



Dolton Church of England School newsletter: 24th September

Dear Parents/ carers,

Children have settled well into school life over these last few weeks with total engagement and focus everywhere you turn in school. In every corner of school, I can feel a real 'fizz buzz' and hive of learning with Mrs. McAdams working exceptionally well in her SIL role to promote and embed all aspects of C360 across key stage 2.

The wrap around has begun on some days which is being staffed by teachers at present. Now that COVID restrictions have eased we can invite more volunteers on site. If you are interested, please do get in touch with Mrs. Bray in the main office. Volunteers need to complete application forms, have DBS checks and attend a level 2 safeguarding training session which we can organise when people come forward.

As we head towards October, I would like to remind you all of our lunch time soup share and then Harvest festival on Wednesday 20th October. Clinton School children will harvest vegetables from their garden and share some with us so that we can create a soup and then invite the community in to eat with us. We will finish with a whole school Harvest festival – our first collective in person one since Christmas 2019! If you have any home grown veg that you would like to donate to us for the soup, we would be very grateful – this can be left with teachers from Monday 18th October.

Academic

Lions have been looking at rounding and number lines in Maths. We have been exploring epic poetry (which does not mean it is really really good!) and are trying to create our own based on Neptune and Minerva or Remus and Romulus. We have started both our ICT learning based around media publishing and in Music where we learnt about Romantic composers and considered how the music by the likes of Tchaikovsky and Debussy makes us feel and what pictures they paint in our minds.



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Key dates:

Parent tours and coffee morning
– Friday 30th September
9 – 10.30 and 11 – 12.30

Harvest festival – Wednesday
20th October.

Parents evening week
commencing 1st November.

Focus virtue:
Friendliness.

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Tigers have been looking at place value in Maths. Year 1 and 2 have focussed on partitioning numbers into tens and ones this week whilst our Foundation children have spent some time exploring and representing numbers to 10 in different ways. Last week, we wrote and performed poems based on 'What a Wonderful World' by Louis Armstrong. I have shared their final recordings on seesaw for you to celebrate and enjoy! We are now moving onto instructional writing and have been immersing ourselves in 'How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth' this week. The children thoroughly enjoyed story mapping the book. We have been focusing on communities in RE this week and the children have enjoyed learning about symbolic artefacts that belong to the Christian community.

Little Otters have been doing lots exploring. We have been discussing hard and soft alongside our Goldilocks and Three Bears Story and been doing lots of listening to nature and describing what we find whilst exploring the outside space.

Character

Lions have continued to practice the virtue of reflection and have begun to explore the virtue of friendliness and what it means to be a good friend through the story of the Good Samaritan.

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Little Otters have been building on their relationships after their summer break, we have been discussing what makes us special and talking about what is special about our friends too.

Community

In **Lions** we have been establishing our class community by agreeing class rules and our school community by considering how our actions impact those around us at times when the school comes together. Lions joined with Tigers to create a reflective piece of art based around the virtues they feel they demonstrate.

Little Otters have been recapping on our classroom rules and how we treat each other with kindness and respect.

Innovation

Lions have been considering what resources will help them to support their own learning to promote independence and learning how to use them effectively. We have also been exploring new ways to throw a Frisbee as part of our PE lessons.

Tigers have been developing rules for our 'treasure island' team game as part of our PE lessons. We have also been considering what resources will help them to support their own learning to promote independence and learning how to use them effectively.

Little Otters have been looking at problem solving whilst looking at the story of The 3 Little Pigs. The children have really enjoyed huffing and puffing!

Kind regards,

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