



St Ann's Church of England

Primary School



Always our best for God, each other and ourselves. Together, we aim high; with God's love, we can fly!

Value of the Half Term

Compassion

Newsletter Issue 5

Friday 4th October

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

Colossians 3:12

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Y1-6	Details of clubs for next term released – w/c 7 th October
Year 1	Florence Nightingale Visit – 10 th October
50 & 2B	Library Visit – 11 th October
Y1-6	Super Leaders slip to be returned – 11 th October
All	Care plans to be returned – 16 th October
Year 5	Arts Award Presentation – 17 th October
All	Parent Forum – 18 th October
All	Children's University Passport Bank – 21 st October

HARVEST SERVICE

Well done to Y4 for leading a wonderful Harvest Service. Thank you to all our parents/ carers who attended the service and made food and monetary donations.



Y5 VISIT TO THE IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM

On Thursday, Year 5 children visited the Imperial War Museum in Manchester. The visit was planned as it links with Year 5's current Lunar Curriculum Launchpad, 'Why was 2018 a year of remembrance?'

Our focus at the museum was finding out all about the First World War and what it was like for families left at home. We saw many different exhibitions and had to work in partners to find the answers to various questions and puzzles that we were given. It was a thoroughly enjoyable day! We also took a look at the WW2 exhibits and were incredibly lucky to meet and talk with two veterans; Frank who was part of a Lancaster bomber crew and David who landed on Juno beach on D-Day.



KINGSWOOD & BUSHCRAFT

This week meetings for parents/carers about the Y3 Kingswood Residential and Y4 Bushcraft Residential took place. Should parents/carers require further information about these residential trips please do not hesitate to speak to Mrs Greenough.

CARE PLANS

If your child has a medical condition that school is aware of they will shortly be bringing home a new care plan. Please could parents/carers check the details in the plan and complete and return the document by 16th October 2019. Many thanks.

YEAR 1 FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE VISIT

On 10th October Y1 will enjoy a visit from Florence Nightingale as part of their Lunar topic.



LIBRARY VISITS

The next classes to enjoy a library buddy visit will be as follows:
5O & 2B on 11th October
5E & 2H on 18th October.



ARTS AWARD PRESENTATION

On 17th October at 2.45pm, Year 5 will be presented with their Arts Award certificates. Parents/ carers welcome. Please enter school via the main entrance 5 minutes before the start of the presentation.



PARENT FORUM

Our first Parent Forum for our new Parent Reps will take place on 18th October, 2.00-3.00pm.



CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY PASSPORT BANK

All children with a Children's University Passport should bring it into school on 21st October to bank their extra-curricular hours.



DEDICATION OF THE SCHOOL YEAR SERVICE

On 23rd October at 2.00pm our Dedication of the School Year Service will take place at St Ann's Church. This is the service where we officially welcome our Reception children and all other children new to our school since this time last year. Parents/ Carers of all our new starters are encouraged to join us for the service.

CHRISTIAN VALUES AFTERNOON

On the afternoon of 22nd October children will study the Christian value of Peace.

SUPER LEADERS MORNING

Children will enjoy working in their new Super Leader Team on the morning of 23rd October.



RAINHILL SCARECROW FESTIVAL

This year, St Ann's is taking part in Rainhill's Scarecrow Festival! As part of our Super Leaders afternoon at the end of term, one of our teams will be creating a scarecrow to be displayed on one of the main roads in Rainhill. If you have any old, unwanted clothes or bags of hay and straw that you could donate to school in order to make the scarecrow, it would be greatly appreciated. Please send all donations into school with your child on Friday 18th October. Thank you!



JEWELLERY UPDATE

Children are not permitted to wear earrings. Should parents wish to have children's ears pierced, this should take place at the beginning of the summer holiday to allow time for ears to heal prior to return to school so they can be removed during school time. Should parents be concerned that ear piercings may close, children may wear small, transparent and colourless plastic retainers with no backs. Retainers may be worn until there is no risk of piercings healing up and then they should be removed. Parents wishing their child to wear plastic retainers in school, do so at their own risk, and should sign a form from the school office before their child comes into school wearing retainers. Whilst retainers reduce any risk of injury, for example if a ball hits the side of the head, the level of risk is reduced, not removed.

All children must comply with the swimming baths rules on the wearing of retainers. Currently some swimming baths do not allow children to swim when wearing retainers. Each school will inform parents of the swimming baths rules on this. Children should not come to school wearing retainers on the day of their swimming lesson, if the swimming baths do not allow them. School staff will not remove retainers for children.

WEEKLY REMINDERS

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

Please ensure that your child is in line on the playground for 8.50am. If your child is unable to attend school, please contact the School Office before 9.20am on the first day of absence. Please keep school updated on your child's condition every 48 hours. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the Office.

CLUBS

After school activities are available every half term. Details of the clubs available for the following half term are emailed to parents approximately 2 weeks before we break up (a text is sent to alert parents that the clubs are available). In order to secure a place for your child please sign up on your ParentPay account, this includes clubs that are free of charge. Please note that deadlines apply.



TOAST



Toast at break time is available every half term. For your child to receive toast we **must** receive your payment on or before the start of each new half-term. The deadline for this current half-term has now passed. For the next half term the payment item will show on your ParentPay account during the week commencing 14th October and payments should be made by 4th November. If you have not made by payment by 4th November we will issue a reminder by text. If payment is still not received by the date stated in the reminder we will be unable to provide your child with toast for the ensuing half term.



FISHY FRIDAY



If your child normally brings a packed lunch to school and they would like to have a school meal on Fridays when Fish/Pizza and chips would be on the menu this option is available every half term. For your child to receive a Fishy Friday meal we **must** receive your order on or before the start of each new half-term. The next opportunity to sign up for Fishy Friday will be in October to be effective from after the half term holiday. Please note that this applies to children in Foundation Stage and Keystage 1 as well as those children in Keystage 2.

GENERAL INFORMATION

TERM DATES

Term	Open on	Close on
Autumn Term 2019	5 th September 2019	23 rd October 2019
	4 th November 2019	20 th December 2019
Spring Term 2020	6 th January 2020	14 th February 2020
	24 th February 2020	3 rd April 2020
Summer Term 2020	20 th April 2020	22 nd May 2020
	3 rd June 2020	22 nd July 2020

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE FIGURES

Whole school attendance Year to date	97.3%
Whole school attendance Week ending 27 th September 2019	97.3%
Class with best weekly attendance	3G 99.3%



DINNER MENU



Week commencing 7th October will be WEEK 1 on the Dinner Menu

Courtesy

Care

Concentration



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'But those who trust in the Lord, they will find new strength.

They will soar high on wings like eagles' **Isaiah 40:31**

Parents' Suggestion/Comment Slip

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: AUTUMN 1

DAY	DATE	EVENT
Monday	7 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4F Swimming
Tuesday	8 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choir Rehearsal (lunchtime)
Wednesday	9 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ready Steady Grow
Thursday	10 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Florence Nightingale in Y1
Friday	11 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6P Family Worship 5O and 2B Library Visit Y5/6 Swimming
Monday	14 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4F Swimming
Tuesday	15 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choir Rehearsal (lunchtime)
Wednesday	16 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Mental Health Day Ready Steady Grow (Library to visit)
Thursday	17 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y5 Arts Award Presentation
Friday	18 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent Forum 5E and 2H Library Visit Y5/6 Swimming
Monday	21 st October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> University Passport Bank 4F Swimming
Tuesday	22 nd October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choir Rehearsal (lunchtime)
Wednesday	23 rd October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dedication of School Year Service School Closes



Services at St Ann's in October 2019

We aim to cater for different styles and ages with a variety of services throughout the month.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME AT ANY OF OUR SERVICES

Sunday 6th October
10:30am All Age Worship
for Harvest (no communion)



On all other Sundays at 10:30am
Platform 2 meets for
contemporary worship
in St Ann's Centre



'Tweary Tots' for grandparents and grandtots, story time, songs & craft. Between 2 and 3pm on Thursdays during term time.



Stanley Bear Club Mondays during term time
9-10:30am for 0-5s, (not bank holidays)
Breakfast and stories, songs and praise.
Craft Time with glue & glitter, term time only.

Merchant Taylors' School Open Day – Saturday 5th October 2019

I am delighted to extend my invitation to you, your staff, parents and pupils to our next Open Day which takes place on Saturday 5th October from 9.00am to 12.30pm. This event is for the whole family and I would be most grateful if you could circulate the attached information to parents of your Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils of this event. If you would prefer to hand out flyers for the event, please contact one of our Admissions team with the quantity you require and they will pop them in the post to you.

I look forward to meeting you and welcoming your parents and pupils to Merchant Taylors' Schools.

Yours sincerely

Debbie Roberts
Head of Admissions



The flyer is a purple and teal graphic with several circular images. The central image shows a female athlete in mid-air during a jump. Other images include a boy in a white shirt and tie, two boys in school uniforms, a boy and girl holding a trophy, and two boys in white sports kits. The text on the flyer is as follows:

Open Morning
Boys & Girls aged 4-18

Join us on
Saturday 5th October 2019
9am - 12.30pm

Register at www.merchanttaylor.com
Call 0151 949 9366 or email admissions@merchanttaylor.com

Year 7 Entrance Examination
11th November 2019

MERCHANT TAYLORS' SCHOOLS

TALK ABOUT COMPASSION TOGETHER...

Compassion is about 'standing in someone else's shoes' when they are having a hard time. In other words, trying to understand how they might be feeling and doing our best to try to help.

Talk together about:

- how we can show **compassion** and kindness to one another at home
- recognising when friends at school need us to listen and act with **compassion**
- stories in the news demonstrating how strangers show **compassion** in times of natural disasters
- how nations show **compassion** to other nations at times of disaster or need by sending money or volunteers to help



THINK TOGETHER
Words of Wisdom

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."

Aesop



READ TOGETHER...

The good Samaritan

When someone asked Jesus the question, "Who is my neighbour?" he told a story that surprised everyone who heard it. The hero was from Samaria but those listening were mainly Jews. (Jews and Samaritans usually kept well away from each other.)

"A man set out on foot from Jerusalem to a town called Jericho", said Jesus. The crowd murmured and exchanged knowing glances. They knew this was a lonely, dangerous road, a favourite place for robbers to attack travellers. "As the man reached a rocky and desolate place, a gang of robbers leapt out and beat him. They took all that he had and left him bleeding and bruised. To the man's relief, he saw in the distance a priest from the temple. A priest is bound to help me, thought the man. He waited until the priest came a little closer and then called out, 'Thank goodness it is you. Please Sir, take me to safety.' But to his amazement the priest hurried past pretending not to see or hear him.

As the poor, injured man grew weaker and weaker in the burning midday sun, he once again heard footsteps. Looking up he saw a Levite, another of his own people. 'Please Sir, please help me', he called out. Surely this Levite would take pity on him, but to his horror the Levite just kept on walking.

The man had almost given up hope when he felt a gentle touch on his shoulder. A stranger, a Samaritan, had bent down beside him and was bandaging his wounds and giving him sips of water to drink. The Samaritan helped the man on to his own donkey and slowly, carefully took him all the way to an inn. There he paid the innkeeper to look after the man until he was well. The man never forgot the **compassion** and kindness of the Samaritan stranger."

"Who do you think was a good neighbour?" asked Jesus.

Bible story based on Luke 10:30-35



QUIZ The Stranger on the road was kind....

Change one letter in the word to answer the next clue.

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| The traveller was attacked as he walked along the | ROAD |
| Watching from the rocks was a small creature like a frog | _____ |
| The Samaritan _____ the innkeeper to look after the man | _____ |
| The Samaritan acted with courage. He was _____ | _____ |
| We sometimes talk about the _____ of friendship (rhymes with pond) | _____ |
| Wrap tightly with a bandage (rhymes with find) | _____ |
| The Samaritan in the story was | _____ |



FAMILY FOCUS

Random Acts of Kindness

Kindness is often appreciated most when it is offered at unexpected times.

Choose one week this term for your family to have "a random acts of kindness" week, and do something kind for someone each day. Try to do it without telling people it was you!



www.randomactsofkindness.org



HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE



Helping hands

As well as being kind and showing **compassion** in what we say, it is often what we do that other people remember.

Draw and cut out the shape of each person's hand in your family. Decorate it with all the random acts of kindness that they have shown. Mount the hands of each member of your family on some paper so they look fantastic and ready to be displayed.



FASCINATING FACTS

What a difference **compassion** and kindness can make! Numerous charities help people who have been hurt, are ill or suffer through lack of resources. Below are just 3:

- **World Vision** encourages individuals and groups to "Sponsor a Child" in an area of the world where food, health and education cannot be taken for granted. For just 75 pence a day the life of a child, in for example Uganda or Bolivia, can be transformed by providing help to grow food, source clean water, improve health services and pay for education.

www.worldvision.org.uk

- **Help for Heroes** was set up after many British soldiers returned from war zones in Iraq and Afghanistan. By giving to this charity the public show their **compassion** for the soldiers and their families and recognise the service they gave on behalf of us all.

www.helpforheroes.org.uk

- **Help the Hospices.** Sometimes when people become very ill they go to a hospice which will provide them with care and **compassion**. Often hospices are maintained by donations from people who admire and value their service or who have had a relative who has been helped by the hospice.

www.helpthehospices.org.uk



HALL OF FAME

A famous bear with a spotty scarf



Pudsey Bear became a national mascot in 1985. He was designed by Joanna Ball and she named him after the small town in Yorkshire where she lived and went to school for many years, Pudsey.

When we see Pudsey Bear we immediately think of Children in Need. This charity has grown enormously since it began and raises millions of pounds every year. Thanks to people all over the country, children in the UK and across the world have come to know real kindness and **compassion**, made possible by generous donations to the charity. www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey

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