

Friday 20th October 2023

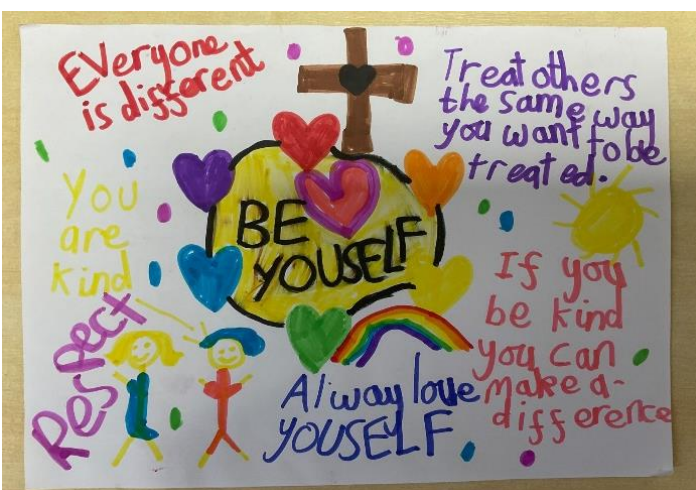
'Grow in the Grace and Knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ' 2 Peter 3: 18

Our first half term this year has seen a super start to the year with lots of learning and activities taking place. Both the lunch time and after school clubs have been well attended. Our new reception children have settled well and they happily interact during playtimes with children from all the classes.

Children across school have been keen to join a range of pupil voice clubs including School Council, Eco Squad and Worship group.



We also had our first, class assembly for the first time in 2 years- a huge well done to Maple class and the staffing team, a wonderful assembly which shared the children's learning in RE about Creation and also gave us a glimpse into the discussion's classes are having around climate justice. We were delighted that so many family members could join us for the worship.



Very well done to Heidi in Willow class who has been selected a winner of a poster competition run in local schools this term by **Chorley council** for a **'Love not Hate'** campaign. Her poster will be reproduced along with other children's entries from other local schools and be displayed along the railway bridge in Coppull.

We also welcomed PC Ashley Gibson from Lancashire Police and Tim from Prevent, Blackburn earlier this week who spoke to children in Sycamore about the British values and shared the key messages about the 'Love not hate' campaign.

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Art Exhibition

Children across school have taken part in a 'Creative for Climate Justice' project led by the Christian Aid charity. Classes have been creative in producing whole class displays which illustrate the concerns and fears society have for the climate and changing conditions of the world due to climate change. Our children are the future generation and it is

important children are made aware of the problems arising, so that their voices can be heard.

We have had an established Eco Squad for a couple of years now, who have encouraged the school community to think about their electric usage and what can be recycled.

Through the art exhibition children are wanting to share their messages with the wider community. We hope that you and your family & friends can come along to the exhibition- taking place from **2.30pm on**

Wednesday 1st November and Thursday 2nd November.



The aim of the project is for young people to use their creativity to influence as many MPs as possible. Our work and photographs from the exhibition will be sent to London for a parliamentary exhibition taking place in December.

Supporting the Bishop's Harvest

Thank you so very much for the sponsorship money already coming into school. Please use half-term week to encourage your children to spot signs of Autumn. Any sponsorship collected is very much appreciated and all the monies raised will be donated to CRESS UK – **Christian Relief and education for South Sudan**. The money will be used to educate, support and train the people in South Sudan with knowledge and skills to empower themselves and develop self-sustaining communities.



<i>We celebrate from this half term...</i>	<i>Oak</i>	<i>Maple</i>	<i>Willow</i>	<i>Sycamore</i>
<i>'Shining Stars'</i>	Dante Sophie Phoebe Dennis Stephanie Jonatan Lily Grace	Freya O Isabelle Erin Skye Edward Sophia B Ben	William Iris Harry P Noah Sophia N Charlotte Henry J	Millie Mia Brandon Leo Luke H Laila Erin
<i>Those children demonstrating our Christian value of 'Thankfulness'</i>	Lily Grace Flynn Tilly Isabelle Talulah Lilie May Dante	Seth Joshua Daisy Bobbie Harry C Tommy Freya O	Heidi B Emmie R Sydney Poppy M Natanya Freya M Kian	Jensen R George B Amelia Gabor Jayci Alice Y Amelia
<i>Eagles of St John</i>	Alfreda	Alila	Mate	Brandon

A big well done to all the children- especially our very first 'Eagles' this school year. This award, which reflects the Eagle of St John as seen on our new school badge, recognises excellence in living by our school rules of 'Be Ready, Be Respectful and Be Safe'.



Football Tournament

A huge well done to our year 5 and 6 boys football team who have competed in 3 weeks of tournaments and made it through to the final round. In the final group they played against 3 teams, with a draw in each game. Due to the points total they didn't make the final but an amazing effort that each player should be so very proud of. It is the first time in 15 years that a team from Coppull St John's has been represented in this Chorley

Schools Sports Partnership competition. A fantastic achievement, the boys should feel very proud!

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PTFA events coming up- letters to come home with more information.

Christmas disco	Wednesday 6 th December at 6-7pm
Christmas Bingo	Thursday 14 th December doors open 5.30pm- eyes down at 6!
Breakfast with Santa	Friday 15 th December from 8.15am

Early Reading and Spelling



On **Wednesday 1st November** there will be workshops for parents with children in Key Stage 1. Workshops will start at 6pm. In **Oak class** the workshop will focus on early reading and phonics. In **Maple class** there will be opportunity to explore the next stages of reading and moving onto spelling rules. We do

hope you can join us. (if you come early, you can spend some time looking at the children's climate exhibition!)

A note from Rev Matt...

We will be starting Confirmation Classes on Friday 10th November for those in year 6, running from 4.30pm to 6.00pm in St John's Hall, Hewlett Street PR7 5AB.

Confirmation is an opportunity to say for yourself the promises that parents and godparents made for you at baptism. (If you haven't been baptised, we can arrange a baptism for you as well!) In other words, Confirmation is a person's own, mature, considered decision to follow Jesus. Therefore, Confirmation is reserved for people in school year 6 and older. (Parents or older siblings can join in too!) The Confirmation service will take place in St John's Church, on a Saturday evening in March 2024.

The confirmation classes will run as part of the ongoing Youth Group, we'll all play games and eat snacks together, then split into 3 different groups, one of which will be the Confirmation Class.

Upcoming dates for your diary	Events
Monday 30 th October	School opens
Wednesday 1 st November	Early reading and phonics workshop for KS 1 parents
Wed 1 st and Thurs 2 nd Nov	Art Exhibition
Friday 3 rd November	Individual Photographs
From Monday 13 th November	Antibullying week 'Make a noise' Odd Sock Day
Friday 17 th November	Spots & Yellow for Children-in- Need/ Bake sale
Thursday 30 th November	Christmas Switch On!
Thursday 7 th December	WILLOW Class assembly at 9am
Tuesday 12 th December	KS 1 visit Albert Halls to see Cinderella
Thursday 14 th December	KS 2 visit Octagon theatre 'Around the World in 80 days'
Tuesday 19 th December	Christmas Performance 2pm and 6pm

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Thursday 21 st December	Carol Service in church
Thursday 21 st December	Christmas dinner day
Thursday 21 st December	Christmas jumper day – raising funds for Save the Children
Friday 22 nd December	Class party day
Friday 22 nd December	END of TERM

Look out for letters with details about many of the events taking place.

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