



Baydon St. Nicholas

Church of England (VA) Primary School

Succeeding Together



Easter Newsletter March 2018

Welcome to the Easter issue of our school newsletter! This term has been varied to say the least, from pirates to snow (not to mention some heroes and villains thrown in) - what a fantastic time!

SIAMS Inspection

At the end of Term Four we welcomed an inspector from the Diocese to evaluate how our school functions as a Church of England school. He specially commented on how welcome he was made to feel throughout the day. A huge thank you to all pupils, parents, Governors, staff and Rev. Sue who spent time explaining how wonderful our school was during the visit!

Embracing our school topics!

Since Christmas we have had some wonderful times in school linked to our topics, Around the World and Heroes and

Villains. Key Stage 1 became pirates for the day in January and had a fun filled day speaking like pirates, creating maps like pirates, sailing the seven seas like pirates...What a crew!

As part of their work that started in the topic Around the World, Key Stage 2 held a Greek day in Term 4, and had a wonderful day undertaking activities from creating greek pendants to acting out myths and legends and printing classical patterns.

Go Green (and Yellow)!

During Term Three the whole school supported Prospect House in Marlborough when we held a 'dress in green and yellow' day. Thank you, as always, to our families for donating to such a worthwhile cause.

The Gurdwara

As part of their RE work, Year 6 visited the local Gurdwara in Swindon. Our pupils were immensely respectful throughout the whole visit and learnt a huge amount about the Sikh faith. Thank you to the parents who supported this.



ARRR! WATCH OUT THE PIRATES ARE ABOUT!



YEAR 6 IN THE GURDWARA

Celebrating the New Year and Easter

Pupils, alongside Governors, laid on a superb meal for members of our community on 2nd February. Robins sang some pirate songs for entertainment and a good time was had by all! The next lunch was held in March and again our pupils had a lovely time cooking and serving lunch.

Sport

The past two terms have seen Baydon compete against other local schools despite the best efforts of the weather! Year 6 have been able to compete in a Hockey tournament and pupils in Year 1 upwards have been able to participate in a programme of swimming lessons held at Marlborough Leisure Centre. We are pleased to say that all pupils who attended these lessons have made good progress and everyone received a certificate. Swimming will be taking place next year, and we urge all families to sign up for this wonderful opportunity when it comes around again.

Walk Safe

Pupils in Year 1 and Year 6 participated in Walk Safe sessions in Term 3. Year 1 spent their session in the hall learning about how to be safe, Year 3's session was based outside school finding out how to cross roads safely.

World Book Day 2018

Despite the snow's best efforts we finally held our World Book Day celebration in March with the theme 'Heroes and Villains'. Pupils spent the day moving around different activities in their house groups. Activities included Roald Dahl cooking, Superhero art, Supertato filming and cops and robber drama. All house groups were fantastic at looking after their group's members and worked together

as a team from four to eleven year olds! At the end of the very exciting day, we thought about our favourite books and



what a special gift it is that we can enjoy stories of all genres. A huge thank you to the school staff who not only put on this fantastic event but really excelled themselves in their costumes this year!



Goodbye and Thank you Mr and Mrs Topp

The end of Term Four sees the retirement of Mr and Mrs Topp as our caretaker and cleaner after many years of service to our school. We will miss seeing them everyday in school but wish them well on their very much deserved retirement! The children put on a special Worship during the last week, which included singing, drama and special prayers. We are however fortunate enough to keep Mr Topp on the Governing body for a little while longer yet, as his knowledge of our building is second to none!



SUPERTATO AT WORLD BOOK DAY, THESE WERE NOT SERVED AT OUR COMMUNITY LUNCH!



YEAR 6 AT THE HOCKEY TOURNAMENT



WALKING SAFELY ALONG THE ROAD OUTSIDE SCHOOL.

Education Sunday

At this year's Education Sunday service, pupils presented our values of Respect, Kindness and Perseverance to the community. Many thanks to all who attended the service held at St Nicholas Church, Baydon.

Helping Keep our children Safe

Wiltshire Police came in during Term Four to talk to the whole school on Internet safety. They presented two sessions, one for Reception and Key Stage One, and the second for Key Stage Two to help our children to be more aware of how to be safe online. Pupils commented that they found the sessions very interesting. As part of Internet Safety Day in school all classes revisited the Internet use agreement and resigned. Copies of the agreement are displayed in each classroom.

Baydon's Dance Troupe Amaze Marlborough

Our dedicated team of dancers, led by the talented Miss Newman, created a spectacular dance to perform at the Marlborough Dance Festival in March. Both performances were exceptional in their quality and the combination of two very different dance styles wowed the crowd! Huge congratulations and well done to all of them!

Easter Celebrations

All pupils in school joined in with our Easter service held at the end of Term Four in the church. As always, our pupils told the story of Easter with thought-provoking drama, dance and song. Not to go too far away from tradition though, the classic Spring Chicken held its place!

The Eggstravaganza

By the time this Newsletter will have arrived in your inbox, the annual FOBS Eggstravaganza will have taken place, filled with fabulous Easter Bonnets and lots of chocolate of course! The event is raising vital funds paying for our building work and we couldn't be more grateful to

our wonderful team at FOBS. Thank you.

Looking Ahead...

The new classroom is finally looking like a room and it is now in the final stages of fitting the inside. As mentioned previously the school will continue to raise money to pay for these works, but we are super excited to begin to think how a class will be enjoying this space before the end of the year.

And Finally...

Next term we are *Up, Up and Away* in our latest school topic, the dates of Sports Day, musicals and (dare we mention it) Year Six leaving days are being set so watch out on Parentmail for these. On the last day of term three we will also be holding our first ever whole school sponsored walk on the 25th May - very exciting! We wish everyone a relaxing (and hopefully snow free) holiday.

Mrs Knighton, Mrs Gilbert and all the Baydon school staff



PAINT IS NOW ON THE WALLS. CARPET SOON!



GOODBYE AND THANK YOU MR AND MRS TOP



OUR SUPER DANCE TEAM READY FOR ACTION AT THE MARLBOROUGH DANCE