athens. This work was a culmination of our recent Art lessons, where they mastered the art of drawing Doric columns in chalk.

Our Geography lessons have been an exciting journey through the seven Continents of the Earth. To aid their learning, students have been using atlases and the Chromebook to locate the provinces and capital cities of Canada. This blend of traditional and modern learning tools has been instrumental in their understanding of Geography.

Year 1/2

It's been another fun-filled week of learning for Year 1 and 2! In Maths, the children confidently revised addition and subtraction, with everyone scoring brilliantly in their mini assessment. In English, they explored poetry, learning about rhythm and rhyme before writing a lovely class poem all about Autumn.

PSHE lessons focused on understanding and expressing feelings, while in French, the children enjoyed learning the days of the week.

During Phonics, they revised Phase 5 tricky words and discovered how contractions work.

Year 6

It's been another busy week of learning in Year 6. In Maths, the children have been revising square, prime and cube numbers as well as starting a new topic on area and perimeter. In English, they have written about their dreams and ambitions for the future. During their Drama lesson they have been looking really closely at how the poet uses punctuation to control the pace at which a poem is read aloud. The P.E lesson was all about dribbling a ball closely with their feet before turning and passing through a target. The children are ready for a rest this weekend!

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)



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Time and further details
Monday 13th October	Educational visit to MUSI (Whole School)	Leave school at 9:15am return by 3:00pm
Tuesday 14th October	Photographer in school	9:30am
Thursday 16th October	Parent and Toddler Group	9:30-11:00am in the hall
Thursday 16th October	PTA - Halloween Disco	6:00-7:30pm - Hall
Friday 17th October	Break up for half term	3:05pm
Saturday 18th October	KS2 Cross Country at Woodbank Park (Match 2)	10:30am start
Monday 3rd October	Return to school for Autumn 2	8:50am
Monday 3rd October	Bikeability -Year 6	9:00am-3:00pm -Playground
Tuesday 4th October	Bikeability -Year 5 Group A	9:00am-3:00pm -Playground
Wednesday 5th October	Bikeability -Year 5 Group B	9:00am-3:00pm -Playground
Saturday 22nd November	KS2 Cross Country at Woodbank Park (Match 3)	10:30am start
Monday 24th November	Ice Skating @ Cathedral Gardens, Manchester (Whole School)	Leave school at 10:00am Return by 2:30pm
Wednesday 3rd December	Christmas concert @ St. John's Church	7:15pm start. Refreshments in school afterwards
Friday 5th December	Christmas Jumper Day	Donations of a 'Bottle and a box (chocs)' for the Christmas Fair
Tuesday 9th December	Christmas Panto-Dick Whittington	1:30-3:30pm in the Community Hall
Friday 12th December	Christmas Fair	6:00-7:30pm in the school hall
Wednesday 17th December	Autumn progress reports go home to parents	3:05pm
Thursday 18th December	Class Party Day	9:30-11:00am
Thursday 18th December	Break up for the end of term	12:00 noon