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Headteacher: Mr. Chris Grey PGCE, MEd

Wednesday 8th January 2020

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome Back! I hope that you and your families enjoyed a peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year! I wish you all a wonderful 2020.

On Monday, we celebrated Epiphany with an Epiphany Service. We explored different ways that it is marked and celebrated in other countries, along with thinking about the work of our church across the world as the magi travelled very far to meet Jesus. This half term, our Collective Worship sessions will focus on stories from the New Testament, mental health and 'love for one another' from our vision.



Our altar during the Epiphany Service

This term, staff will be working hard in school to continue developing our curriculum. We will be using our vision to guide our decisions and will be working together to ensure our pupils continue to receive a very well-planned and thought out journey of learning from Reception through to Year 6. In preparation for ensuring our curriculum prepares our pupils well for the future, we have also worked together with staff from other schools in the cluster and Sawston Village College.

Other exciting projects to look out for will be how our vision will be represented through art. For Art Day, we have some very creative pieces planned in three key areas of the school (which your kind donations of small plastic items will be used to create). In addition, you may recall we have been working with pupils to design a new hall wall that is in-line with the school's vision. We are hoping to see both these projects come together with two visiting artists. As always, we will be asking for volunteers – from painting the red wall in the hall to supporting smaller projects, we would be very grateful for your support!



Thank you very much for the kind gifts and cards you gave to all the staff over the festive period.

With best wishes,
Chris Grey,
Headteacher

Newsletter in 30 seconds

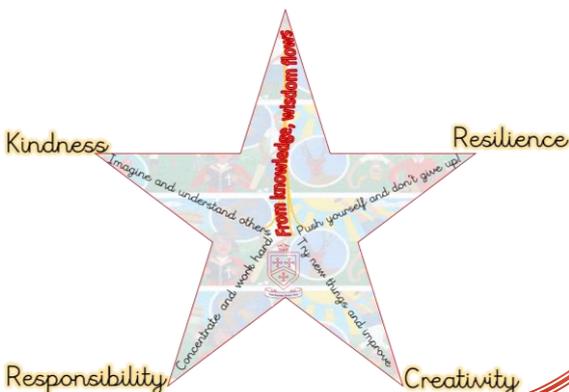
- Happy New Year and welcome back!
- Curriculum development
- Art projects
- Thank you!

Science Spot

Our next STEM Ambassador talk will be on 14th January, below is their biography.

Molecular biologist

I am a molecular biologist, which means I study the tiny building blocks which make up all living things. My work is trying to understand how a germ, a bacterium called tuberculosis, can infect our bodies and what the cells in our bodies do to fight back. We use microscopes to watch what happens in cells when they are infected with bacteria, and we can see lots of molecules using different coloured dyes. We use a tiny fish, called a zebrafish, as a model for what happens to humans when we get germs. These fish are completely see through when they are young, which allows us to watch cells and the germs interact. We can treat the fish with the same medicines doctors give to patients, to see how the medicines work and what happens when they don't work.



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Dates Summary

	31/1/20	14:00	Reception Class Briefing	Hall
	3/2/20	14:30	Candlemas Service (led by Y2)	St. Mary's Church
	5/2/20 – 12/2/20		Scholastic Book Fair	
	6/2/20 – 7/2/20	All day	Art Days	School
	10/2/20	15:45 – 18:00	Pupil, Parent, Teacher Consultations	Hall
	11/2/20	All day	Safer Internet Day	
	12/2/20	15:45 – 18:00	Pupil, Parent, Teacher Consultations	Hall
	13/2/20	15:45 – 18:00	Pupil, Parent, Teacher Consultations	Hall
	14/2/20	PM	Quicksticks Hockey Tournament	Netherhall
	14/2/20	14:00	Y4 Class Briefing	Hall
	14/2/20		End of first half of Spring Term	School
	w/c 17/2/20		February half term holiday	Somewhere relaxing
	24/2/20		Second half of the term commences	School

Announcements

Voice Auditions

Y1 and Y2 pupils will be invited to take part in some voice auditions for a local video company with a connection to the school. Pupils will come home with a flyer in their book bags.

Choir and Orchestra

Choir will resume on Friday 10th January. Orchestra will resume on Monday 13th January.

Gymnastics Club

There will be an extra session of Gym Club this Thursday (9th January) after school, due to a missed class last term.

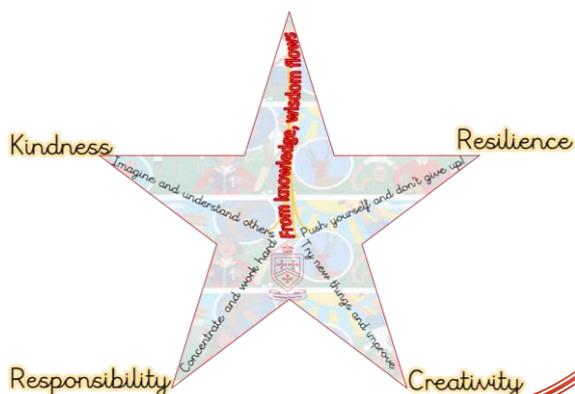
Volunteer induction sessions

The next volunteer induction sessions are on the following dates:

Friday 24th January – 9.05am

Tuesday 24th March – 9.05am

If you would like to attend either of these sessions, please contact the office.



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