



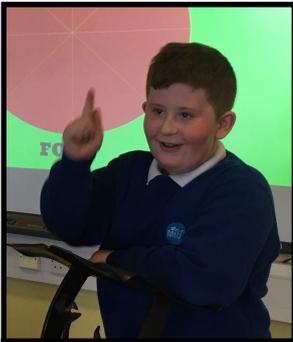
Primary School Newsletter

29 March 2018

End of term message

Thank you to all staff, pupils and families for another fantastic term. Looking back through the newsletters it is clear that the pupils have enjoyed a number of different opportunities to learn and grow in the daily curriculum and in wider opportunities. In this afternoon's assembly, I spoke to the children about Maundy Thursday and how Maundy comes from an old word meaning law. We discussed the different types of laws we have in society. We thought about how on Maundy Thursday, Christians remember that Jesus met with his disciples to share a special meal. During the meal, he took some water and a towel and washed his disciples feet. This was considered at the time the worst job to do, but Jesus volunteered to do it, showing through his example how we should care for one another. He introduced to the disciples, a new law: 'love one another as I have loved you'. Together we reflected on how through even small actions we show love to others—something I witness daily in the interactions between staff, pupils and families. I hope you have a restful break and look forward to seeing you all when we return on Monday 16 April.

Ms Luzmore



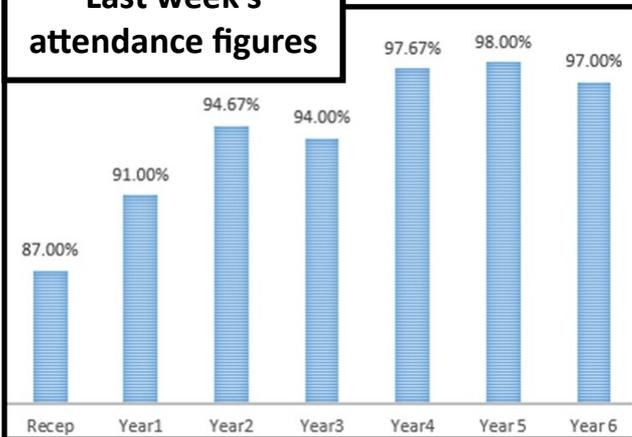
**Our new leader—
Oliver**

This week, **Year 6** have been running **political campaigns**, as part of their unit about government systems, to become the new leader of their created country - Crypton. All parties running in the election created a manifesto, presentation and posters to try and promote their cause. Yesterday, Year 6 performed their speeches to an attentive Year 5 audience and after some incredibly well managed questions, Oliver (Fair Organised Helpful People Party) came out on top. Year 6 decided on a majority voting system requiring 50% of the vote. In light of this decision, Oliver has had to combine forces with the Crypton Future Party to create a coalition. Negotiations about shared policies are ongoing. Hopefully together they can rule over Crypton peacefully for their time in office and bring the country into a new age. **Mr Spencer**



The coalition begins...

Last week's attendance figures



Reading Champion

Congratulations to Grace G in Year 3 who has completed the **Reading Roadmap** only two thirds of the way through the year. She is an inspiration for anyone who is taking part in the Easter Readathon that Mr Berridge has organised.

Birthday cakes and treats

We are currently considering whether we should continue with allowing children to hand out cakes and treats for their birthdays. We are concerned about a number of issues including the dangers around allergies for our pupils, cost for families, parents feeling unable to control the number of treats their children have (especially when there are multiple birthdays within the same week) etc. While we want to celebrate a birthday with the children, we are looking at a number of different options as to how we could do this as a school without the need for additional food. We have some thoughts about this, but if you have any suggestions, we would welcome your ideas and we will certainly take this to the school council as the pupils are often one of the best sources of inspiration. Thank you. **Ms Luzmore**



In this week's assemblies, **Rev April** led the school in a service at the church about how Jesus takes away the 'rubbish' in our lives and gives us hope. We looked at how hollow chocolate eggs symbolises the empty tomb and the hope that Jesus' resurrection brings. In **Ms Luzmore's** assembly, we heard the story of the woman who lived in a vinegar bottle, but despite changes in her fortune was never satisfied. We thought about what makes us happy in our own lives and how we have the power to choose gratitude over envy.

Summer term

Lots of dates for the Summer term have been added to the calendar below. Please make note of them.

Dates for your diary

April

Mon 16—First day of Summer term
Wed 18—Year 3 swimming starts
Wed 18—Reception class trip to Transport Museum
Tues 24—Year 6 Parent lunch
Wed 25—Year 3 cake sale
Thur 26—PTSA KS2 disco
Fri 27—PTSA coffee morning with Mandarin dept

May

Year 2 KS1 assessment month
Wed 2—Year 5 Parent lunch
Fri 4—Year 1 trip to the zoo
Mon 7—May Bank Holiday
Wed 9—Year 4 Parent lunch
Week commencing Mon 14—Year 6 SATs testing week
Fri 11—PTSA coffee morning with CAMHS—building confidence and managing children's anxiety

Thur 17—Year 2 cake sale
Fri 18—Year 6 trip to Chessington
Fri 18—Reception class assembly 3pm
Mon 21—Year 1 Parent lunch
Tues 22—Year 3 trip to British Museum
Wed 23—Fri 25—Year 5 Sayer's Croft trip
Thur 24—PTSA KS1 disco
Thur 24—Pure Voices rehearsal choir
Mon 28—Fri 1 June Half Term

June

Week commencing Mon 11 June—Year 1 Phonics screening week
Tues 12—Year 2 Parent lunch
Thur 14—Year 1 cake sale
Fri 22—Year 1 trip to National Gallery
Fri 22—Class photos
Fri 22 Year 3 and 4 trip to BBC Concert Symphony Orchestra Barbican
Mon 25—Fri 29 June—Year 6 residential to Hothorpe Hall
Tues 26—Pure Voices rehearsal choir

July

Tues 3 - Sports Day
Wed 4—Pure Voices concert for choir at Union Chapel
Thurs 12—Pupil reports sent home
Tues 17—Year 6 Exhibition evening.
Fri 20—Last day of Summer term. 2pm finish

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