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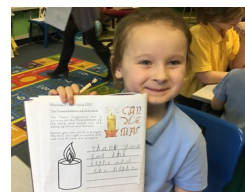
7TH FEBRUARY 2020

Uniform Consultation

As you will be aware by now, a consultation is going out to all members of our school family - children, parents, staff and Governors to discuss whether, with our academy conversion, we would like to take the opportunity to clearly identify ourselves as we begin this new chapter with a new look to our uniform. Absolutely no decisions have been made at this stage but in order to have a shared discussion I would like to invite you all to a short presentation either at 4pm or 5pm on Tuesday 11th February (coinciding with the family project evening) in order to launch a few thoughts and invite your feedback and questions. If you are unable to attend, please call in at the office for a questionnaire that will be used on the evening. Everyone's voice should be heard and considered with decisions like this. Thank you.



At the start of the week, the Pupil Chaplains helped Cedar Class with their RE learning. The Pupil Chaplains led a service on The Presentation of the Lord, shared the faith shown by Simeon and



Anna, and helped the children in Cedar Class write prayers. We finished with a short collective worship with each child sharing their prayer and lighting a candle.

Oak Class enjoyed Mass with our parish family on Wednesday with one of our Pupil Chaplains serving. Father's homily focused on the life of Saint Agatha with examples of her intercession and how she has inspired many. It was a lovely way to start the day.



Finding Your Brave

This week has been Children's Mental Health Week and through our assemblies and lessons we have shared the theme 'Find your Brave'. Children have explored how bravery comes in all shapes and sizes such as facing the unknown, conquering fears and not being afraid to seek support and help when we need it. As a Catholic School, this has also nurtured our pupils to search within themselves as we weave into this, the words of Pope Francis, 'ask Jesus what he wants from you and be brave!' We hope you are able to see some examples of work and speak to our class teachers at the family project evening next week.



This week the Pupil Chaplains have led some lovely mindfulness colouring sessions focusing on the positives messages we can take from: "Do not be afraid, just believe" (Mark 5:36) for Children's Mental Health Week. We shared ways in which we can be brave and believe in ourselves to overcome our fears and the challenges we face both in and out of school.

FIND YOUR BRAVE
#ChildrensMentalHealthWeek

Attendance Target 97.0%

Beech	92.8%	Elm	95.2%	Oak	98.8%
Cedar	98.8%	Larch	99.6%	Acorns	95.5%

Whole School Attendance this week 97.3%

Whole School Attendance YTD 95.8%



Don't forget that this term's project needs to be in class for Monday 10th Feb ready for our family project evening on Tuesday 11th. **Uniform consultation evening will also be in the Hall from 4pm...**



Beech Whole class - Team effort at Mini Olympics
Cedar Rosie - Finding her brave
Elm Tanzela - A really pleasant member of the class
Larch Ruby - Persevering with her writing
Oak Louka - Always maximum effort in her work



Beech Joshua - Outstanding sportsmanship
Cedar Summer - Improved writing
Elm Lola - For a wonderful nonsense poem
Larch Faizah - Her hard work and writing skill for her story
Oak Imogen - RE work



Monday & Thursday - Sats club, 3:30 to 4:30
Monday 10th - Projects to be in school today
Tuesday 11th - Project evening after school followed by uniform consultation at 4pm
Tuesday 11th - Safer internet day
Tuesday 11th - Y5 Bikeability
Wednesday 12th - Y5 Bikeability
Wednesday 12th - Bonanza Creative Science event in school for the afternoon for Y2's
Thursday 13th - Valentines Disco - 6 till 7:30pm
Friday 14th - Y4 Bikeability

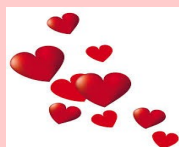
Mini Olympics

Beech Class took part in the Multi Skills Tournament yesterday at Todmorden Sports Centre scoring over 600 points, sadly we were pipped by 10 points but secured second place. Children took part in hurdles, skipping, balancing, relay and long jump. Great fun was had by all including a beautiful scenic walk through Centre Vale park on a glorious day.



Internet Safety

Safer Internet Day is next week, on Tuesday 11th February. Classes will be looking at ways to keep them self safe when using the internet and social media both this week and after half term in a bid to protect our children from many unseen dangers. Oak class have also been given a separate letter regarding the concerns around an App that it has been discovered several of them are using, even though they are well below the appropriate age. If your child does not bring this letter home from Oak Class, please do not hesitate to contact the office to find out more.



Thursday 13th February 6.00 - 7.30

Valentines Disco

Dancing & Games

Entry fee £1 payable on the door

Please note children in Early Years, Class 1 & Class 2 must be accompanied by an adult

Sweets and crisps on sale

