

St Ethelwold's VA School Newsletter

2nd October 2020

Environmental Matters!

Class 3 Continue Work Across The School

Hard on the heels of the ongoing environmental action by our oldest pupils, class 3 have this week involved themselves in a green themed project of their own.

The pupils took part in an online assembly called The Man Who Planted which was organized and presented by The Woodland Trust.

The Man Who Planted Trees is written by Jean Giono. It tells the story of a shepherd who plants thousands of acorns near his home. His actions breathe new life into the landscape and bring the community back together. As a result of this learning, we have ordered trees from The Woodland Trust which class 3 will plant around the school grounds. Once again we are seeing the development of **Ethical Informed Citizens of Wales and the World**.

We are witnessing great improvements to our school and its grounds. You will have all noticed the new roof and now with each class and teacher being responsible for developing other outside areas of school, you will continue to see an improvement this year.

The areas that classes are developing and maintaining are as follows:

- Class 1 – Foundation Phase garden and foundation phase field
- Class 2 – Foundation Phase vegetable planters
- Class 3 – Junior playground planters and hedge
- Class 4 – Peace Circle and orchard

We hope that (when things return to nearer normality) that you will see the fruits of their labour.

Please use extra care and attention during the busy dropping off and picking up times. We have seen a couple of pupils run straight across the road without looking. Please keep children by your side and hold hands if necessary.



Special Mentions

Ambitious, Capable Learners

Class 1

Nicholas Cox for showing us his super sensible side over the last few days.

Joshua Tones for trying his very hardest to follow the class rules.

Class 2

Jorgie Challinor for working hard on her Harvest prayer.

Luke Dunn for his excellent positive attitude to school.

Class 3

Ellie Davies for being a good friend to others.

Harvey Taylor for being successful in using his sounds in his writing.

Class 4

Ella Grey for an excellent and passionate formal letter.

Lexus Beacher for a brilliant informative poster.

Foundation Phase News

Both of our Foundation Phase classes have been learning all about People Who Help Us and have been paying particular attention this week to the emergency services.

In Class 1, the pupils have been pretending to be Firefighters and have even had a go at putting out a foam and paint fire! Imagine the excitement of that!

Meanwhile over in Class 2 the children now have a police station set up in the classroom. The children have been busy taking phone messages and describing the baddies whilst also learning how to make a 999 call in an emergency.

Just look at our **Ethical, Informed Citizens** – ready to be citizens of world.



Covid-19 Update

Thank you so much to you all for playing your part in ensuring school is running as smoothly as possible during this trying and testing time. We have heard about positive cases in many local schools but thankfully we have not yet had a case at St Ethelwold's.

Rest assured though, we are primed and ready to put into action our contingency plans if and when we have a positive case. The first thing that will happen is that we will send you a text to tell you to come to school immediately to collect your child if they are in the same class as the child with confirmed COVID-19. If we get contacted during the weekend or evening, we will instruct you not to bring your child to school for a period of 14 days. Public Health Wales, the Track, Trace and Protect Team and The Environment Agency will then speak to us and establish if any other individuals should self-isolate. We will of course communicate this information with you as soon as we get it.

We are now living under local lockdown and we offer you this prayer in these uncertain times.

*Dear Lord,
We ask that you think of our families near and far,
young and old,
We ask that you offer us guidance and courage and
that we show courage in helping in our community,
We ask that you help us show generosity of spirit to all
of The Family of St Ethelwold's and to all of the people
in your world,
We ask for your guidance in showing our love and your
light in dark times.
Amen.*

**Please note from Monday 12th October
the cut off time for Breakfast Club is 8.05am.**