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CHILD PROTECTION -

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Dates For The Diary

Sat 11th & 25th Nov - SEAG Tests for P7.

w/b 13th Nov - Anti-bullying Week.

Fri 17th Nov - Nursery Open Afternoon.

Fri 24th Nov 9.15-10:15am - Parent Coffee Morning with CAP.

Tues 28th Nov - Fun Netball Tournament in the 7 Towers Leisure Centre.

Fri 1st Dec - Tinsel & Treat Day - Christmas Jumper - £1 donation for Radio Cracker.



Pupils of the Month



P1KC - Lydia-Rose	P4AT - Sophia
P1KH - Ross	P5MA - Bobby
P2JT - Stella	P5LM - Annie
P2AM - Molly-Jean	P6JDT - Christian
P3CM - Corey	P6BE - Jake
P3CMC - Tyler	P7SG - William
P4LK - Jake	P7JH - Layla

Attendance: P5LM Uniform: P1KH

Playground Awards: P1-P4 - P2JT

P5 -P7 - P6BE

Accelerated Reader: P4/5 category - P4LK
P6/7 category - P6JDT



Internet Safety

Age Restrictions Online - Did you know that no child under the age of 13 should have access to social networking sites? Have a look at the age restrictions below for these well known apps and use this guidance to keep your children safe online.

OpenView Education APPS AND THEIR AGE RATINGS			
13+		16+	
Facebook	Snapchat	WhatsApp	
Instagram	Twitter		
TikTok	Kik	Sarahah	MeetMe
YouNow	Yubo	YOLO	YOLO
House Party	Monkey		LiveMe

Anti-Bullying Week



Anti Bullying Week will be 13th – 17th Nov, and the theme this year is 'Make a noise about bullying.' We will have 'Odd Socks Day' on Monday where the children come to school wearing odd socks with their uniform. During the week we will have an anti bullying family poster competition, children will be doing circle time and PDMU around anti bullying along with art, drama and online activities. We will finish on Friday with a B.L.U.E. day which stands for 'Be Loving and Understanding to Everyone' and we hope that everyone will come to school wearing some items of blue clothing such as jeans. It is always a great week full of activities and an important aspect of our pastoral care.



Young Enterprise



P6BE enjoyed a workshop taken by Emma Crawford (Young Enterprise), which taught us about 'Our World'. We learnt about how countries import and export resources, and we had great fun making items that we had to trade for money with the UK (aka Mrs Esler). One of our parents, Mr Ashley Currell, came in to talk to us about his role within McBurney Transport.

Crown Jesus Ministries



Crown Jesus Ministries came into school to deliver a fun-filled assembly for the P1-P7 classes. As usual, the team had exciting props, funny puppets, and some catchy songs to sing. Helen told us the Bible story of the Good Samaritan and spoke about the importance of being kind to others.

School Council Elections

Congratulations to the eight newly-elected councillors. The new councillors have the privilege of representing their class, bringing ideas and suggestions to our meetings and enabling their class's voice to be heard.

P4AT: Harvey-James

P4LK: Stacy

P5MA: Jack

P5LM: Annie

P6BE: Emily

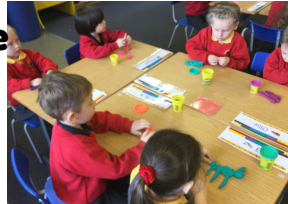
P6JDT: Indie

P7SG: Emeli

P7JH: Isla



Scripture Union (SUNI)



Eve McMullan from SUNI visited our children in P1-P3 over the last few weeks. In P1 we learned how God made the earth in 6 days, and we created our own animals from playdough. We painted a canvas picture of our unique fingerprints to help us remember that God made us and God loves us.

In P2 we loved listening to the story of Noah and the ark and how God promised He would never flood the earth again. Eve then challenged us to think of ways that we can look after the earth too.

In P3, Eve talked to us about different types of houses and what we have in our home. Then she told us the parable of the wise man and the foolish man. We then had to think about what choices in life are wise or foolish.



Reminder to all Parents & Carers:

In order to hear of the latest events, programmes and information sessions organised for parents, please ensure that you have subscribed to the school's website and downloaded the app. Thank you.



Harvest Assembly



On Wednesday 25th October we celebrated Harvest in school. P5 took part in our Harvest Assembly and told us the story of John Chapman also known as Johnny Appleseed. We gave thanks for all of the good things that we have been blessed with and remembered those who aren't as fortunate.



Safer Schools



Danielle and Natalie came from Safer Schools team to run a parent awareness session, digital leader workshop and staff training session. The team focused on the theme of 'Online Safety' and highlighted the important role we play in keeping our children safe when using the Internet. The digital leaders were given a range of scenarios to think about and discuss. They also listed the names of people in their 'Trust Team' who they can talk to about any potential problems when online.

Breakfast Club



We had a great turn out to our Breakfast Club Open Morning. Thank you to the 22 Nursery and P1 parents who were able to come along to enjoy breakfast with their children. There were 113 parents and children, so it was a very busy morning indeed. The canteen was beautifully decorated with the children's colouring, prizes were given out to our colouring competition winners and the children were happy that it was a non-uniform day! There was a great atmosphere in the club today.