



William Ford CE Junior School

Weekly Newsletter Spring Term 2 Week 5

Dear parents and carers,

Sadly, I need to begin this week's newsletter by raising COVID again. Whilst we all had hoped that COVID was behind us unfortunately that is just not the case and we are noticing an increased number of children testing positive. In addition, staff members are once again testing positive which does mean I need to inform families of the risk of some classes moving to remote learning if we cannot safely cover classes.

Please be assured, this will always be our last resort. The school has already spent over £20,000 on supply teachers that we have not budgeted for in order to keep all children in school but there is a limit to our resources. In addition, supply teachers are once again in high demand and quite often we have struggled to find supply teachers due to the high level of demand. What is not helping the situation is that we have been made aware of a number of children who have tested positive have been sent into school. One thing we do know about the current dominant COVID variant is that it is highly transmissible. I completely appreciate the concern a number of families have regarding keeping children at home and them not receiving pay from their employer during a time of high inflation and increased bills. However, sending a COVID positive child to school does place pupils and staff with underlying medical conditions at risk and also makes the risk of the whole class being sent home much higher. The school does still hold the right to refuse attendance to any child who is known to be COVID positive in order to protect the health and safety of all other children and adults. Please do support us as much as you can and **do not send your COVID positive child to school.**

On to something more positive (forgetting any COVID connotations with that word!), our Easter event takes place this Wednesday and it has been great to see the pupils working hard to prepare for this! I am also delighted at how quickly tickets are selling which is supporting us in ensuring we have enough catering for everybody. The weather is set to be lovely and the quality of the performances is brilliant so this is set to be a lovely day which will draw our teaching on the Easter story to a wonderful close. As a reminder, our **Easter celebration event for all families will be held in the playground on Wednesday 30th March at 8:30am.** The event will open with our choir performing before we are also treated to a dance performance from Year Six and a retelling of the Easter story from Year Four. Refreshments will be available throughout along with a toy raffle. Pupils can also make Easter bonnets at home with prizes for the best one in each class. Entry is free for all pupils but £2 for adults, paid in advance.



I pray you have a wonderful weekend.

Mr. David Huntingford
Headteacher



Luke 24:6-7

"He is not here; he has risen!"



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

I have put words in your **MOUTH** (1:9)

I have set **WATCHMEN** over you and said "Listen to the sound of the **TRUMPET!**" (6:17)

Has this house become a den of **ROBBERS?** (7:11)

Truth has **PERISHED** and vanished from their lips (7:28)

Let not the wise boast of their **WISDOM**, or the rich of their riches (9:23)

At the Lord's anger, the earth will **TREMBLE** (10:10)

False gods will perish from the earth and from under the **HEAVENS** (10:11)

JEREMIAH



ORDER IN THE BIBLE
OT: #24



WRITTEN BY:
The Prophet
Jeremiah



TIME PERIOD COVERED:
575 BC to 25 AD
(in prophecy)

CURSED is the man that trusts in man and who turns away from the Lord (17:5)

The **HEART** is **DECEITFUL** above all things (17:9)

You will **SEEK** me and find me when you seek me with all your heart (29:13)

Jeremiah was imprisoned by King **ZEDEKIAH** when Judah was besieged by **BABYLON** (32:2-3)

The remnant of Judah who fled to **EGYPT** will die by sword and famine (44:12-13)

OVERVIEW

Jeremiah was nearly 20 years old when he began to prophesy; he then prophesied for the rest of his adult life of 40 years or more.

Jeremiah was prophesying to a nation behaving terribly, and judgment from God was on its way. The Kingdom of Judah had watched as the Kingdom of Israel was destroyed by the Assyrians. They feared the Babylonians, who would eventually overpower them and take them away in exile. Throughout the turmoil, they refused to repent.



Kerry's Korner

Please can we remind parents that pets should **not** be brought onto the school grounds unless they are a guide or service dog.

Also, we have a number of unclaimed items in lost property that have not been labelled with name and classes. Please ensure all items have your child's details clearly written on the label to allow us to return them to the right person.

Please ensure your child also has a PE kit with them on their PE days as it is important that they participate in PE.

Drama Club Fun!

This week Kaila, Jane and Hallie from Year 6 write about drama club

We are members of Drama Club, and this week we had our first session! We had a range of activities and warm ups which was a great experience to participate in. Miss Albany and Miss Ibukun are great! We liked the fact that we could share ideas on what we want to do. Being a member of the Drama Club is allowing us to express ourselves and to be ourselves. We are looking forward to our next session.



Easter Celebration For all parents and pupils

£2 admission for adults

Booked on ParentPay

Choir Performance

Easter hat parade

Dance performance from 6A

Year 4 re-telling of the Easter Story

Light refreshments

Raffle Prizes

William Ford School Playground

Wednesday 30th March 2022 8:30 -9:45 a.m.



TIMES TABLE ROCKSTARS
BATTLE OF THE BANDS
BEST CLASS THIS WEEK

YEAR 3 – 3h
 YEAR 4 – 4h
 YEAR 5 – 5P
 YEAR 6 – 6M



French trip – update!

AN ADDITIONAL LETTER WILL BE SENT OUT SHORTLY

We are now finalising arrangements. We must have copies of all passports in school in order that we can check dates as the post BREXIT rules are very strict. We also require 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.' **Parents need to apply for themselves then add their children onto the application.** If your child is travelling on a non-EU/UK passport, please do speak to us about visa requirements. Merci Beaucoup!

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

Well, wonder no more....



Year Four

This week has been our termly test week for the children, and we have been proud of the effort they have put in to all the tests given to them. In science this week, the children have planned an investigation to answer the question, 'Does temperature affect rate of evaporation?'



They will hopefully find out their

results next week. In geography, the children improved their mapwork skills by using a map to locate and name countries within Europe. In history the children are continuing their independent research on the Iron Age. They will then be presenting this information in their own way. Some children are planning fact cards, others are preparing quizzes or booklets and some are creating board games to demonstrate their learning. We are looking at the Easter Story in R.E and have learnt about the Last Supper, Judas betrayal and the importance of Maundy Thursday. We have also been learning more about the Easter story through rehearsals for our Easter assembly which the children are thoroughly enjoying being a part of.

Year Five

As with the rest of the school, Year 5 have been showing us how much they have learnt this term by completing a series of tests. They have shown resilience and maturity in the way they have worked. It has been great to see. To counter the serious tests, we also had a week of Design and Technology, where we were doing a range of exciting activities all to do with biscuits. We began the week by getting the opinions of the other children in the school by

carrying out a survey of our favourite biscuits. Following on from this, the children took part in a biscuit tasting session where they had to describe the appearance, taste and texture of a variety of delicious dunkers! This helped the children to



decide on flavourings for their own biscuit design. They also had to decide on the shape and decorations of their biscuits. Year 5 have had a great time making, decorating and evaluating, their own bakes. Maybe some even made it home for you to try!

Year Six

It has been a busy week here in Year 6. The children have had a great attitude towards their tests this week and this has been evident in their most recent scores. Huge progress has been made since September. Keep it up! In maths, we have moved on to look at ratio and the children are competent in explaining that they can use ratio to show the relation between two values. Excitement spread through the corridors this week when the children discovered that they would be organising a whole school summer fete! The children have been thinking about what stalls they would like to run and the logistics behind running these - we may have a future entrepreneur on our hands. To help promote well-being the children have the opportunity to have their design displayed at Dagenham Heathway. They have chosen a letter from 'Heathway' and have represented Dagenham in their own creative way. We look forward to seeing the final designs!

Year Three

Year three have amazed us with how they have got on with their assessments this week in Reading, Grammar and Maths. As they progress through the school they will get more used to the techniques required to answer the difficult questions which face them. However, we are pleased to say that the children coped really well and have scored well in their tests.

We have found time for some other activities this week including in our RE topic exploring 'Salvation'. This week the children wrote about the events of Holy Week from Mary's point of view and they learnt about different ways in which Easter is celebrated.

In History this week the children explored the Greek city states of Athens and Sparta. They made notes about the two places then wrote about which one they would rather live in and they had to justify their reasons.

The most fun part of the week was starting to paint flower pots in PSHE, to accompany their work on 'Dreams and Goals'. There is still a surprise in store so watch this space.

We hope to see you next week at the special Easter celebration. Also remember next Tuesday is our Ancient Egypt day so please make sure the children have their costumes ready. We also need lots of 2 litre drinks bottles for use in science.

Wishing you all a restful weekend especially Mums and other special people on Sunday





Year Three		
3D	Name: Fiona Katjtazi For: always being helpful and showing kindness towards Jerry	Name: Ayaan Hussain For: Showing acts of kindness and being helpful
3H	Name: Joanna Etim For: her generosity of time in being willing to help and assist others	Name: Onirban Rahman For: super effort this week with all his work and lessons.
3P	Name: Ahmad Al-Abri For: Showing improvement in all his written work	Name: Bethany Okojie For: being extremely helpful
Year Four		
4A	Name: Ryan Braisher For: Good focus and perseverance whilst working on this week's art task.	Name: Sufian Islam For: Good listening and offering to answer questions during lessons this week.
4B	Name: Lucas Grecu For: working diligently in all lessons and not allowing himself to be distracted by others	Name: Amelia Ngombo For: fantastic effort in English writing lessons
4M	Name: Soma Nwanguma For: listening well during lessons and applying her learning to achieve pleasing scores in this week's tests.	Name: Muhammad Ceesay For: remaining focused this week and achieving good results in this week's tests.
Year Five		
5I	Name: Ray O'Neil For: contributing more in class discussions and being fully engaged in lessons.	Name: Jullian Owusu For: conducting his biscuit survey in a mature manner.
5N	Name: Emily For: her enthusiastic approach to learning.	Name: Nezar For: his hardworking attitude and caring nature.
5P	Name: Taseen Ahmed For: always being a fantastic role model and friend to all and for showing great maturity around the school.	Name: Lewis Coleman For: listening to advice and showing resilience when completing the tests this week.
Year Six		
6A	Name: Nathan Albarsin For: his creativity shown in our art project	Name: Rose Bestley For: her improvement in attitude when completed tests this week
6M	Name: Benjamin Fasogbon For: working hard and focusing well in class this week.	Name: Hallie Oguntayo For: the consistently excellent quality of her work.
6N	Name: Demar Mangaroo For: A calm and attentive attitude, good application to work and contributing well in class discussions	Name: Grace Abrahams For: Listening very carefully to advice and making good progress by taking advantage of the support given



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.