# NEWSLETTER - FRIDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2024



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## Learning and living as children of God

(Ephesians5:1)(You are God's children whom he loves. Try to be like God)
OUR SCHOOL VALUE THIS TERM IS Respect



#### Sun Shine Awards

Reception: Charlotte, Archie. Class 1: Alegra, Sebastian. Class 2: Ellie-Kate, Sienna. Class 3: Sonny, Poppy-Mae.

Playtime trophy goes to reception & class 2. The school sports award goes to Ernie, Isla.

Congratulations to Charlotte who has been awarded her Puffin swimming certificate! Well done!



We are pleased to announce that we have successfully achieved our Music Mark Award again this year. This recognises our contribution to music in our school.



The children have been the school slightly lit up more than usual this week as they have learnt about Diwali and the Hindu Festival of Light. The lights radiate joy and happiness throughout the festival.



#### After School Club T2

04/11/24-09/12/24 Camp Kindness Yr 2 3.15- 4pm FULL 05/11/24-10/12/24 Singing Club Yr3,4,5&6 3.15-4pmFULL

06/11/24-11/12/24 Sports Club Yr 1 3.15-4pm 07/11/24-12/12/24 Sports Club Yr 4 3.15-4pm

07/11/24-12/12/24 CTFC Football Yr 1-6 3.15-4pm FULL

#### Future Dates/Notifications

15/11/24: Book Looks

15/11/24: Children in Need Day 19/11/24: Parents Evening 20/11/24: Parents Evening

22/11/24: Christmas Enterprise 3.15 - 4.30pm 03/12/24: Nativity Performance 9.30am

04/12/24: Nativity Performance 2pm 06/12/24: Eco Committee Cake Sale 10/12/24: RAGS2RICHES Collection 9am

11/12/24: Last session for After School Care Club 19/12/24: Carol Service @ Apperley Church 2.30pm

20/12/24: Celebration assembly @2.50pm

20/12/24: End of term 2 06/01/25: Term 3 Starts

10/01/25: Eco Non Uniform Day for £1 donation Children are enjoying The Hub and it is particularly

cosy with the dark mornings.



#### Class 3

This week, it was the turn of Class 3 to lead worship. They took the theme of compassion, one of our shadow values, and shared the story of The Good Samaritan. Thank you to all who were able to come and for your lovely comments.



Head Boy & Head Girl Blog!



Everyone has been happy to support Children in Need by wearing spotty or red today. The disco was a fun occasion last week and it raised money for our school. Our PTFA are holding a jumble sale on 23<sup>rd</sup> November - so that will be very busy!

Congratulations to Ayda who has received a gymnastics award for her Excellent Attitude. Well done!



Congratulations to Theo who has been awarded his Level 6 Learn to Swim Award. Well done Theo!



A huge Thank You has arrived from the project manager at Tewkesbury Foodbank thanking all of you for the Harvest Food donations. He said the donation of 132.3kg was enough to provide 168 meals.





Class 3 have been enjoying Forest School with Mrs Cane this week. Please can we aks that suitable clothes are in school at all times thank you.

#### Honours List

Each week, awards for children's achievement will be presented in Celebration Assembly. We will also recognise children who have demonstrated our value for each term in the everyday life of our school - our value for Term 2 is Respect.



### <u>Award winners for w/c 4<sup>th</sup> November - 15<sup>th</sup></u> November 2024

#### Achievement:

Reception - Max & Kit for brilliant firework descriptions. Keziah & James for amazing "dripping art".

<u>Class 1</u> - Juliette & Filip for imaginative vocabulary. William & Ellen for super vocabulary in their acrostic poems.

Class 2 - Marth & George for their fantastic diary writing so far. Estee & Nancy for their incredible handwriting this week.

<u>Class 3</u> - All of class 3 for a thoughtful collective worship. Congratulations to Ellis for his well-written paragraph about the Ebeneezer Scrooge

#### Values:

Reception - Oliver, Charlotte.

Class 1 - Holly & Sebastian, Edith & Rufus.

Class 2 - Poppy & Harvey, Ava & Grace.

Class 3 - Ruby-Ann & Alba, Zahara & Luke.

During singing assembly children learnt more about Diwali. Diwali is a five-day festival celebrated by Hindus, Sikhs and Jains. The festival celebrates new beginnings and the Hindu New Year. It is usually celebrated in October or November - the exact date is determined by the Hindu lunar calendar. Reception created their own pathway of lights - just like the villagers did to guide Rama and Sita safely home. Reception wanted to invite the whole school to take part too and add their own Rangoli patterns and drawings.



#### Remembrance

Year Six led a very thoughtful act of remembrance at the Apperley Memorial on Monday. Perdi and Edie laid a wreath on behalf of our school, the Year Six children each read a tribute to the soldiers killed during World War Two and everyone laid a cross. Two minutes silence was marked at 11 o'clock and we finished with our school blessing. Well done to everyone for showing such enormous respect for the occasion.



Reverend Jenny visited Reception and Class 1 to discuss how babies are welcomed into the Christian Church with a baptism. Reverend Jenny brought a range of interesting religious artefacts such as a candle, shell and oil - to explain how young children are welcomed into Church community.



Little Deers

Little Deers made poppies and learnt about Remembrance together. Super art skills and super reflecting during the two minutes silence.



Molly and Annabelle have been busy choosing this term's music for assembly as our school Worship team this year. This term they have decided to add Eva Cassidy's Wade in the Water and Enya's Orinoco Flow (Sail Away) to the playlist.



🛊 Thank You 🌲

Thank you to all the families that voted for the school in the Dunelm Christmas Tree competition. We are now the proud owner of a very nice new tree and decorations.

<u>Little Deers and Reception Science Experiment.</u>
Linking with their firework topic the children carried out the 'coke and mento' experiment. They found out that Diet Coke worked best and the reaction was very quick!









A big well done to Max who informed me he was awarded a special certificate for his tree climbing! Well done Max!



Numbots

Congratulations to Arlo and Filip who have both received their Steel Numbots certificates, well done!

Our Governing body has been updated and comprises of-

Mr A Matthews-Chair

Mrs K Witney - Vice (Authority)

Mr J Burrows - Foundation

Mrs R Hoarau - Co-opted

Mrs E Perry - Teacher

Mrs S Carroll - Parent

Mr M Tambling - Parent

Mrs F Tyler - Parent

Rev Jenny - Ex-Officio

#### Autumn Trail 2024

The Autumn Trail was a huge success and it was amazing to see so many people walking around the village. We raised an impressive £1130 which would not have been possible without such generous support from the companies who donated raffle prizes, our team of helpers, bakers and the 12 amazing scarecrows. The winning scarecrow went to Rufus, Daisy, Tilly and their families! Thank you so much for coming and supporting us.









Odd Socks Day has been an opportunity to kick start our talk about anti-bullying week. School have had a very valuable time encouraging pupils to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!





Well done to Ivy for taking part in the GHA Tournament playing for Lansdown Hockey Club U10 Girls. Ivy has scored an impressive 8 goals in just 4 games!

A huge thank you to all of you that filled a Christmas box for children across the world. Teams4U collected 24 boxes from our lovely parents and children today! Thank you once again.



Well done Grace, who has been awarded her Rainbow Distance award for swimming 10 metres! Well done Grace!



As a school we were lucky enough to win some incredible football gear through Monster Kickabout. This initiative is all about getting all children playing and enjoying football. The whole school will be doing sessions in the coming weeks for this event. Class 2 had their fantastic football session yesterday where they played crab football. They all had a great time!



Pupils have had a fun day dressing up for Children in Need Day. Thank you for all of you who have supported this charity. This year, mental health conditions such as anxiety & depression rising, high levels of poverty leading to inequality & lack of opportunity is the focus to help make life lighter for children.



Congratulations to Sophie whose gymnastic team made it to a great 3<sup>rd</sup> place in their tournament! Sophie completed in the Forest of Dean and Penzance to achieve this fantastic recognition. I think we may have an Olympic champion developing! Well done Sophie.



Reception have created their own splatter art by making and 'splattering' secondary colours.



Class One have been thinking about the different communities that they belong to.

They brought in or wore items to represent their communities and shared how belonging to them made them feel.



SAFE GUARDING CORNER

Talk to your child about staying safe online Tell them:

- To be aware that anyone can pretend to be a child online
- If they talk to people they don't know, not to give away personal information - like what street they live on or where they go to school, or to share their location with them.
   To say no to any requests they get for images or videos, and stop talking to the other person if they are asked for these things
- To set their profiles to private, to limit what others can see
- To be 'share aware' think carefully about what they share and with whom. Once it's out there, they've got no control over what the other person does with it. Remember, it's illegal to take, share or view sexual images of under-18s, full stop
- If they see something that upsets them, or someone bullies them, to tell an adult they trust

Don't feel confident starting a conversation with your child about what they're up to online? Read this advice from the

NSPCC: https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-childrensafe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/

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