



Sedlescombe Newsletter No. 24

WORSHIP THEME - FORGIVENESS

"Bear with each other and forgive each other ... Forgive as the Lord forgave you" Colossians 3 v13

This week in worship we have been thinking about how our school value of forgiveness links to Easter. We reminded ourselves of the events of Palm Sunday and how Jesus chose to ride into Jerusalem, not on a mighty stallion but a donkey.

He wanted to show everyone that he was a humble person and a donkey was a symbol of humility. He didn't view himself as being anymore important or better than anyone else.

Jesus was greeted with great noise and celebration and people laid down palm leaves in front of him. This Sunday is Palm Sunday and all of the children have come home with a Palm Cross to remind them to treat everyone with respect and the Easter story in the Bible.

ASSESSMENT WEEK

This week the children have been doing their end of term assessments. These are Trust wide assessments that the teachers use to inform their planning and interventions. They are used to see what the children have grasped, what needs further consolidation and who needs support to keep up with the pace of learning or pushing forward in their learning.

We will be sharing the assessment information with you at parents' evenings which take place early next term. Please make sure you have these dates in your diary:

- Monday 29th April from 4:00 pm
- Wednesday 1st May from 4:00 pm

You will be able to sign up for an appointment at the school office from Monday 22nd April.

EASTER SERVICES

The children will be taking part in simple Easter Services on Thursday 28th March. The infants will be doing theirs at school and weather permitting the juniors will be going to church and their service will be led by our new vicar Father John. If it's raining the junior service will take place at school. Due to limited space at school each classes' part in the infant Easter service will be filmed and shared on Tapestry.

This will be the same for the Junior Service. We have not invited parents this year as it is our first service with the new vicar and we wanted to start small. Also if it's raining we will need to relocate to school and we won't have space for parents. Currently the forecast for Thursday is rain!

However, if we are able to go to church then we would appreciate some parents to help us walk. Please let the office know if you can help with walking to church. We plan to set-off at 9:30 am and should be back by about 11:00 am.

YEAR 6 HISTORY WORKSHOP

Richard from the History Squad took Y6 back to WW2 this week. They learnt about the Blitz in England, including air raids and rationing. They were also put through their paces - preparing for war as soldiers. The children marched to France and Belgium to fight against the Germans and learnt about the Battle of Dunkirk. They had a wonderful day!

BREAK THE RULES DAY

A reminder that Break the Rules day is going ahead on Monday (poster attached) and payment can be made on the School Gateway. Children can choose which rules they would like to break up to a maximum of 4 to limit the cost to parents. I know this is one of the children's favourites so hopefully they will have lots of fun breaking the rules.

SPORTING SUCCESS

A huge well done to Saffy & Villy in Year 3 and Maisy-Mai in Year 6 who all got a bronze medal for Sportshall Athletics. Claverham Sports Leaders come into school and lead this event. They take the children's scores and collate them across all the local primary schools taking part. Once all schools have taken part they announce who has achieved the top score across all of the schools. Well done!

THINK TANK UPDATE

Yesterday we had our second Think Tank meeting and we agreed the minutes from the first meeting which have been sent out with the newsletter. The main focus of discussion was around communication which is a standing item and whether, like other schools, we should let children come to school wearing PE kit on days they have PE. It was decided that we should consult with all parents on this question so we will be sending out a link to the survey by text so you can easily answer this directly from your phone. The Think Tank also suggested that book bags could be replaced with a school back pack. We are also seeking your views on this.

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

A reminder that you can vote for who you would like to be the new parent governor. Voting closes at midday on Tuesday. The link to vote is [here](#).

WEEK AHEAD REMINDERS:

Monday: Deadline Scrapbook Page Competition Entries

Monday: Break the Rules Day

Tuesday: Deadline Parent Governor Election

Wednesday: Y3 Trip to Herstmonceux Science Centre

Thursday: Easter Services

Thursday: PTA Easter Egg Hunt

Thursday: School finishes @ 2:25 pm—End of Term

For more news & photos check out our Facebook Page [here](#)

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

