



# William Ford CE Junior School

## Weekly Newsletter Autumn Term 2 Week 2

Dear parents/carers and pupils,

### **Birthday parties!**

We have come across a wonderful idea from another school and we think it is something really special that we would like to introduce here at William Ford.

As a result of the current COVID restrictions, many children are missing out on celebrating their birthday with family and friends as they usually would, with parties and gatherings not allowed during this time.

We understand that our children have already had so many changes and have had to adapt to new rules and regulations both at home and at school, and their emotional wellbeing is something that is very important to us.

Therefore, we would like to give them the opportunity to celebrate their birthdays in school with their class friends! We have decided we will hold a birthday party within each class on the last Friday afternoon of each month that will celebrate all children who have had birthdays that month.

All children will have their packed lunch or school meal as normal. During the afternoon (last Friday of every month) the school will provide fun games and activities along with a party atmosphere. There will also be a little cake for each birthday child! All of the party costs will be covered by the school but we welcome donations of sweet and savoury food items but nothing with nuts please. Children must still come to school in their school uniform.

If your child has already had their birthday during September or October, they will be included in the first birthday celebration on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November.

We look forward to ensuring every child gets the opportunity to celebrate their birthday with their classmates and mark their special day.

### **Worship**

Our worship this week has continued looking at the Lord's Prayer, including some sessions led by Rev. Joel Edwards (Dagenham Parish Church) and Abby Dada (Riverside Church). We have been looking at the line 'Give us this day our daily bread' and reflecting on how God gives us what we need.

### **New gate**

I am delighted to share that our new gate is being installed as I write. My thanks to the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham for creating a new site entrance for us that ensures we can reduce our staggered starts and further support social distancing. I will be in touch next week with regards to how this will operate. We need to allow time for the concrete to set before use.

I pray you all have a lovely weekend.

Mr. David Huntingford



### **Colossians 3:23**

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men



## Meet our TEAM

### This week: Mrs. Caton

Mrs. Caton has worked at William Ford for 25 years and takes care that our invoices are paid on time. Mrs. Caton enjoys cycling and baking cakes.



**Interesting fact:** Mrs. Caton shook hands (in the times when we could!) with Princess Diana at the NEC Birmingham. WOW!

### Chewing gum and sweets

Please be reminded that pupils are not allowed sweets or chewing gum on site. The only exception are small packets of sweets that are handed out at the end of the day to celebrate a birthday.

### PSHE/RSE Survey

We would be grateful if all parents could complete Miss Albany's PSHE and Relationships Education survey by clicking on or entering the following into their web browser. <https://tinyurl.com/y5yexfdo>

## Kerry's Korner

### Community Food Club

Join the Community Food Club and you could reduce your food shopping bill, by paying £10 per month (or £3.50 per visit) to access roughly £20 worth of shopping each week. Membership is available for one person per household, to visit once a week and is valid for 3 months. Your membership will give you access to support from a wide range of services, providing advice on finances, health, employment, training and skills. You will also have access to a shared community garden to grow your own produce and opportunities to work on community projects with fellow residents. <https://www.lbbd.gov.uk/community-food-clubs>

If you or someone you know need any help or support, contact BD CAN 0208 275 3000 [bdcan@lbbd.gov.uk](mailto:bdcan@lbbd.gov.uk)

As always should you need any help, guidance or signposting to local services please contact me on 0208 270 6582 or [family-support@williamfordschool.co.uk](mailto:family-support@williamfordschool.co.uk)



## 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

## Purple Mash competition

One of the best things about this time of year is the sending and receiving of cards. Purple Mash need a new official festive card for 2020 and we thought who better to design it than the incredibly creative Purple Mash community!

- Children enter their work by submitting it to the 'Festive Card Competition' Display Boards.
- They should submit their work to the age appropriate board and use 2Simple to produce.
- There is a video in Purple Mash showing how to do this.
- They can save and edit their work as often as they like before submitting it – it should only be submitted once it is completely finished.
- The competition is open from the 2nd to the 23rd November 2020.
- Winners will receive 10 printed copies of their card, a £10 Amazon voucher and a 2Simple Goody Bag. Their card will be made into an e-card through Purple Mash.



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 to Year 3 for completing another brilliant week. They have concluded their autobiography unit with several grammar focused lessons to deepen their understanding of sentence types and word classes. In Maths, they have been using number lines to sort numbers and have begun to round numbers to the nearest ten. As part of their RE topic, they have been studying baptisms and have produced their own artwork to show the baptism of Jesus.



Finally, as part of our Science topic they have been identifying transparent, translucent and opaque objects around our school.

### Year Four

This week in English, Year 4 have started their new unit based on the First and Second World Wars. As part of our Remembrance Day activities, the children wrote prayers that focussed on the sacrifices made by all those involved in conflicts around the world. Within maths, we have begun work on formal written multiplication. We have also introduced the children to a new method of completing this work called the grid method. Perhaps you could ask your child to explain the grid method to you at home? This week, we have also awarded two prizes per

class for the science projects that were handed in before half term. Well done to Layla and Mario (class 4A), Abraham and Jessica (class 4I) and Ronnie and Pola (class 4R). A big thank you to everyone who participated in the project, the finished display of instruments looks fantastic.



### Year Five

This week, Year 5 have started our new cross-curricular English/Geography unit learning and writing about St Lucia. We have been introducing the topic and the children have been writing about where it is in the world and what the main features of the island are, looking particularly at the differences between the Atlantic and Caribbean coasts.

In Maths, we have been working on measuring accurately with rulers and converting between different units of measure.

In Science, we have continued with our investigations into how different surfaces can cause different amounts of friction and the children have been developing their skills for writing up the investigation in a scientific way.

The children are continuing to really enjoy our work on architecture in art and we have had some superb detailed

drawings of different house types this week.

We hope that all parents have now received our parentmail regarding our ongoing science space project. The deadline for completion has now been extended until Monday 14th December, but we are pleased to report that we have already started receiving some fantastic pieces of work which you can see in the attached photo.



### Year Six

Year 6 have been planning and writing a story about Fagin. They have thought about what events may have led to the evil monster he became in the story of Oliver Twist. They have worked hard to include detail from their Victorian street setting as well as the descriptive



language from their character descriptions of Fagin. In

Mathematics, they have been adding and subtracting fractions and mixed numbers

that have different denominators as well as working out the area of compound shapes. In science, they have been studying the evolution of humans and compared an ancient ancestor to the modern human and found that there are many similarities as well as differences. In RE, we have been looking at the story of creation in Genesis and have also been looking at the scientific theory of The Big Bang.