



Dolton Church of England School Newsletter | 25th March

Dear Parents and Carers,

I have had the pleasure of teaching both Tigers and Lions class this week and have been overjoyed by the enthusiasm, focus and determination of all pupils in both classes.

Last week Key stage 2 were lucky enough to become the FIRST cohort of pupils across the Alumnis to receive their Chromebooks. I have been incredibly grateful to the central IT team within the trust in supporting myself, the staff, and the pupils in the roll out of this initiative. A thank you to Mr Railston, The Director of Operations, who has been pivotal in training and supporting us all. The children have enjoying learning new skills and collaborating on pieces of work together. On Wednesday we were able to share and work on one document on individual Chromebooks and when we found a particular aspect tricky with videoed into Mr. Railston who shared our screens and supported us! The opportunities linked to learning and collaboration are endless and provides strong evidence of innovation within our C360. Next week we hope to work together with pupils at Bampton who are the next cohort to receive theirs.

In key stage 1 the standard of writing being produced is brilliant demonstrating academic excellence. The language and vocabulary of our youngest pupils is exceptional and supported by fun initiatives in place to prompt speaking in full sentences and exploring interesting words. At the front of each class there is a list of words, children must try and use one in a sentence as they enter, it has been wonderful to hear children as young as 4 use words such as mirific, cacophony, phenomenal and dismal in sentences and in the correct



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Uniform:

Although we are currently in National Lockdown children should still be attending school in uniform. They can wear PE kit on their PE days

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School Dinners:

Please remember to book dinners online for the coming week. There is a new 3-week menu on the system.

Focus Virtue:

Citizenship.

context! I have no doubt that if I looked in their books, I would find the written in their work too!

The weather has been kind to us this week which has meant that Little Otters have been able to work on our small garden within the church yard. The seeds they have sown will hopefully grow to be colourful flowers that brighten the day of our local community.

Finally, to ensure play times are calm, fun and purposeful for all we have introduced playground leaders. The character virtue we are currently focusing on is Citizenship, a civic virtue and the 5 pupils appointed as playground leaders demonstrate this virtue well. Their letters expressing interest in the role highlighted their character strengths and why this would enable them to be inspiring leaders. Whilst on duty this week I had the pleasure of watching the whole school engaged in 'granny's footsteps' and heard lots of laughter – all initiated by our newly appointed leads.

The end of term draws near with the last day being Wednesday 31st March. We would like to invite you all to a virtual Easter Service on Wednesday 31st March at 2pm. Today you will receive a google form to complete if you would like to attend and then a zoom invite will be sent to you next Tuesday.

Wishing you all a relaxing and safe weekend,

Kind regards,



Mrs. R Sharpe