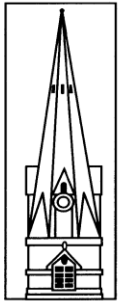


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**'Life in all its fullness'**

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**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

## Head Teacher's Message

Good afternoon. I hope you all enjoyed a lovely bank holiday weekend and with the sun, it's finally starting to feel like a summer term... The children are enjoying playing on the field – it's started to dry out and let's hope this lasts for a bit now!

We have been learning about 'peace' in worship and how God provides us with opportunities to be peaceful all the time. I hope that some of the things that we have talked about can be applied by the children in their daily lives – we're always so busy rushing around from one thing to the next, even in school, and it's important to take the time to rest and be peaceful too.

As we go into the weekend, we want to wish all of our Year 6 children the very best for their SATs next week. They have all worked very hard, but it is their growth as individuals that will help them the most! We wish them confidence and to believe in themselves – they can and will do it!

Have a lovely weekend and see you on Monday, Mrs. Clarke ☺

## Explorers

This week, our Reception children have been reading a new text in Literacy "Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy" and we have been talking about all the different breeds of dogs that are in the book. We then designed and named our dream dog and wrote a simple sentence about them. In Nursery, the children have been innovating the story "We're going on a Bear Hunt", and they decided to change the character of the bear into a lion! They then drew their new innovated character, using continuous lines and shapes to create the different features of the lion. In investigation, we have continued our learning about transport and vehicles and this week we have been focusing on the differences between motorbikes and pedal bikes, and in particular their impact on the environment. We have had some lovely weather this week which has meant we have spent lots of time in our outdoor area.

Let's talk: Can you talk about the differences between a motorbike and a pedal bike?

## Pathfinders

This week in Pathfinders we have continued our learning about Baptism by taking a trip to church and performing a baptism on a doll. In art we have been extending our learning on colour mixing by making shades and experimenting with making colours lighter and darker. We started a new book in English this week called 'Yeti and the bird' and have even had a visit from a yeti!

Let's talk: What is half of 42 and how did you work it out?

## Discoverers

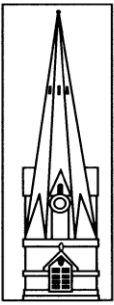
This week in Discoverers we have started a new book called 'Flotsam'. The book is unusual because it has no words in it. The children have enjoyed making predictions and exploring what they can see in the pictures. In geography we have learnt about what we can see on the coast in preparation for our class trip to Fleetwood. We have also enjoyed working with a cricket coach in P.E.

Let's talk: What coastal areas have you visited? What did you see there?

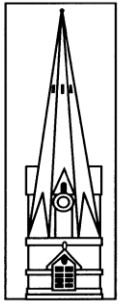
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## Adventurers

In Adventurers class this week, we have been reading more of our book, 'Odd and the frost giants'. We have been researching the different types of characters and Norse gods, looking into the different places that they go. In PE, we are practising the accuracy of our throwing and catching skills and learning ways in which we can coach each other to improve.

Let's talk: What happened to Odd when he ventured into the woods?

## Navigators

We've had an exciting week this week, we have started two new reading books - The Wolves of Willoughby Chase and The Last Wild. We are thoroughly enjoying The Last Wild and have learnt the difference between utopia and dystopia - our books are set in a dystopian world. In RE this week we have been thinking about the talents God has given us, we know he gave Daniel the talent of wisdom and being able to interpret dreams. We also thought about what wisdom is and wrote wisdom cards for younger children. Year 6 have continue to prepare for SATs and have work really hard - you should be very proud of them! Good luck to all Year 6 next week.

Let's talk: What wisdom would you offer to a younger child?

## Football

Our girls football team played in their first competitive matches last night. Mrs. Proctor was incredibly proud of how well they played, drawing two games and also winning two. She was very impressed by the great sportswomanship that they showed too! The girls go again for another set of games next week, well done ladies, keep it up!

## Our willow dome

Just to give you a quick update on the school's willow dome. We have taken advice from a tree surgeon and arborist and the decision has been made to fully cut down the tree branches to a height of 7ft. Although this may look initially like there is no top to the dome, this is a necessary step to encourage regrowth and try to bring back the dome to it's former glory. The experts agree that this is the best treatment for a dome that has been left for a while without maintenance and the work will be carried out this term. We are looking forward to in a few years hopefully seeing it green and bushy again!

## Weekly awards

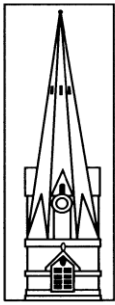
Week ending 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2024		
	Star of the Week	VIP
Explorers	Elsie	Delilah
Pathfinders	Dylan	Mason
Discoverers	Erin F	Nicole
Adventurers	Ava	Reeva
Navigators	Bobby, Rhiannon and Nicole	Mia and Molly

Week ending 10 <sup>th</sup> May 2024		
	Star of the Week	VIP
Explorers	Noah	Teddy
Pathfinders	Clarke	Vanessa
Discoverers	Izzy	Erin F
Adventurers	Mischa	Millie and Jack
Navigators	Rhiona and Gabriel	Coby

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## Attendance

Week ending 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2024	Explorers 14 on roll	Pathfinders 15 on roll	Discoverers 23 on roll	Adventurers 26 on roll	Navigators 30 on roll
Attendance	96%	96%	94%	95%	93%
Lates	1.9%	0.7%	0.4%	1%	0.3%
<b>Well done to Explorers and Pathfinders classes with the highest percentage attendance this week!</b>					

Week ending 10 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Explorers 14 on roll	Pathfinders 15 on roll	Discoverers 23 on roll	Adventurers 26 on roll	Navigators 30 on roll
Attendance	99%	100%	98%	96%	93%
Lates	3.5%	0.9%	0%	1%	1%
<b>Well done to Pathfinders class with the highest percentage attendance this week!</b>					

## Weekly Reminders

**ParentMail forms:** Please could we ask that when you receive a ParentMail form for your child this is completed in a timely manner and by the stated deadline. The reports produced by your responses form the registers for the event or trip and admin time for this task increases when chasing up those who have not responded.

**Medication:** Please can we remind parents that medication can only be given during school hours if this is prescribed by a doctor, dentist or nurse. Items should be handed in at the office and permission forms completed. We cannot accept paracetamol, ibuprofen etc. unless these accompany prescribed medication. As always, there are exceptions and in these circumstances please discuss this with Mrs Rourke.

**Mobile phones:** Mobile phones should only be brought to school by children who walk to and from school unaccompanied or where they are going to a different parent's house. All phones must be handed in at the office for locking away during the day.

**Absences:** All absences must be notified to school **on the day**. ParentMail or email ([bursar@walton.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@walton.lancs.sch.uk)) is the quickest and easiest way to report an absence and provides a written record. We must ask that **full** reasons for the absence is given, particularly where this is illness related. **Just stating 'not well', 'ill' or unwell' does not allow us to monitor illness absences and in particular infection control.**

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