



William Ford CE Junior School

Weekly Newsletter Autumn Term 2 Week 4

Dear parents/carers and pupils,

Party time!

Today was the first end of month birthday party to celebrate all of the birthdays that have taken place in September, October and November. As children are currently unable to meet in groups, it is wonderful to be

able to provide some form of party in order that children can mark their special day. I hope the photos below provide you with some sense of what we have been up to.



New school gate

Once again, as mentioned in the letter I sent out earlier this week, a big thank you to everybody who has supported our new arrival and collection arrangements. We are still seeing close to 100 children arriving and exiting the school through the park and it is reassuring to see much improved social distancing as well as being able to reduce the amount of time parents have to wait to deliver or collect their children. As the weather begins to turn colder, I am sure we will all appreciate being able to reduce the amount of time we have to stand outside whilst remaining safe.

Some parents from Year Three and Six have asked if they can drop off pupils at the park gate in the mornings. This is absolutely fine but in order to prevent crowding at the end of the school day, we do need to ask that you continue to collect from the front of the school. Year Six who are unaccompanied to school may use whichever gate they wish.

Worship

Our daily collective acts of worship continue to be delivered virtually from my office but also include lively discussion using the chat feature and video conferencing. This week we have looked at the line from the Lord's prayer: "As we forgive those who sin against us." This has involved us discussing questions such as: does forgiving mean forgetting; should we always forgive and does forgiveness mean we need to continue to be around those who deliberately hurt us? The quality of the discussion and debate has been fantastic it is wonderful to read what the bible has to say on such issues.

I pray you all have a lovely weekend.

Mr. David Huntingford
Headteacher



Matthew 6:14

For if you forgive others for their sins, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.



Meet our TEAM

This week: Ms. Cuc

Ms. Cuc is a member of our cleaning team and has worked at William Ford for 3 ½ years. She is currently studying tourism and hospitality at university. She has three boys and in her spare time loves nothing better than arranging beautiful flowers.

Interesting fact: Ms. Cuc speaks four languages fluently!



ParentMail – important!

We have recognised that not all families access their ParentMail account and some have experienced technical issues. In order to secure some significant financial savings for the school, we have terminated our contract with ParentMail with immediate effect. All correspondence from the school will be sent to your email account whilst we investigate alternatives. If your child is absent from school, please email attendance@williamfordschool.co.uk

Kerry's Kristmas Kountdown Korner

If your child would like to send a Christmas card to their teacher or classmates, we will be asking for all cards to be placed in the postbox (which will be in the hall) by no later than Monday 14th December 2020. We will then quarantine the cards for 72 hours before delivering.

Please remember to avoid licking the envelopes. We will arrange distribution later in the week.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

This year, there will be a slight difference. On Friday 11th December 2020, we will hold the annual Christmas Jumper day to coincide with Save the Children's national fundraiser. You can pay £1 for your child to wear a Christmas outfit (non-uniform) and raise money for the charity.

On Wednesday the 16th December 2020 we will have our Christmas Dinner Day. On this day pupils can wear their Christmas jumpers again along with school uniform.



Winter Flu vaccination

A few parents have asked me this morning about the winter flu vaccination for pupils.

The email that was sent out yesterday was sent in error – apologies!

I can confirm that all pupils will receive the winter flu vaccination (administered via a nose spray) on Tuesday 15th December 2020. If you do not want your child immunised, please indicate this on the form you have received.

I can also confirm that the vaccine DOES NOT contain any gelatin.

Thank you.

WF Christmas card competition

This school-based competition is being run by Miss Ibukun. The requirements are:

- Has to be linked to the nativity story
- A5 size (A4 piece of paper folded in half)
- Be bright and colourful
- Can be 2D/3D
- Design it any way you want (draw, crayon, paint)
- The design must fill the whole A5 side
- Name and class must be printed on the back
- Due in 1st December
- Winners announced on 4th December

First prize winner - To win an art set

Second prize winner - A mindfulness colouring in book

Third prize winner - A pack of colouring pencils



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.

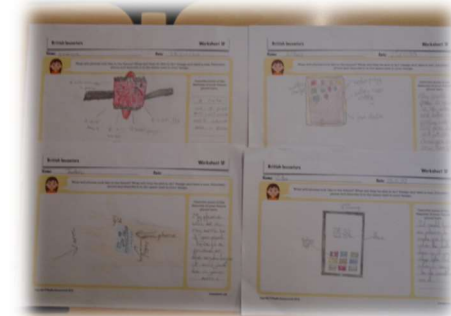
Have you been wondering what your children were up to in school?

Well, wonder no more....



Year Three

Well done Year 3 for completing another amazing week. This week in English, we have focused on our descriptive writing and how we can change our choice of grammar and vocabulary to communicate with our reader. Our maths topic this week has been money, and we have been familiarising ourselves with making specific amounts with coins and also adding different amounts together. We have also started our first design and technology unit which is looking at British inventors. Our children have learned about Alexander Graham Bell's invention of the telephone and its impact on our lives, and have designed their own telephone of the future.



Year Four

This week in English, Year 4 have continued their work focussing on what life was like during WW1 on the frontline and have created short, yet thought provoking, cinquain poems. In maths we have been learning how to use the Singapore bar method to work out fraction problems. It has been challenging but the children have worked really hard and made great progress with this new way of working. In R.E. we have learnt about the Hindu beliefs of reincarnation and Moksha.

We are proud of how well they have understood these difficult concepts. In art, the children have had fun creating their own printing stamps using polystyrene foam. Next week, they will use these to make a range of patterns. In music we have introduced the children to Abba and the song Mamma Mia. We have discussed what the song is about and what instruments they could hear. We have found it strange having music lessons without singing and using sound language instead. Please continue to practise the signs at home using Charanga.



Year Five

In Year 5 we have been continuing our work on our English/geography cross-curricular topic of St Lucia, this week investigating the amazing undersea world of the coral reef, finding out all about what coral really are, why they are important to the island of St Lucia, how they are in danger and the things that we can do to help protect them and subsequently writing this up into a non-chronological report.

In maths, we have been learning about rules of divisibility, factors of numbers up to 50 and looking at how we can identify and calculate prime and square numbers too.

The children have been continuing their investigations of air resistance in science and practising and developing their skills in writing up their experiments from last week using the appropriate scientific method. Pupils have also been looking at the iconic Hundertwasserhaus in Vienna in

Art, studying the architecture and they have then been enthusiastically sketching their own houses: working on how they would decorate the exterior in a distinctive and imaginative way.

In PE, the children have been developing their skills for playing



hockey and have been energetically applying the skills they have been learning to playing some small-sided competitive games.

Year Six

Year 6 have been investigating nets of 3D shapes as well as multiplying and dividing whole numbers with fractions. They have also learnt about a Christian scientist, Dr

Jennifer Wiseman, who is a senior astrophysicist at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Centre. They thought of questions that they would like to ask her and wrote them in a letter. In PSHE the pupils have continued to celebrate differences and thought about how people exert power over others and how to deal with these situations themselves. In science, they had the opportunity to carry out an investigation to reinforce their understanding of how different bird beaks have evolved depending on the food available in the environment they live in.

