



Value this week: Joy

5th September 2024

Head teacher's message.

It has been wonderful to have all our children back. Their comments, expressions and enthusiasm for the developments of the school building have been a pleasure to hear. There has been a lot of activity around the fish tank as well as accompanying scientific chat. On the whole, children have settled well – we always expect some hiccups after a 6 week break – please do not worry if your child has struggled with getting back in the routine this week; it's perfectly normal. Our new Reception starters have glided into school with ease; I have observed lots of creative activities and many smiles in their new classroom environment.

DIARY DATES

6 th September	Spirituality Day
8 th September	All age worship, St. Anne's Church
9 th September	Y6 Tower Wood Parents' Meeting 6pm
13 th September	School photograph day
16 th September	Messy Church
17 th September	Y4 Magicfest – Session 1
18 th September	Online Safety afternoon
19 th September	Year 4 church worship
20 th September	Stars Assembly resume
22 nd September	Harvest Festival, Years 5&6
24 th September	Macmillan coffee morning
26 th September	Pre-School / Reception settling-in meetings
2 nd October	Meet the teacher evening
3 rd October	NSPCC virtual assembly
6 th October	All age worship, St. Anne's Church
9 th – 11 th October	Y6 Tower Wood residential
14 th October	Double page spread Assembly
14 th October	Messy church
16 th October	Bishop Philip visit to school, 2pm
17 th October	NSPCC day
18 th October	Values Assembly

YEAR 4 HISTORY MAGIC FEST

We are excited to announce that we have been selected as one of only a handful of schools across Lancashire to take part in Lancashire Schools Magic Fest III. The Heritage Learning Team will be working with our Year 4 class across the year to bring a twist to history and couple it with magic! The project and standards are shared with the Department for Education and the Arts Council. At the end of the project, the class will perform live at the Lowther Pavilion along with the other schools who have been selected. Our final piece will be unique to us and staff are very excited about the impact of this project on the enjoyment of history and oracy in particular. Watch this space!

SPIRITUALITY DAY

Spirituality Day will take place tomorrow across school. This is an opportunity to explore our Christian Values of: joy, peace, hope, community, wisdom and dignity as we follow the words of Jesus throughout the half term. Children will all take part in a Godly Play session run by an external company and who will spend time with each year group focusing on The Parable of the Good Shepherd in Key Stage 1 and The Parable of the Great Pearl in Key Stage 2 – both KS1 and KS2 will focus on the value of joy.



FOCS PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

Thank you to FOCS for supplying some essential playground equipment to school. Children were introduced to 2 beautiful wooden Connect 4 games and a large Jenga set. The children were delighted and very eager to play with the new equipment.



ENRICHMENT CLUBS

All clubs will begin week commencing 16TH September. **Ju Jitsu will begin on Thursday 12th September.** Information will be posted on Dojo shortly about the clubs that we have available and how to book your child on to them.

HARVEST

Our Year 5 and 6 classes will be leading Harvest Festival this year at St. Anne's church on Sunday 22nd September. Children need to wear their school uniform. Class teachers will be in touch about arrangements.

YEAR 4 CHURCH WORSHIP

Our Year 4 class will lead the first church worship of this academic year on Thursday 19th September. Parents, carers and community are all welcome to the service which will start at 9.10am.

ONLINE SAFETY

School will have an online safety afternoon soon organised by Miss Ainscough. We aim to equip our children with the knowledge and skills to be vigilant online customers, ensuring they stay safe whilst having fun. Teachers will post individual class details of the topics being covered through Dojo shortly.

SETTLING-IN MEETINGS

Pre-School and Reception classes will be offering settling in appointments to parents on Thursday 26th September, 3.30pm – 5.30pm. Teachers will be in touch shortly with details of how to book.

BISHOP PHILIP

We have had some wonderful news that Bishop Philip will formally pay us a visit to officially open school with our new name and renovated Infant block. Further details will be shared nearer the time.

MEET THE NEW SCHOOL FISH!



Our new aquarium provided quite a talking point for the children. Several of the fish have been named and we cannot wait for a further delivery of new fish tomorrow.

INFORMAL WALKING BUS

Mr Massey has kindly volunteered to take a walking bus from Elswick each morning. Children should meet at the bus stop at the bottom of Copp Lane at 8.35am and the walking bus will set off at 8.40am. Thank you to Mr Massey who is trying to assist school with reducing cars to school.

STARS ASSEMBLY

Due to Spirituality Day tomorrow and whole-school photograph day next Friday, there will be no Stars Assembly until Friday 20th September.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Photos are scheduled for next Friday. Full arrangements will be posted separately on Dojo.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

This year, Years 5 and 6 will take part in St. Anne's church service on Sunday 22nd September, 11am. Teachers will be sending details to parents / carers shortly.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

We will be holding a coffee morning in school to raise funds for Macmillan. Cake donations would be welcome on Monday and Tuesday 23rd September.

MEET THE TEACHER

School will hold a Meet the Teacher evening on 2nd October – a chance to meet your child's class teacher and have a look at their classroom and school environment. This meeting is not a progress meeting as it is too early in the academic year, however, it will be a chance to see how your child is settling in their new class and to speak with your child's teacher.

"Let us love, not in word, but in truth and action." 1 John 3:18