

F2 Friday Newsletter



27th October 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Love One Another as I Have Love You

The week before half term's newsletter didn't make it to the website – for which I apologise but include it here so that you know what we had been doing

13th October

This week we have been examining the great variety of fruit the children brought in. We began by feeling and trying to describe the texture of each of the fruit and for some of us learning to use new vocabulary to express how we thought the fruit felt. Later in the week we cut open the fruit and examined the inside closely and tried to draw what we could see. We then, inspired by the bad, bopping rabbit in Little Rabbit Foo Foo, performed a scientific experiment to discover which fruit was the most squishable and we recorded our results.

We reflected on the Harvest Service and drew pictures of the food which was sent in and talked a little more about how important it is to help people who aren't as fortunate as we are. We continued to play games to hear and say the initial sound in words, and all the sounds in words for those who were able. Maths developed the children's use of mathematical language to describe 3D shapes and included a 3-minute dash around the classroom to find everyday cones, cubes and spheres hidden in the classroom. We have enjoyed showing the children the baptism photos which have been sent in so far and will be displaying these in the classroom. We talked about Baptism in our RE lessons and in particular noticed some of the items which are used during the sacrament. Water, the Cross, the Easter candle, the white clothing or blanket. We learned that through baptism we are welcomed into God's family and that this is a happy time for everyone.

We really enjoyed learning to recite the story of Little Rabbit Foo Foo and made up our own actions to perform it together. We have printed with fruit and vegetables and have collaged fruit using coloured tissue. We have made Welcome cards for our friends with smiley faces on the front and written our friend's and our own name inside it. We rolled a piece of paper into a cylinder and fixed it with sticky tape and then decorated it as a baptismal candle with a cross and a dove.

This week the stars of the week were Kidus and Caiden. Well done you two!

Friday 27th October,

On Monday, the children had their photographs taken for the Friends Birthday Calendar. Every child in school gathered in the month they were born and had their photo taken. You will have the opportunity to buy one of these which will raise funds for the school.

Our focus for the next two weeks will be Diwali, Halloween, Saints and Bonfire Night. So far, we have learned about how people celebrate Diwali and that it is a festival of light. We have made clay divas which we will paint next week. We have heard the story of Rama and Sita. We have made our own Rangoli patterns using coloured rice. We have used torches to explore shadows and shone light onto reflective objects and observed what we saw. We have also begun our Phase 2 Phonics sessions. You will have received a Phase 2 laminated sheet with your child's reading book this week. These show the order in which we are learning the sounds (or phonemes as we call them at school) We are learning to recognise these and to blend them together to read words and segment them to spell simple words. We are practising writing each phoneme which we call a grapheme when it is written down. Correct formation is very important and on the website you will find a link to the PowerPoint we use at school to help you practise at home. (LETTER FORMATION) At the back of your child's reading record you will find a list of 6 words (**I no go to into the**). These are the first sight words we would like the children to learn. We call these tricky words, not because they are difficult, but that they are words which we don't sound out and blend. We will tick the words periodically during your child's reading session when they are able to recognise them out of sequence on sight.

We have also been learning about Saints. We know saints are special and that they are people who loved God and tried to be like Him when they lived on earth. We know that we can try to do this and thought of ways in which we could be like saints. We learned a little about the life of our school saint. We attended the Thursday Drop In Mass this week and we were very proud of the children whose behaviour was very good for a first visit as a class. We also took the opportunity to have a look at the baptismal font and at the water inside.

In Maths we have been looking in depth at the numerals 0, 1 and 2, working with these and using the vocabulary of *fewer* when comparing sets.

We have begun to learn the songs for our Christmas Nativity! Our performance for parents is on Tuesday 5th December at 1.30pm. Every child dresses up and every child will have a part.

We will be joining the rest of the school for All Saints Day Mass at church on Wednesday at 10.00am. All welcome.

Parent Meetings

These will be on Tuesday 31st October and Wednesday 1st November from 1pm until 6.15pm. You will all have received your time slot but am including the schedule for you to double check your time. Please come into school through the school office.

We will send home your parent meeting form on Monday for you to look at so that we can discuss this during our time together.

Optional homework

This week we would like the children to write down the name of someone whom they would like us to remember in our class prayers during the next week. It could be someone who they know is in heaven with Jesus or someone they know whom they would like to pray for. We will put these names on our prayer table and remember them when we pray together. The names can be decorated as the children would like.

Our Stars of the Week this week are: **Dylan** and **Mathilde**. Well done, you two!

Thank you for your support,

The F2 Team

TUESDAY 31 ST OCTOBER		WEDNESDAY 1 ST NOVEMBER	
12.45	GEORDAN (M)	12.45	ETHAN K
1.00	TEDDY	1.00	WILLIAM G
1.15	JAXON	1.15	ISAAK
1.30	FRANCESCO	1.30	KIDUS
1.45	DIAN	1.45	JEORGINA
2.00	ISAAC D	2.00	MAX
2.15	ASTON	2.15	ELLIE
2.30	PEDRO	2.30	DYLAN
2.45	LEXI	2.45	RUAIRI
3.00	ZACHARY	3.00	ALICE
3.30	ESME	3.30	RISHI
3.45	CAIDEN	3.45	FRANKIE
4.00	MATHILDE	4.00	NOAH
4.15	JASPER	4.15	
4.30	NIKOL	4.30	VERONICA
4.45	JAMIE	4.45	
5.00	MILO	5.00	
5.15	FRASIER	5.15	MATHILDE
5.30	ETHAN D	5.30	WILLIAM O
5.45	GEORDAN (D)	5.45	DAIRE
6.00	GRACE	6.00	MURPHY
6.15	ISLA	6.15	