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Guided by God, to be the best that we can be.



Christian Values in Action - Compassion

Following a request for worthy causes to donate money the children raised from raffle tickets at their Christmas productions, thirteen of them from Year 4 to Year 6 delivered thoughtful and often moving presentations for their chosen charity. They all did a fantastic job and we were very proud of them. The children voted for their favourite causes and decided on: The Homeless Foundation, Cancer Research, Cystic fibrosis and the appeal for a MRI scan for Durham and Darlington Hospitals. These will each receive £50.



...God's creatures great and small

Year 1 and 2 had an exciting visit from 'Jay's Animal Encounters' to support their 'Rainforest' topic. Jay explained the different layers of the rainforest and the different animals which live there; the children asked lots of good questions. Children and staff showed lots of courage holding the creatures even the giant cockroach and tarantula!



Important Notice

Due to last week's snow we have re-arranged open day/evening to next **Thursday (15th)** - everyone should have received a separate slip. Dressing up day to celebrate World Book Day is now on **Friday 16th March**.

The Book Fair has been extended until Tuesday 13th March. Come along and spend your £1 book voucher with any book £2.99 or over.



It is lovely to see so many children embracing our '40 Acts of Kindness' this Lent.

Lots of hearts have been filled out for our display, showing everyone what good deeds they have done. Keep up the good work!



Our Christian Value for this half term is patience - we all certainly needed it last week!

We will be looking at being patient with ourselves and being prepared not to give up or lose self control, remembering that everyone makes mistakes. We'll be exploring that everyone is different and we need to be patient with others. We learned in worship that patience is part of the Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22) and an important way to show our love for others. 'Be patient with each other making allowances for each other's faults because of your love.' Ephesians 4:2. Well done to the children who were awarded a Christian Value Certificate this morning for demonstrating patience.





WIND IN THE WILLOWS

A travelling theatre company came to school to launch the start of Book Week. The children thoroughly enjoyed the performance of Wind in the Willows, a classic story written by Kenneth Grahame in 1908, about the mischievous Toad of Toad Hall and his friends. A few children were even invited to join the actors much to the delight of the audience!

Year 4 Class Assembly

The children shared some of their beautiful Egyptian artwork with their own personal cartouches, informed us about the mystery of Tutankhamen and then acted out how to embalm a body to make a mummy!

The children also performed a wonderful World War II dance and showed their World War II DT project - a model Anderson Shelter. Anthony, Aaron and Ellis presented their Internet Safety PowerPoint and then we invited all the parents into our new ICT suite to watch all of the children's Internet Safety PowerPoints.



Attendance for last half term	
Reception	96.7%
Year 1	97.3%
Year 2	95.2%
Year 3	96.1%
Year 4	97.5%
Year 5	95.3%
Year 6	96.7%

Well done to Reception, Y1, Y4 and Y6 who all managed to achieve the governors' attendance target of 96.4%. Who will win the attendance prize at the end of this term? Every day counts - our overall attendance is 95.9% which is still a long way from target.

Please note leave of absence will only be granted for 'exceptional' circumstances which tend to be one off situations. Leave of Absence will not be considered for long periods (over 5 days). Good attendance is extremely important to maximise children's life chances and we value your cooperation.

**EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS**



Easter Egg Competition

Decorate a hard boiled egg and

bring it to school on **Monday 26th March**. There will be a first and second prize chosen in each class with judging on Tuesday. **Please ensure your child's name and class is clearly written on their decorated egg.**

Thank you



Swimming Gala

Well done to the children in Year 5 and Year 6 who took part in the swimming gala this week. Everyone enjoyed the experience and the children were wonderful ambassadors and showed great team spirit.

Football

Eastbourne Sports Complex held a series of football tournaments recently, and our Boys' and Girls' A team and Boys' B team took part. Everyone did extremely well and their skill and determination were rewarded with a 3rd, 4th and 5th place out of 19 schools in their respective tournament. Fantastic effort! Good luck to the Boys' football team tonight who are away to Pollam Hall.

DATES FOR DIARIES

14.3.18	Y2 Class Worship - Respect & Rainforests - parents welcome 9am
14.3.18	Learn to Ride Y1, Y2 & Y3 - afternoon with Wheel Education
15.3.17	Parent afternoon/evening
16.3.18	KS2 Parent afternoon
16.3.18	Dressing Up Day
19.3.18	Dance Festival and Arts Week
20.3.18	Y3 Class Worship - parents welcome 9am
21.3.18	Y1 Class Worship - parents welcome 9am
26.3.18	Easter Egg Competition
29.3.18	Easter Service 2pm at St. John's Church - all welcome
29.3.18	Break up for Easter
16.4.18	Return to school