



# Wardley CE Primary School

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

## Newsletter

### Autumn Term Dates

#### OCTOBER

- 01.10.24: Y5 Bike ability sessions on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday this week.
- 02.10.24: Harvest collection in school: Children can bring in non-perishable food items for Salford Foodbank to collect.
- 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.

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It was also lovely to see the children getting behind our non-uniform day to raise money for the MacMillan Cancer Support today. We feel it is really important that the children get a sense of the role that they can play in supporting charitable activities. This is very much a part of our school's vision and outlook. We want to give our children a sense of aspiration, and hope that they can be a part of bringing about a change for the better in the communities in which they live, including at times when circumstances are difficult. Our next charitable event will be the harvest collection which takes place next Wednesday. The children are all invited to bring in a harvest donation (tinned or packet non-perishable food) on the day to donate to The Salford Food Bank. We had fantastic support for this collection last year and we hope everyone can really get behind it again this year. More details about the harvest collection can be found later in this newsletter.

**In the classroom this week .....** Mr Houston explains that Year 5 have been reading Shackleton's Journey as the core text for their current reading unit. In science, they have been looking at properties of materials and have completed two investigations so far on soluble substances and flexibility of materials. In history, the children have been choosing the most influential and significant period of Ancient Greece. Whilst in geography, they have been looking at the location of countries relative to the equator in geography, and researching different biomes. Finally, Hundertwasser is the artist they have taken inspiration from in art and design. The children have used charcoal to complete subtractive drawing and we will be using paints in producing abstract art.

**Weekly Updates... Y5 Bikeability** Those members of our Y5 class who have chosen to will be taking part in the Bikeability programme over Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, next week. This will give them the chance to learn how to ride their bikes safely on the road. On the days that the children need to bring their bikes in, they should wheel them along the school pathway, through the gate by God's garden and lock their bike to the perimeter fence in the corner of the field.

## **Asda Cashpot For Schools**

We would like to thank everyone who has already signed up to raise money for our school through this scheme. We have been amazed by the response we have already had, so far we have raised £205.98. All the money raised will be used to buy the play equipment that our school council has chosen as the focus of our fundraising work this year.

If you have not already signed up then 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.

## **Harvest Collection**

We are very pleased to be supporting the Salford Foodbank with our harvest collection again this year. Salford Foodbank is committed to ensuring that no-one goes hungry in Salford. As the city's primary crisis food bank, they are highly dependent on schools to help bolster their stocks at harvest. Therefore, we thought it would be a great idea for us to get behind this wonderful charity and give them our support at harvest time. Our school harvest collection will be on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. We are asking that the children bring in tinned or packet non-perishable food. Staff from the Salford Foodbank will be coming into school to talk to the children about the work that they do and to take the donations away with them. Our Y6 class will also attend the morning service at All Saints Church on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October to talk to the congregation about harvest. The Y6 parents and carers are very welcome to attend the service, which will start at 10am.

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

- Next week it will be week 2 on the dinner money
- The Autumnal themed lunch is taking place on Thursday 3 October
- Please return all the data collection forms to the office and complete the annual consent form on the School Spider App

## **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**

We had seven children (Danielle Y5, Suraya Y5, Phoebe Y5, Lolo Y3, Alexis Y3, Ava Y3 & Letty Y1) taking on the role of courageous advocate this week and speaking to the school about issues that they feel passionate about. These included talks about littering, global warming and racism. They all did a fantastic job, and their speeches have been put into our courageous advocate big book which is on display in the hall.

### **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 Lettie in Y3 for her home worship work for talking about courage and her lovely little prayer about behaviour. Lovely work Lettie!