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### Newsletter 14th March 2023

***'With God, all things are possible.' Matthew 19:26***

Let's find out what our children have been enjoying and discovering in their learning over the last couple of weeks.

#### **A message from Mrs Carciero**

What a cold end to the week we had last week! I am sure we are all looking forward to the Spring sunshine! It has been a busy start on return to school and we can't believe we are halfway through the school year. World Book Day was fantastic and the pupils enjoyed sharing books and finding out why reading is so important. Our next step is to take the pupils to join the local library.

We have started to learn our songs ready for our Easter service which is on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2pm at St Paul's Church. We hope you can join us, more details to follow and we hope Father Mark will lead the service.

Mr Donnachie has also decided to put on a production for the Y6 leavers this year which we haven't done for some time. We are waiting for the secondary schools to confirm transition dates so as soon as we know these, we'll let you know the date of the Y6 production. I know they are going to be very excited!

It's Red Nose Day Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March so please wear something red, even if it's just red socks! You could even dye your hair red if you so wish!

#### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

<b>March</b>	
6/3/23	Spring 2 enrichment clubs begin
13/3/23	British Science Week
17/3/23	Red Nose Day - Dress in red in exchange for a silver coin donation
19/3/23	Mother's Day - Mother's Day shop gift collection
29/3/23	World Maths Day (a couple of weeks later than the rest of the world)
30/3/23	Easter Service at St Paul's - led by Father Mark
31/3/23	School closes for Easter



### **Owl Class:**

It's been a busy first two weeks of half term. Having put the finishing touches to our boat designs, we tested them on the wild seas (well...in our new water trays) to ensure they would sail. SUCCESS...for most! Most boats were floating, but what could we do for those that were sinking, or were bobbing a little too much when the stormy winds blew in (well...when we blew on the sails). We discovered that part of the hull of the boat does need to sink below the surface of the water so it is stable. To fix the problem, we added weight to the bobbing and sinking boats. SUCCESS! We've loved our 'Explorers' topic and we're continuing this term as we sail away from the cold of Antarctica, towards the heat of the equator, in search of a continent that looks a lot like an elephant's ear. What will we discover here?



### **Red Kite Class:**

Red Kites have had a fabulous start to the half term! Over the last two weeks, Year 1 have been busy starting their new story, *The Curious Case of the Missing Mammoth*. We were amazed to find that part of our forest area had been sectioned off during the holidays because several mammoth bones had been discovered! This prompted some fantastic question writing from the children. We have also had a lovely time discussing our favourite toys in our history lessons. Children could confidently tell their peers about why their chosen toys evoked special memories - it was lovely to hear! The snow definitely brought some excitement for Red Kites. We enjoyed building snowmen and playing in the snow with our friends. Who would have thought that we would see such weather in March! We would like to thank all of our families for their continued efforts to read with their children at home. In June, pupils will take their Phonics Reading Check so it is important that reading continues to be a priority both at school and at home.





## Merlin Class

What a busy start to the half term! We have enjoyed starting our new book 'Major Glad, Major Dizzy' Thankyou for bringing in a toy from home which inspired us to do some fantastic writing! In Maths, we are continuing with our multiplication and division topic where we have learnt about arrays, grouping and sharing and have related these to number sentences.

We celebrated World Book Day where we looked at the book, 'The Prettiest Flower' and used our creativity to paint a scene using watercolours. In Computing, we have finished our coding on scratch and have started looking at word processing and have been looking closer at the keyboard and its functions.



In Science, we have been learning how we would survive on a desert island. Merlin class gave a lot of scientific reasons why they would need oxygen (to breathe air), water (to stay hydrated), food (to give energy) and shelter (to stay warm) in order to survive on that desert island.

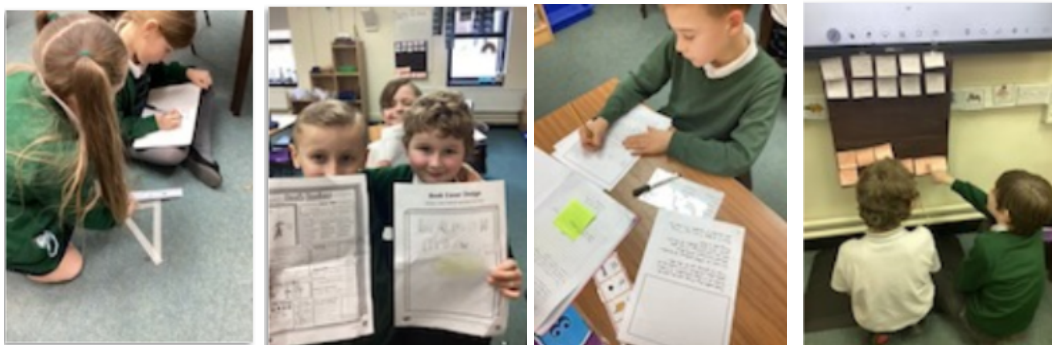
In R.E, we have been discussing how we are all friends and have special qualities just like Jesus and his Disciples had. This term, we will be learning how Jesus is important to Christians.

## Osprey Class:

Osprey class have started the new half term with lots of enthusiasm! We have loved the start to our 'Big Blue Whale' topic and have been amazed by learning lots about this fascinating creature. We have also started our new guided reading book, which is also based on whales! This story tells the tale of a young boy who meets a lost whale in the River Thames. The children enjoyed exploring real-life headlines from similar experiences in some of our biggest cities. In maths we have completed our unit on measure by learning how to calculate perimeter and adding cm and mm together. It was tricky when we had to convert some of the units of measurement, but the children demonstrated some excellent resilience and teamwork! We have now started our new topic on fractions.

We celebrated World Book Day by participating in the big book swap, and reading 'Under the Lemon Moon' - a tale about forgiveness which originated in Mexico.

We have been re-telling the Easter story in RE by focusing on a different day of Holy Week during our lessons. In Science the children are mid-way through their topic of 'Magnets and Forces' and have really impressed Mrs Hendry with their use of scientific vocabulary. We have also had a super time at swimming lessons! Well done Year 3!



## Kestrel Class:

Over the last two weeks we've been putting the finishing touches to our book cover designs. Lots of new skills have been learnt, including making a paper mockup, matching design criteria, as well as cutting and joining using different methods. Most of us chose to use velcro or buttons to fasten together the edges of our products. If anyone needs a button stitching on, just call Kestrels for help! In science, we've finished off our topic about the different states of matter. This week, our focus has been evaporation and condensation. Everyone has written some fantastic explanations of how washing dries on the line. I'm sure that you'll have some volunteers at home now to help with the laundry!

Our R.E. sessions about parables have been interesting too. Everyone has asked some really thoughtful questions and come up with some good ideas for hidden meanings and messages.

In P.S.H.E. we've been delving into families and relationships. I am so impressed with the conversations everyone has been having around different scenarios. We've all proven to be a well mannered bunch, who show respect and politeness to those we come into contact with.

In English we're starting a new book and so far, only a few clues have been revealed about its content and subject matter. We're getting great at using inference and deduction to figure things out. Well done Kestrels!

World book day has been a great chance to try out some new reading materials. We've completed some work on our theme of forgiveness and designed some lovely art-work that reflects the way we work together as a team and compromise, as well as forgive.

In maths, our topic has been length and perimeter. We're all doing really well with this topic and I think we may have some budding architects, engineers and fencing specialists in the group.

To top it all off - what an interesting way to end this last week. It's been great seeing just how lucky we are to have such wonderful school grounds to get out and about and enjoy the snow!



## FUN IN THE SNOW



We have had lots of fun in the snow at the end of last week! Miss Edwards shared a snowy photograph from her childhood. We couldn't resist sharing it with all of our Little Sutton families too! Can you spot Miss Edwards?



### **Buzzard Class:**

Buzzard Class have had an action-packed start to this half term! Currently, Year 5's fantastic topic, is exploring 'Space' and we have started a new story 'The Darkest Dark' by Chris Hadfield. In English we've enjoyed collecting information, developing our predictions and will be creating our own biographies. The children have been excited to add drama, juicy words and facts, that we've uncovered from our science lessons. We are building the next generation of architects in DT and are focusing on bridges. Our first attempt using pasta and spaghetti, sparked the discussion on how to build effectively. It was lovely to see teamwork, communication and creative ideas in action. The surprise weather has brought excitement into the classroom, we were able to create snow portraits and enjoyed playing with our friends. Buzzard class are powering through Math and enjoyed our giant Math Treasure Hunt, where the questions were hidden around the school. The focus is currently decimals and converting fractions. It is tricky but I am so proud of their determination and attitudes to learning. Keep up the hard work, push with more fabulous reading and don't forget your TT Rock Stars.



### **Peregrine Class:**

Since returning from half term, we have ramped up our SATs preparations. We have been working through previous SATs papers and questions to get ourselves used to the style of questioning, and we have started to work on increasing our speed and fluency to make sure all questions are answered. In maths, we have begun to recap on decimals and percentages and started algebra. In science, we have been discovering the effects of power sources on how brightly a light bulb shines and had fun playing and making electrical circuits. I am really proud of all the Peregrines for their hard work and commitment; keep up the hard work as we don't have too long to go!





## READING AT HOME

We ask all of our families to support our pupils and their reading development by reading at home.

You can do this by:

- Reading with your child at least 5 times a week - STRIVE FOR FIVE
- Record all 'reading at home' sessions on our online platform, Boom Reader
- Ensure that school reading books return in a good condition ready for the next pupil to use

Teachers will support you by:

- Ensuring that pupils bring home an appropriately match book to their current level of learning
- Checking Boom Reader daily to monitor engagement
- Offering support to families that are not reading at home regularly, in line with our target
- Celebrate and recognise those pupils and families who read at home regularly

## ST PAUL'S CHURCH

Dear Little Sutton CofE Primary Community,

Greetings in the name of Christ. You may have seen me around School since January. I have been fortunate to be allowed to conduct a weekly act of worship in School. I am thrilled to join you all.

My name is Father Mark Turner; I was a teacher of Religious Studies and Chaplain for Birkenhead School and the former curate of Eastham. My wife Sarah is a registered manager for Autism Together and works a lot in the local community around the church. My son James is 14 years old and in Year 10 at Birkenhead School. He plays hockey and sings in the Chapel Choir. His actual interest is all things online.

This feels like such a homecoming for me; for those who do not know, my family have all been married at St Paul's, a few of them are in the graveyard and more special to me, I was baptised here in December 1979. I am a local lad with local roots. I look forward to meeting you all individually over the next few months. I am your vicar; I am here to serve you and this community. I love ALL of God's people, so if you are able either stop and chat to me at the School gate or pop over to St Pauls any Sunday!

Fr Mark



## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### **Fundraising Day & Night!**

In aid of  
**Macmillan Cancer Support**  
&  
**British Heart Foundation**

**MACMILLAN**  
CANCER SUPPORT



**Saturday 1st April 2023**  
Groves Social Club  
Chester Road, Whitby, CH66 2NZ

Daytime 11-3 Free Admission  
Evening from 7pm £5 entry.

For tickets or more information please contact . . .  
Craig 07860263153 . . .

## MESSAGES FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

- Please refrain from parking in the staff car park between 8:15am - 4:30pm unless prior permission has been obtained.
- Please can we ask that all of our families park considerably during school drop off and pick up. Please remember that school is located in a residential area.