



# Wardley CE Primary School

'With God's love we can do all things'

## Newsletter

### Autumn Term Dates

#### SEPTEMBER

- 25.09.24: Courageous Advocates Worship in school.
- 27.09.24: MacMillan Cancer fund raising – non-uniform day.
- 30.09.24: Y5 Bike ability sessions this week.

#### OCTOBER

- 02.10.24: Harvest collection in school.
- 02.10.24: Y6 class visit to All Saints Church morning service -10am.
- 03.10.24: Autumnal Themed Lunch.
- 04.10.24: Nasal flu vaccinations.
- 09.10.24: Y3 & Y4 Trip to the orchestra.
- 14.10.24: Mid-term test week for the infant and junior classes.
- 18.10.24: Non-uniform fundraising day for the school fund.
- 18.10.24: School closes for half-term at 3.15pm.
- 28.10.24: School closed for staff INSET training day.
- 29.10.24: Pupils back to school on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October

#### NOVEMBER

- 04.11.24: Autumn term parents' evening: 3.30 – 6pm.
- 11.11.24: Remembrance Day Worship in school.
- 11.11.24: National Anti-Bullying Week.
- 12.11.24: Odd Socks Day.
- 12.11.24: B-Tales Anti-Bullying workshops for the junior classes.
- 14.11.24: School individual photographs.
- 15.11.24: Children In Need fund raising – non-uniform day.
- 18.11.24: Autumn term parents' evening: 3.30 – 6pm.
- 27.11.24: Y5 class visit to All Saints Church morning service -10am.

#### DECEMBER

- 09.12.24: KS1 Christmas Shows. Y1 – 9am. Y2 – 2.40pm.
- 10.12.24: EYFS Christmas Shows. NUR – 9am. REC – 2.40pm.
- 11.12.24: Lower KS2 Christmas Shows. Y3 – 9am. Y4 – 2.40pm.
- 12.12.24: Upper KS2 Christmas Shows. Y6 – 9am. Y5 – 2.40pm.
- 13.12.24: Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch.
- 16.12.24: Infant/EYFS Christmas party.
- 17.12.24: Junior Christmas party.
- 18.12.24: Christmas Panto in school.
- 18.12.24: School closes for Christmas at 3.15pm.

**JANUARY** 06.01.25: Back to school on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January.

20.09.2024

Our Y6 pupils all take on the role of senior pupil as they enter Y6. As our oldest pupils, we look to them to model our school values and expectations to the younger children. To reflect their role and responsibility, they wear a senior pupil badge. Over the course of the year, all the Y6 pupils also have the opportunity to take on the role of school counsellor. Again, this is a position of responsibility that sees them involved in discussing ways to improve our school with the senior leadership team, consulting on these ideas with the children and making decisions. They also report back to our school governors and help with our collective worship and other school events. They met with all the infant and junior classes this week to discuss what to buy with the money that we will collect for the school fund through our school fund non-uniform fundraising days. They will be writing a school council newsletter about this which will be sent out to you soon. We are really proud of them!

### In the classroom this week .....

Year 6 have been writing their autobiographies in English. It has been fun and extremely interesting to read about their memories and experiences. Mrs Walker has been impressed by their use of relative clauses, parenthesis and rhetorical questions. The class are also well underway with their class novel, Rooftoppers, and everyone is enjoying the adventures of the runaway orphan, Sophia, and her eccentric ward, Mr Charles Maxim. In music, they have been learning the song, 'Something Inside So Strong' whilst learning about apartheid in South Africa and the influence of their first black President: Nelson Mandela.

### Weekly Updates... MacMillan Cancer Trust Non-Uniform Fund-Raising Day

Next Friday (27<sup>th</sup> September), we will be holding a non-uniform day to raise money for the MacMillan Cancer Trust. All the money that we raise will go to this good cause. We are asking for a contribution of £1 (payable via School Spider) and in return the children will be able to come to school in their own clothes. The Y5 children can come to school in their own sports clothes as they have PE in the afternoon.

## **Asda Cashpot For Schools**

Parentkind, the charity that supports school PTAs, have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative – all you have to do is, opt in through the Asda Rewards app, choose our primary school and shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com, between 2nd September and 30th November 2024.

Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to our school. Also, every time somebody opts in, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus, it doesn't stop there – Asda are also giving £50 to our school to get us started.

Asda does the rest, all money raised will be donated to schools to spend on the things they need the most, such as the equipment that our school wants to buy for the children in our school through our fundraising work.

## **Reminders from the office .....**

- On Monday the children will be bringing home a Data Collection Pack. Please check all their details are correct and return the signed documents back to school as soon as possible.
- Our Uniform Emporium is well stocked (some items are brand new) and located in the office foyer. Please feel free to come and help yourself should you need any spare uniform.
- Dinner money is £10.50 per week and payable on the School Gateway App.
- The deadline for the children on packed lunches to book a themed lunch is Wednesday 25 September.

## **Our Christian values and thoughtful time .....**

### **Collective Worship Theme**

The value that we will be looking in our collective worship this half-term is '*Courage*'. Each week the children look at different aspects of this value and what it means to them in their daily lives. In our weekly thoughtful book assembly, we share some of these ideas with the school. This week the children thought about what to do if they have a worry. They had some excellent ideas about who they could share any worries with and about the importance of having the courage to speak about them.

### **Courageous Advocates**

As part of our collective worship programme, we look to give the children an opportunity each half-term to speak up about an issue that they feel passionate about. They can prepare what they want to say at home and then tell the rest of the school about it during our courageous advocates worship. They can do this either in a small group or by themselves. We are always really impressed by what they have to say and the passion they show for the issues that they are talking about. Our first courageous advocates worship is on 25<sup>th</sup> September. If any child wants to talk part they should speak to their class teacher or Mr Foster about it.

### **Home Worship Books**

We had the first opportunity for the children to bring in their home worship books to share in school this week. It was lovely to see so many children bringing their books to share with everyone. There were thoughts on lots of different subjects including the Christian value of respect that we are looking at in our worship. Each week we award our home worship mascot (Sammy The Bear) to one child. This week it was Jeevan in Y3 for her home worship work about caring for our planet. Lovely work Jeevan!