



William Ford CE Junior School

Weekly Newsletter Spring Term 2 Week 1

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to the second half of Spring Term. As you will be aware, things are looking more positive with the country's Covid situation hence we have resumed normal service with collective worship in the hall along with our new healthy meal service. Can I take this opportunity to thank you all for your support in encouraging healthy food choices and lifestyles. The quality of the packed lunches and snacks we are observing are so much healthier and the pupils appear to have more energy as a result. Those who enjoy school dinners are also choosing healthy choices and enjoying the new menu we now offer.


As part of our anti-obesity drive, William Ford had the pleasure of inviting A-life to lead the school on a Healthy Living Workshop. Last half term, in PSHE lessons, children learnt how to keep themselves healthy and this workshop has consolidated their learning. The hands-on activities kept the children engaged throughout and it was lovely to see them working in teams and making their way around each activity independently. There were a variety of activities ranging from using maths to shop to a budget, exploring how much sugar there is in different foods and drinks and some children even had the opportunity to simulate the effects of drinking too much alcohol, testing its effect on our balance and ability to walk; this was always supervised by an adult. The children also delved into the human body (quite literally!) using a t-shirt with AR technology – they were mind blown! William Ford look forward to inviting A-life back very soon.

In addition, I have really enjoyed seeing the children enthusiastically join in a range of different activities in PE and delighted that our Year Six football team are off to Monteagle to participate in their first competition since Covid. We are also planning some significant financial investment into our playground to not only make the area more inviting but to provide a range of activities to promote physical and mental health. Unfortunately, such projects do take some time to come to fruition but we are hoping by October, you will certainly notice some significant improvements in the play areas.

As mentioned earlier, it is wonderful to continue our times of collective worship in the school hall and to all physically meet as a school family. We are drawing our current learning on what the Bible has to say on difficult topics to a close and will begin our teaching around Easter next week. The Worship Council have certainly challenged in their desire to learn about what the Bible has to say about racism, poverty, climate change and animal rights – to name but a few examples! The worship council also meet today and the agenda and minutes of their meeting will be published on our website.

Finally, we do need to say farewell and thank you to two colleagues who have left William Ford for pastures news. Mrs Sarah Ambrose who worked in our kitchen, has taken up employment much closer to her home whilst our SENDCo, Mrs. Jeanette Miller has left after many years of service at William Ford. I am delighted to share, after a rigorous interview procedure that Mrs Jade Beech, who is currently a Year Four teacher was successfully appointed to the SENDCo role. Mrs Beech is a qualified SENDCo with experience in two different schools, including St. Margaret's in Barking and Dagenham and is already working hard in making a number of developments across this important area of school life. She will be continuing to balance this with her Year Four teaching commitment up until Easter where a carefully managed handover will occur to one of our new fantastic teachers we have recruited who begin at Easter! We are also working through the process of a second restructure within the school hence you will see a number of staff working in new roles across our class-based support and kitchen.

I pray you have a wonderful weekend.


Mr. David Huntingford
Headteacher



Exodus 33:14
14 The Lord replied,
"My Presence will go
with you, and I will give
you rest."



PROVERBS

ORDER IN THE BIBLE
OT: #20

WRITTEN BY:
King Solomon
and a few others

TIME PERIOD COVERED:
970-675 BC



Trust in the Lord with all your **HEART** and lean not on your own **UNDERSTANDING** (3:5)

Start **CHILDREN** off on the way they should go, and when they are old they won't depart from it (22:6)

FEAR of the Lord is the beginning of **KNOWLEDGE** (1:7)

A noble wife is worth more than **RUBIES** (31:10)

Guard your **HEART** (4:23)

Whoever **TRUSTS** in the Lord will be kept safe (29:25)

Whoever conceals their sins will not **PROSPER**, but who confesses them will find **MERCY** (28:13)

The Lord is far from the wicked, but he hears the **PRAYER** of the **RIGHTEOUS** (15:29)

Circle the **BOLD** words in the puzzle.

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

OVERVIEW

Psalms are poetry, generally meant to be put to music, though the translations from their original and beautiful language often makes that difficult.

Individual psalms were written as early as Moses' time, around 1450 BC. More were added through the time of David and Solomon around 1000 BC. Additions continued after the Babylonian captivity around 500 BC. That means the writing spanned nearly 1,000 years.

The Book of Psalms has always been quite popular, because the psalms within apply to every time and every person.

PRIDE goes before destruction, a **HAUGHTY** spirit before a fall (16:18)

A soft answer turns away **WRATH** (15:1)

Kerry's Korner

Kick After school clubs - We still have spaces in some of our new clubs running weekly:

Monday years 5 and 6- Basketball

Tuesday, Year 5 and 6- Dance

Wednesday Years 3,4,5 & 6- Multisport

Thursday Year 3 and 4- Football

Friday, Year 5 and 6- Dance

Please note these are new clubs and the clubs run for 5-6 weeks

From 21st February 2022 -1st April 2022

If your child attended any previous clubs you will need to sign up again via ParentPay



Get your COVID-19 vaccine or booster at a local walk-in site

It's quick and easy, no appointment needed, and you don't need to show proof of address, immigration status or your NHS number - just turn up!

Visit the walk-in clinic:
Sunday 20 February, 10am to 4pm
Saturday 26 February, 10am to 4pm
Dagenham and Redbridge Football Club
Victoria Road, Dagenham.

Anyone who comes on the day will be entered into a prize draw to win FREE Football tickets for a home game at Dagenham and Redbridge or tickets for FREE entry at Better Trampoline Park

Anyone aged 12+ is welcome to have their vaccination (first, second or booster depending on what you are due).

Do you want to talk to someone about having the jab? Come along to talk to a member of the team for advice and answers to your questions.

For more information about local vaccine clinics go to: bbd.gov.uk/covid-vaccine



French trip

France have further eased their Covid entry requirements hence what we will need to ask from you will be minimal. That said, we would ask all families who have children attending France to apply for a free GHIC card in the extremely unlikely event that medical care is required. This can be applied for via this link [Applying for healthcare cover abroad \(GHIC and EHIC\) - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#) or by Googling 'GHIC.' If your child is travelling on a non-EU/UK passport, please do speak to us about visa requirements. Merci Beaucoup!

Community Month Update

On Wednesday, 6N were able to continue their work in the community by visiting Dagenham Parish Church. The children worked in three teams; one in the graveyard, one around Dagenham's War Memorial and the last group around the church hall. Forty-five minutes of hard work filled well over ten bags of rubbish. The children were amazed to see that they had managed to collect such a large amount of rubbish in such a short period of time. After a drink, supplied by Mr Edwards and the congregation of the church, the children were taken to see the tomb of William Ford, his niece Sarah Stone and the grave of Thomas Cutler, the first headteacher of William Ford School. A big thank you to Mrs Rogers, a former teacher from the school, for her informative tour of these graves. A fantastic morning's work. Well done 6N.



Pupil Voice: Healthy Living Workshop

This week Elijah and Mikel in 4B tell us about a special workshop

We had a workshop this week where we learnt about getting fit in a fun way. Our favourite things were the TV where we watched people getting fit and also leaning about junk food v healthy food. We also had to throw balls into the correct box – we should be doing this; it makes our school a better place to be.



TIMES TABLE ROCKSTARS

BATTLE OF THE BANDS

BEST CLASS THIS WEEK

YEAR 3 – 3h

YEAR 4 – 4B

YEAR 5 – 5I

YEAR 6 – 6O



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

Well, wonder no more....



Year Three

We are very pleased to say that your children have hit the ground running after their half-term holiday. Obviously they have recharged their brains and are producing fabulous work.

In maths we have started a new topic on money. Your children have been learning how to count pounds and pence. They have had been using toy money to get used to the different shapes and sizes of our coins and notes. In Geography we investigated the advantages and disadvantages of living near volcanoes. Many decided they would rather live in Hawaii because the warmth and the wonderful wildlife



there outweigh the dangers of living near volcanoes. This linked really well with our new English topic which is called-'Where would you like to live?' Over the next few weeks the children will take a virtual trip around the world so that they can compare life in different countries.

The highlight of the week was a healthy living workshop where the children investigated all sorts of ways of keeping themselves fit and healthy. They particularly enjoyed some of the fun games and finding out how food can give us energy.

Thank you for your continued support and enjoy a restful weekend.

Year Four

This week in Year Four, we have been as busy as ever and the children have yet again had the opportunity to experience lots of exciting activities. Our maths lessons have focussed on fractions and we have played fraction dominoes and solved fraction problems with pizza. In English, we have written our own

descriptive settings and practised starting sentences with verbs, adverbs and adjectives. The children have written some really effective descriptions, which we have thoroughly enjoyed reading. In history we have moved on to the Iron Age. The children have considered the benefits of using iron over bronze by looking at a range of artefacts. In science, we are continuing to learn about solids, liquids and gases and have been sorting examples of these. P.E. is focussing on tennis this half term so hopefully they'll all be ready for Wimbledon this summer! Yesterday, the children had great fun participating in a wide range of engaging activities to promote a



healthier lifestyle during our Healthy Living Workshop. Sadly, this week is the last week for our first group of swimmers. 4M and the second half of 4A will have their first lesson next Friday. Please ensure your child has the correct kit, including a swimming hat. We are very excited that Year Four will be celebrating India Day on Monday after not being able to run it for the last two years. Could you please fill in the consent form on ParentPay and alert us to any food allergies, if you have not already done so.

Year Five

It has been a great start to the term. In English the children have been writing newspaper reports based on the story 'Snow White in New York', their use of journalistic phrases has been great. In Maths, the children have learnt to change improper fractions to mixed number fractions and compared a range of different fractions using inequality signs. It was great to



take part in a healthy living workshop where the children learned a range of facts through engaging tasks about how to keep themselves healthily mentally, physically and emotionally. In music, the children created a range of loops to make an extended remix to the song 'Somewhere Over the Rainbow' with glockenspiels and a backing track. Art has been challenging with the children creating grids to upscale parts of their observational drawings in our Design and Skills unit. In RE the children have looked at the importance of charity work, looking closely at the charity Christian Aid. Christian aid is based on two of God's commandments (Love your neighbour as you love yourself and love your Lord your God with all your heart) all classes rose to the task of creating a donating or fundraising poster.

Year Six

Year 6 have continued their hard work this week. In maths they have enjoyed the challenge of being introduced to algebra and have begun to understand its purpose. They have used it to solve problems and to form expressions. English has seen them introduced to a new narrative poem. On this occasion they have been looking at 'The Listeners' by Walter de la Mare. They have noticed the similarities and differences, both in subject and form, with 'The Highwayman'. They have begun to think about how a poem should be performed when read aloud.

In RE this week the children have been thinking about peacemakers and pacifists and have been looking at how Jesus' life encourage us to be peacemakers in our own lives. The children were also lucky enough to take part in a healthy living workshop. They had a fantastic time and really enjoyed the huge range of activities that they took part in.





Year Three		
3D	Name: Immanuel Amgaduba For: Working hard and making good progress in all his work	Name: Aisela Muslika For: Working hard in maths and making good progress in her reading
3H	Name: Orlatih Callender For: having a positive attitude towards her leaning and trying her best in all subjects	Name: Micha Ologundudu For: working hard and making a huge effort in all lessons this week.
3P	Name: Lillie Ralston For: making progress in her writing.	Name: Reggy Hart-Mead For: diligent work and asking sensible questions
Year Four		
4A	Name: Siyam Mannan For: Great effort with his writing, resulting in some excellent pieces of work.	Name: Nasreen Yasin For: Consistent good effort across all subjects and a helpful attitude towards others.
4B	Name: Layla Chatterway For: Trying hard in maths this week with fractions	Name: Kyle Bielic For: always behaving lovely manners towards others
4M	Name: Bobby Bones For: writing a brilliant descriptive setting independently.	Name: AJ Aboiralor For: making an huge effort to learn his times tables over half term resulting in a very pleasing improvement..
Year Five		
5I	Name: Maddison Warwick-Roe For: Making great progress in Maths week, keep it up you have been fantatsic!	Name: Cristina Berry-Rodrigues For: Trying harder in lessons and contributing more to class discussions.
5N	Name: Abraham Kurian For: showing good focus and working hard independently.	Name: Zoya Shafiq For: demonstrating self-motivation and confidence throughout the day.
5P	Name: Mercy Olise For: working hard to improve the quality and quantity of her writing.	Name: Nathaniel Lawrence For: demonstrating a more positive attitude towards your learning.
Year Six		
6A	Name: Corey Marquez-Fowler For: his thoughtful contributions to class discussion and his proud smile when sharing his thoughts.	Name: Alex Payne For: becoming increasingly independent in his learning and superb work in maths! Well done!
6M	Name: Michael Osude For: always working hard and being a great role model for our class	Name: Nathania Ezra For: her excellent ambition and determination in Maths
6N	Name: Lexi Thompson For: resilience in her work, even when finding things challenging	Name: Scarlett Ahmet For: for a resilient approach to all work and continuing to work hard with a broken wrist



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.