



William Ford CE Junior School

Weekly Newsletter Spring Term 2 Week 4

Dear parents/carers and pupils,

It has been wonderful to enjoy Comic Relief together today. So many of our pupils have dressed up and I am delighted with how much money we have raised for this excellent cause. I apologise that we sold out of red noses and wrist bands but am also very impressed with how much we sold and everybody's generosity today.

I also want to say a huge thank you for adjusting so well to our new routines for arrival and collection at the school. These are now running extremely smoothly with both gates feeling much less congested. We now have less than ten Year 6 pupils using the front gate and around 15 pupils from years 4 and 5. All of these pupils have understandable reasons for entering and exiting at this place. Providing these numbers stay low, I hope to be able to further reduce the staggered start times at the front entrance in the near future.

In order to continue to keep everybody safe, please can I just remind you of some important information.

- If children are walking home alone and not meeting a parent on the school site, they must use the park gate **regardless of whether or not they have a sibling at Village Infants**. We only allow students in Years 4-6 to use this gate if they are meeting parents who are also collecting at Village.
- We share the concerns of a lot of parents about the quality of driving along Ford Road . and Siviter Way (near the park). Having dealt with an incident at another school where a parent accidentally run over another child, I can assure you that what benefits performing unsafe manoeuvres bring, the guilt, amount of life changing injuries and level of police action involved does not compare.
- Hopefully you all received the letter I sent out earlier this week with Regards to concerns around the use of 'AmongUs' and 'TikTok.' Please do ensure you are monitoring your child's phone, app and internet use.

Finally, I hope you enjoy some of our Red Nose Day photos!



I pray you have a wonderful weekend.

Mr. David Huntingford
Headteacher



1 Thessalonians 5: 9-10

⁹ God did not choose us to suffer his anger, but to have salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ: ¹⁰ Jesus died for us so that we can live together with him.



Meet our TEAM

This week: Mrs. Watkins

Mrs. Watkins is our school cook who enjoys Music, reading and buying shoes. She has flown a helicopter and an aeroplane. Mrs Watkins has appeared on stage at the Broadway Theatre in Barking and was awarded a Blue Peter Badge as a child for designing a poster.

Interesting fact: Mrs. Watkins is petrified of snakes!



Cook's Corner



Can you believe Easter is just around the corner. Easter bunnies, spring lambs and chocolate! Food is always on a cook's mind.

How about a competition!

Design an Easter card for Cook.

Draw, paint, glue or glitter use anything you can.

The best design will win and I'm sure we can have a few runners up from each class. Last day of entry is Monday 29th March.

This week we have served an incredible 1127 meals.

Please remember to keep topping up your child's parent pay accounts.



Tuck shop accounts in credit

I am now able to transfer any credit from tuck shop over to your child's school meal account.

We will be calling next week to those who this applies to.

Please feel free to give me a call if you would like me to do this beforehand.

Finally, today's Comic Relief lunch went fantastic!

Next week's menu is week 3, have a lovely weekend.



Our prayer stations

This week Cheta Okoli from 5H writes about our prayer stations.



There are different types of prayer stations around our school and I am going to tell you about three. There is the calm corner near the library. If you're feeling sad or worried you can sit near the calm corner and calm down to help take your problems away. Outside the science room is the positive station. It is decorated with fairy lights, yellow cloth and there are discs that you can write a positive message on. There is also a mirror to remind you how wonderful you are! There is also a prayer station about change that helps us think about what we have enjoyed this year and what we are looking forward to in the future. Year five are now designing their own prayer stations and some may even be used! I have really enjoyed settling back in with my friends and teachers at school and look forward to more things getting back to normal.

Please label school uniform

A number of Year 3 pupils have gone home this week having mistakenly picked up clothing belonging to other children. We will be reminding our children to be careful to check they have the right coat and jumper before they go. We would be very appreciative if all Year 3 parents would check that your child has brought home the right coat and jumper, so we can hopefully reunite the lost clothing with its original owners.

Returning from Easter

Please remember that, following the Easter holidays, children return on Monday 19th April 2021. This day is no longer an inset day.



Year Three

Congratulations to Year 3 for completing another successful week. In English, our pupils have analysed the evidence we have about Tutankhamen and have written an extended report about him. In maths, we have been learning about fractions including recognising and finding thirds and quarters of amounts and shapes. Our science lesson this week allowed our pupils to study, group and compare different types of rocks. Also, in our PSHE lessons we have learned about how we can keep ourselves safe at home and which items we need to be careful around.



Year Four

The Year Four children have continued to work hard this week and seem to be enjoying the routine of being back in school. In maths and English, our lessons have been postponed whilst we have completed our regular termly tests which the children have tried really hard with. In geography we have begun to put the information we found out about London and Paris into our own travel brochures. During our history lessons, we have learnt about Celtic roundhouses, what they looked like and what they were made from. The children were definitely surprised

at some of the building materials used! We are continuing with our Salvation unit in R.E. and have discussed why Jesus washed the feet of his disciples and why some people still do this in churches today. In PSHE we have learnt more on the topic of 'Healthy Me' and have discussed the affects alcohol can have on the body, especially the liver.



Year Five

This week, we have been very pleased to see so many of the children settling back so well into school.

We have been doing some of our formal assessment tests over this week in reading, spelling and grammar and maths (arithmetic and reasoning). These tests will help us to assess how all the children are progressing and identifying specific areas of learning which need to be addressed following the recent lockdowns.

Nevertheless, we have also been continuing with our normal curriculum work and in English the children have had great fun with our new Ultimate Rap topic. We have had the opportunity to listen to some rap and explore the themes and features and form of the genre. The children will be working towards creating their own pieces to perform in class.

In Maths we have continued looking at decimals, this week learning about thousandths, rounding decimals to 2 decimal places, comparing and ordering decimals and then moving onto finding percentages.

Have you been wondering what your children were up to in school?

Well, wonder no more....



The children have also enjoyed doing some further investigations of materials in science. This week, they have been trying to find out what sort of material would be the best for insulating a lunchbox

by carrying out an experiment to try to keep an ice cube from melting.

We have continued to find out all about the United Kingdom in geography and have been using the internet to find out what the highest mountains in the UK are.

Year Six

This week in English, Year 6 have continued their studies of 'The Highwayman' by writing a diary extract as if they were one of the characters. They have revised the key features of a diary and have thought about appropriate language for the historical context.

In maths, the pupils have continued their work on ratio and proportion, finishing the week by solving a range of problems related to this topic. This week's history lesson has seen the children thinking about the uses of a range of animals in World War One. They have thought carefully about the advantages and disadvantages of horses compared to vehicles. In science the children thought about refraction of light and have discovered that when a drawn arrow is placed behind a glass of water, it seems as if the arrow has been reversed! Maybe they could show you this at home. They have made careful observations and have discovered that these strange illusions are caused by the speed at which light travels through water.





| Year Three | | |
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| 3A | Name: Hope For: being highly motivated in all of her lessons. | Name: John-Mark For: always being kind, respectful and helpful when interacting with others. |
| 3D | Name: Anne For: Great attitude to learning | Name: Phoebe For: Hard work and a great attitude to learning |
| 3M | Name: David For: his improved attitude to learning | Name: Zaiya For: producing high quality work and listening well in class. |
| Year Four | | |
| 4A | Name: Tito Omoniyi For: Excellent effort in lessons including great oral contributions. | Name: Naomeeh Lusala For: Excellent effort in lessons and beautiful presentation. |
| 4I | Name: Jessica Hampton For: Being helpful and kind to others. | Name: Margaret Edwards For: Always working hard and trying her best. |
| 4R | Name: Ronnie Sinclair For: His creative contributions in English this week. | Name: Kevin Uzoma-Ufomba For: Persevering in his tests this week. |
| Year Five | | |
| 5B | Name: Charlie Gibbons For: settling into the class so well and demonstrating the three aspects of our school vision. | Name: Leannie Bakwa For: being a brilliant example and new friend to our newest member of 5B. |
| 5H | Name: Sacha Mwe Di Malila For: persevering with his work, trying to improve each time. | Name: Leonella Vumuka For: being a great role model for behaviour and always working hard. |
| 5P | Name: Marsha Danso For: Thoughtfulness and kindness | Name: Marley Sinclair For: An excellent attitude to all his work |
| Year Six | | |
| 6H | Name: Xevon Sealey For: having an amazing, wonderful, fantastic attitude towards all his learning this week. | Name: Aiden Underwood For: Fantastic contribution to class arithmetic lessons. |
| 6L | Name: Kay Kay Dike For: Settling fantastically back into school life and producing some great work. | Name: Riley Jefford Christou For: For always making the right choices and producing some fantastic work. |
| 6N | Name: Aidan Arnold Williamson For: A diligent approach to all lessons. | Name: Eunice Ige For: Making good progress in maths due to her diligent approach to lessons. |



Learning from Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, to work diligently, act generously and live at peace with everyone.

Psalm 34:14 - Seek peace and pursue it.