

7<sup>th</sup> November – 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022

## Weekly Highlights

The first 7 days back at school have gone very quickly, but we have many highlights to share.

First of all thank you for your generosity in support of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. I know that these times are very difficult financially for many of our families, but judging by the weight of the donation box, you have, as always, been incredibly generous. The end of this week of remembrance was marked today by a very moving assembly led by our Junior Faith Leaders.

Our junior faith leaders have also taken our shopping trolley of Harvest donations down to the Lighthouse project in Middleton town centre this afternoon. This was very well received and our faith leaders were given a tour of the Lighthouse Project whilst Carl the Manager, explained to the children how the donations would be used.

The children have continued to engage well in all aspects of the curriculum. Mrs Thomas and I looked at class reading areas at the end of last week and found many examples of good practice that are encouraging our children to read for pleasure. I also undertook a learning walk alongside Mrs Wainwright and Mrs Martin yesterday, with the focus being on maths. Needless to say, we were very impressed with the focus and independent learning of the children, as well as the manner in which teachers provided feedback and revisited and introduced concepts to the children.

Sporting activity and success have continued with brilliant performances by all our children at the cross country event last week, hosted by us. This week the girls' and boys' football teams have performed well. The girls continued their league matches with a win and a loss. The boys also continued their league matches with a 4 - 1 win over Parkfield. In addition to this, 10 of our boys attended a mini world cup at The Cliff, Manchester United's training ground. We participated as South Korea and finished 4th overall.

You will have noticed that the front of school has changed slightly with the addition of our Gospel values to the office windows and St. Leonard and our school logo added to the front reception windows. These designs symbolise how proud we are to be part of the parish of St. Leonard. Inside the main reception area we now have our verse from Philippians displayed; this is the verse which underpins all that we strive for within school and is summarised in the phrase, 'Excellence, truth & grace.'

Next week, we will be addressing bullying as part of this year's anti-bullying week. Mrs Iberson will be visiting each class in school to talk about how we keep ourselves safe and prevent bullying from happening in school. Remember that to mark the start of this event, children should come to school on Monday in odd socks.

Finally and very sadly, today we said goodbye to Miss Dewhurst who has been with us for the last 10 years. She is coming out of education and moving onto pastures new working for a firm of solicitors. I'm sure all of you will join me in thanking Miss Dewhurst for the contribution she has made to the education of Parish children.

Enjoy your weekend,  
Mrs Cooke