

16th January – 20th January 2023

Weekly Highlights

As we come to the end of another busy week here are some of the highlights.

I believe we have a new member of the royal family in school! Mrs Wainwright, in my absence, was crowned as queen on Monday by our Year 1 children. This was in support of the children understanding about coronation and what will happen when King Charles is crowned in the summer. I am learning how to curtsy when in her presence!

Staff news includes the welcoming of our new school business manager, Lucy Stocker, and the arrival of Mrs Jenkins new daughter! Mother and baby are doing well and I'm sure over the coming weeks you will begin to get know Lucy as she familiarises herself with the life of Parish.

Our week began with the introduction of our new gospel value for this half-term – love. Led by Mrs Wainwright, the children were encouraged to think about how we can show our love to those around us. The inspiration for this comes from the part of the Philippians verse that advises us to think about, 'things to praise, not things to curse.' The theme of 'Love' will continue this half-term in our shared reading area; children will be able to listen to, and read, stories about love and friendship.

The development of faith continued on Tuesday with a focus on prayer and the Christian ethos of Parish. The Junior Faith Leaders were joined by staff, governors, members of the community and a parent to carry out a 'prayer walk' around school. The purpose of this was to dedicate the school and school community to God. The children and guests split into 3 groups to focus on praying for teachers, parents and children. This was a really special time and all who participated commented on how much they enjoyed being part of this. When you are in school next, have a look for our 'Prayer Walk' labels which mark all the areas of school that we visited.

Academically, homework tasks from Year 2 – Year 6 began; the parental feedback from this has been positive. Please look out for the homework tasks each night, as this is a very practical way of you knowing and supporting the learning that is taking place in school.

In other news, I have begun to review communication to parents within school so that we can address some of the aspects of communication that are not working as effectively as they could be. Please watch out for more information in regards to this over the coming weeks.

Enjoy your weekend,

Mrs Cooke