



William Ford CE Junior School

Weekly Newsletter Autumn Term 1 Week 1

Dear parents and carers,
Welcome back! I hope you have enjoyed a fantastic holiday and are ready for the new school year ahead. A huge welcome to our new Year Three families too – it has been lovely to greet you each morning as you arrive at the school. I am also delighted that we are now able to operate with minimal COVID measures. Having two gates and one entrance time is working extremely well and it also lovely to welcome parents into the playground at the end of the school day which is ensuring a much safer exit from the school. However, with these new arrangements, please be aware of the following important information:

- We are only allowing parents into the playground at the end of the school day. If you need to pass a message to the teacher, please phone or visit the office. If you do wish to speak to the teacher at the end of the day and do not have an appointment, please wait until all the children have been dismissed and be aware that teachers may have other meetings booked for after school.
- Please note no dogs/animals are permitted on the school site except guide dogs.
- Children and adults should push scooters and bikes on the playground instead of riding them.
- Children are your responsibility from the moment they leave the classroom into your care.
- If your child is to walk home alone or meet you elsewhere, permission needs to be given via the office or completing an online form on our website. Pupils are no longer our responsibility once they have left the classroom if they have permission to meet you elsewhere so please do ensure they know what to do if you are delayed (e.g. return to school).
- Please wait away from the classroom at the end of the day in order that the teacher can finish their lesson and dismiss the class safely without distraction.

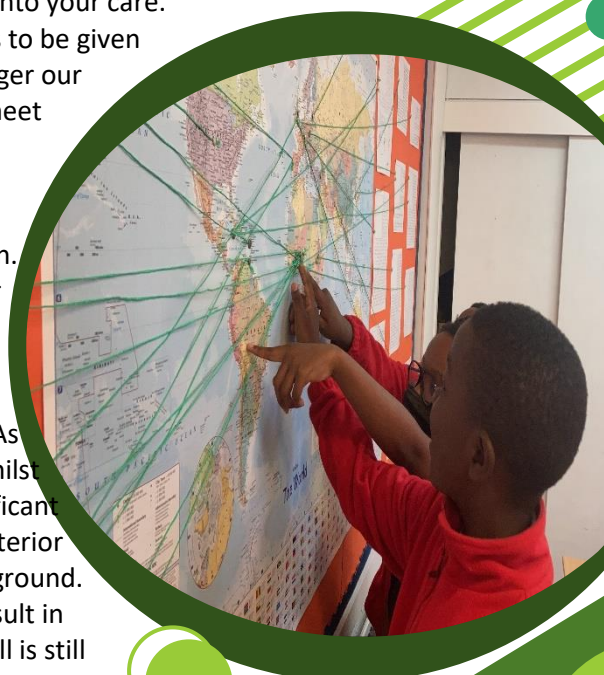
Having said all of that, I do feel our new collection arrangement is much quicker and safer although I would value your feedback.

Sadly, the summer holiday has been a challenging time for the school with us experiencing two episodes of flooding and a significant amount of staff sickness. As a result, a lot of exciting work around the school has sadly had to be delayed whilst these issues are managed hence the school site is still to experience some significant changes. We hope soon to have much more plant life outside, complete the exterior decoration of the building and also install some canopies for shelter in the playground. Work will also begin on installing a brand-new roof for the school which will result in scaffolding and some minor disruption in and around the school. Our school hall is still currently out of use but I do hope this will be resolved within the next two weeks. A huge thank you to Mr. Young for all his hard work in managing various builders and contractors who have been involved in ensuring we could reopen the school in September.

Unfortunately, we still have members of staff unwell at this time which is leaving us short staffed in areas outside of teaching. These members of staff would appreciate your thoughts and prayers and I thank you for your patience during those times where we cannot respond to your requests as quickly as we would like.

I pray you have a wonderful, peaceful weekend.

Mr. David Huntingford
Headteacher



**Bible Verse
of the
Week**

Joshua 1:9
Remember that I commanded you to be strong and brave. So don't be afraid. The Lord your God will be with you everywhere you go."



FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

PATIENCE
FAITHFULNESS
SELF-CONTROL
KINDNESS
GENTLENESS

PEACE
JOY
GOODNESS
LOVE

PEACE L B O G X L R M G I K H P X S
U L O W T F L T O I K H U K J E R T U M
I M P D P G N Y G K Y V M H O U F R T C
K T A K C J O V Q V A T C P Y T A Z M N
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Q P N Y O M X S X J E X U E X T F E H H
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C T L A J N Y O N G N P Q V Y C N A A X
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T B B N Z Z V T S G K L C D C W S M B I
H M N N T O F F Z A H C Y Z V U S G L P
D S E L F C O N T R O L Z J K N H Y E L
Y R W H V G R D D Q T P W M W D C P T O
N Q A M P H Q U O H V M P Y D E E Z T V
I H W Z J M X L T D C A M C B V D W D E
I Z K I N D N E S S T T A R C H R M P O
J R I Q T K O P J X K T Q K K L B U Q N



Kerry's Korner

It's been great seeing so many children at the different after school clubs this week!

As a reminder, children will need PE kits, including suitable footwear in order to participate in clubs. Please can children also have water bottles and a snack which can be eaten when school ends and before the club begins. Children will continue to meet the coaches in the small school hall, where they will be registered and told the location of their club. Children will be dismissed at 4:30pm prompt, and we ask that parents could please wait outside of the school office to meet children there.

Day trip to France!

I have received a lot of interest about this at the school gate and I understand why! This will be a fantastic trip! I am delighted to share that we have now made a booking. The trip will involve leaving William Ford at 6:30am and returning at 8:30pm.

We will be travelling by luxury coach and ferry, spending time in Boulogne old town, at a local bakery (where children will make croissants) and visiting a chocolate factory. The booked date is Friday 22nd April 2022. I will shortly be sending out letters to all children in Years 3-6 but we do only have 40 seats on the coach for pupil.

I hope to be able to charge £40 per pupil (£20 for free school meal families). Currently I am in process of checking rules around passport validity, especially for those children who do not have a UK or EU passport. We are also keeping a close eye on COVID restrictions and will not operate the trip if it is not safe or COVID protocols prevent.



PE KITS

Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school each day as occasionally we do have to change PE days. Please also note that children now change for PE in school and should not be arriving in their PE kits. Thank you.

School Vision Day

Today we suspended our timetable and focused on a range of activities based around our school vision of: 'Learning from Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, to work diligently, act generously and live at peace with everyone.'

Each year group looked a different part of our vision and undertook various activities including debating, poetry, art and looking at what the bible says.

Welcome new staff!

I am delighted to welcome Mrs. Jade Beech who has joined our teaching team in Year Four having previously worked at St. Margaret's Primary in Barking.

We also welcome our new Sports and Dance Coaches Bethlehem and Gemma who not only teach during our PE lessons but also take some of our collective acts of worship, engage with children during break and lunch times and run our after-school clubs.

Bethlehem and Gemma join us through our partnership with the Christian sports charity 'Kick' who incorporate Christian values into their sport and dance sessions.



Vanessa Adekoya from 6N writes about our Vision Day

Today in Year 6 we had our School Vision day where we looked at how Jesus can teach us to seek peace and pursue it. We made our own stained-glass windows and learnt that they show images of stories from the Bible. We also learnt that colours used symbolise different things like red for love or blue for the Virgin Mary.

Then we looked at St Francis's prayer and explained what it meant to us and shared this with our class.





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

Well, wonder no more....

Year Three

It has been lovely to welcome our new year threes this week and they are settling really well into their new classes. This week we have been looking at our new topic of Performance Poetry and we have enjoyed sharing 'Bully Night' by Roger McGough. In Maths we have started to explore place value and we are now learning how to represent numbers in different ways. We are greatly looking forward to working with the Royal Ballet for several sessions starting next week, along with our regular PE sessions with our new sports coaches, who have introduced themselves this week. Please remember PE kits on Monday!

Children have really enjoyed our morning worship sessions which are still on Zoom at the moment, although we are looking forward with anticipation to when we can join together as a whole school in the hall.

It has been great to meet our year three parents and carers when they collect their children at the end of the school day.

Year Four

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school and to settle into our new Year 4 classes. The children have made an excellent start to the year and are already working really hard. We have launched straight into the curriculum and the pupils have been revising place value in maths. Our English unit is based around the exploration of Space. We have looked at

a job application for an astronaut and the skills and qualities they would need. We have also started our sound unit in science and have considered how we find out about the past in history. In R.E. we have looked closely at the language of The Lord's Prayer and considered which elements are worship and which are confession. Today we have had lots of exciting activities linked to our Vision Day topic of Generosity. The children have enjoyed drama, art and literacy-based activities around what it means to be generous and the benefits that can bring to us all.



Year Five

Year Five have had a fabulously positive start to the year. It has been lovely to see their enthusiastic faces come through the doors every day. We began the week by thinking about our dreams and goals in life during our PSHE lessons, creating beautiful displays of our illustrated dream jars. During English, we have been reading Friend or Foe by Michael Morpurgo, using the text to find evidence that shows what the characters are thinking and feeling and acting out a section of the book. The children have started our place value topic in Maths by looking at numbers to 10,000 and rounding numbers to the nearest ten or hundred. In Religious Education, we have taken a closer look at the Lord's Prayer, analysing each line to decipher the meaning behind it. Great discussions were had about how God protects us and cares for us like a father would. We met our new P.E. coach, Gemma, and have started our P.E. lessons by playing some exciting games. In our computing lessons, the

children have talked about the many different terms they may come across throughout our internet safety unit. We have had great fun learning to use atlases to help us locate the capital cities of the United Kingdom and placing them correctly on our own maps in Geography this week.



Year Six

What a fantastic start to the year we have had in Year Six. The children have settled well into their new classes and have been working really hard.

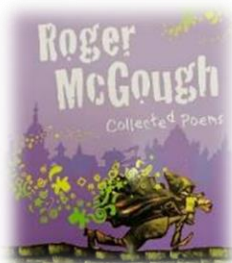
In English, the children have been introduced to Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens. They will be studying this book this half term. They enjoyed listening to a radio play of the beginning of the story and have completed some questions to demonstrate their understanding of the story. They have used the 'Point, Evidence, Explain' strategy to answer their questions.

In maths, the children have been thinking about place value in very large numbers and have been working with numbers up to 10 million.

RE has seen the children reflecting on their

understanding of the Lord's Prayer. In art the children have been introduced to zentangles. These

are intended to be a relaxing, expressive and creative art form and are linked to mindfulness and relaxation. The children produced some fantastic work.





Year Three		
3D	Name: Austin Kaithakulath For: Settling in well and having a positive attitude towards his learning.	Name: Kelsey Stubbs For: Settling in well and trying hard with all her work
3H	Name: Andrei Boncan For: Settling so well into Year 3 and working diligently in all lessons this week.	Name: Priscilla Uwakina For: Diligent work and great attitude in class.
3P	Name: Archie Cass For: Settling in well and trying hard with all his work	Name: Bethany Okojie For: A great attitude to learning
Year Four		
4A	Name: Fara Adeola Makanju For: A great start to Year Four where he is trying hard in all lessons	Name: Robyn Kitching For: A great start to Year Four and helping others around her.
4B	Name: Chidimma Godwin For: making a positive start to year 4- Well done!	Name: Amar Sura For: putting in 100% effort in all his lessons this week- keep it up!
4M	Name: Dre Overare For: settling into William Ford brilliantly	Name: Ana Maria Guimaraes For: settling into William Ford brilliantly
Year Five		
5I	Name: Ronnie Sinclair For: An excellent start to the new term. Keep up the great listening and participation in our discussions.	Name: Rayan Hamidi For: Being a great new addition to the class, you have worked hard well done!
5N	Name: Chidera Okpala For: Being very helpful, courteous and polite.	Name: Margaret Edwards For: Her diligent work habits and exemplary behaviour.
5P	Name: Daryl Ononakpor For: being a great role model to the class, showing great behaviour.	Name: Layla Akinlana For: working diligently and not giving up when things are difficult.
Year Six		
6A	Name: Daniel Ajayi For: being a welcoming member of the class.	Name: Alex Payne For: his thoughtful responses to the Lord's Prayer.
6M	Name: Kacie Wiseman For: working diligently and being helpful.	Name: Marley Sinclair-Cooper For: contributing thoughtfully to our class discussions.
6N	Name: Oba Omidire For: diligent work and a positive attitude	Name: Vanessa Adekoya For: diligent work, attentive listening and a positive attitude



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Psalm 34:14 - Seek peace and pursue it.