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NEWSLETTER Friday 27th November 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

It's been a busy fortnight, please read on to find out what's been happening...



ETHOS GROUP

Our newly appointed Ethos Group met this week to review Collective Worship. They completely wowed Mrs Neville with their insightful comments and, as a result of this feedback, she is now working on a few tweaks for collective worship.

Advent

We are about to move into the period of Advent. All staff are very excited by the appearance of the Jesse Tree in our Reflective Space. They are looking forward to sharing some favourite stories from the bible as we prepare for Christmas. Each class will light one candle from the Advent Wreath, symbolising love, peace, joy and hope.

"A shoot will spring forth from the stump of Jesse, and a branch out of his roots." Isaiah 11.1



SCHOOL COUNCIL

Introducing your Landscape school council of 2020/21.

Miss Foster and the school council representatives met on Wednesday 18th November for their first meeting. They started off with an icebreaker activity to get to know each other and then each class' reps had the opportunity to share their suggestion pack ideas so far. The suggestion packs are used so that children who are not on the school council can still have a 'voice'. A common suggestion across the school was to review the school dinner menu so the reps were challenged with visiting each class to receive responses and complete a survey/questionnaire. The results will be collected in and fed back to Linda in the kitchen. Miss Foster was very impressed with the commitment, maturity and responsibility shown by the new reps.



PE

Some fab PE and sport this week

Saints Southwest's football club is proving very popular with all age groups - Wednesdays after school (there is availability if anyone would like to join).
Mr Tanner's KS1 multi sports



club ventured onto the gymnastic equipment last week - they loved it!

Class 3 have risen to the challenges of creative balancing in their class gymnastic lessons!



FOLS – OUR LOVELY NEW PLAYGROUND MARKINGS

Thank you to FOLS for supporting the development of the playground area ~ it's looking great! The staff are clearly enjoying it too...

I love this comment from a pupil: "These new paintings have changed my life!"



CHILDREN IN NEED

We had a great spots and stripes day on 13th Nov, raising a super £141.31. Well done everyone!



SAFEGUARDING & ATTENDANCE

Attendance:
(Our school target is 96.8%)

Whole school	97.61 %
Class 1	96.07%
Class 2	98.04%
Class 3	98.46%
Class 4	97.08%
Well done to class 2!	

Our designated safeguarding officer is Mrs Ryder and the deputy safeguarding officers are Miss Barlow & Mrs Neville.

WILD EMBERS adventure day

What a lovely way to spend the day – whittling, working with clay and making bug hotels. A real chance to commune with nature.



MENTAL HEALTH & WELL-BEING

Our value at school was recently 'thankfulness'. On this theme I have been thinking about how we practise gratitude with the children. In school we thank God at times throughout the day through our daily prayers at lunchtime and home time as well as in our Collective Worship slots. We also explore this theme through our FaB and PSHE sessions.

I think it is important to take time in the day for children (and adults!) to pause in a less formal way and think about what they are grateful for in that day. I know lots of you do this with your children already, chatting over dinner or at bedtime. If not, is it something you could introduce? This could be large things like their family, or small things like the yummy cake they had after lunch!

We need to recognise that we can be grateful for things, but that one emotion can sit alongside other emotions. Children need to know it is OK to feel a range of emotions, as adults we need to model this to help them process and understand their feelings. They need to know it is OK to feel whatever it is they are feeling!

Times are a bit tough (again) at the moment and children are having to manage feelings of uncertainty, disappointment and for some, anxiety. Practising a little daily gratitude will (hopefully) bring them a sense of calm and contentment as well as support their resilience levels! It is important to find joy in all the small things!

Mrs Field

CLASS1: Inspired by the book 'Ouch!', Class 1 have been very busy with lots of hedgehog activities. We've used our wonderful acting skills to retell the story, and have made some beautiful pine cone hedgehogs, along with creating some cosy little hedgehog houses for them to hibernate in this winter.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Here's our scrummy Christmas menu. We will be serving Christmas lunch on Wednesday 16th December.

The Great Christmas Give Back

The last year has been a really tough time for a lot of families and we know that some will be struggling over the Christmas period. So, the Link Academy Trust schools would like to spread some Christmas cheer and let people know that we care.

We are looking for donations of food, toiletries and childrens presents that we will collect and distribute to local causes.

Donations can be left in the school reception and will be collected by Friday 11th December.

#Strongertogether we can make a difference!!

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Please support the Trust to support our community this Christmas. We really can make a difference! Have a lovely weekend.

Jill Ryder.

Christmas Menu

Children...

Come and join us for Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 16th December

Main
Roast Turkey with Pigs in Blankets

Veggie option
Homemade Cauliflower Cheese

Above served with:
Roasted Potatoes, Honey Roast Parsnips, Green Beans, Carrots, Gravy (suitable for vegetarians)

Dessert
Sticky Ginger Snowflake Muffin or Fruit Cocktail or Yoghurt

Staff can have Mince Pie with Cream

Allergen advice on request



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