



Enriching generations to serve and flourish

January Newsletter 2020

Happy New Year!

Reflections from last term – Christmas is such a busy time of year for everyone and that is no different in our school. Some highlights were the whole school going to see Peter Pan at the Assembly Halls, Christingle church service and Christmas lunch to name but a few. But then came - Lights, Camel, Action and what an amazing Christmas production that was. We are so lucky to have such talented children who perform so well. It was a very proud moment for everyone.

After the recent Ofsted we held a parent meeting to discuss the school going forward, thank you to all who attended. The Chair of Governors and I met with the Local Authority and Diocese to discuss support with further training and expectations for monitoring visits. We then created an action plan and began by training all staff in phonics, reviewed and improved our systems for recording incidents and ensuring all subject leaders have the CPD needed this year to excel.

New year new motivation – We have started the year with high quality training for all staff in reading, subject leadership, SEND and subject knowledge. We have Senior Leaders who start their National Qualification courses in leadership and coaching sessions from the Diocese. We also have visits planned to two schools that have outstanding well-being practice in place for both staff and children who can then support us in our own improvements.

Governors - Currently we are seeking a parent governor to join our Governing Body. If you think you would like to join us on this journey then please look out for the information on how to be nominated for the role sent out on Tuesday.

Website - Our website has had new pages added to improve communication and they will be updated regularly to ensure the information is current, accurate and relevant.

School meals - For the new year we will be transferring over to a cashless system for payment of school meals which will hopefully support you in keeping track of payments.

Crossing patrol – We are pleased to announce that Denise Bartholomew, our school crossing patrol person, has been selected to receive a prestigious Green School Award for dedication to Road Crossing Patrol. Please join us in congratulating her on this award. She is a vital member of our staff and community.

Things to look out for this term –

- Young voices at the O2
- Parents' evenings
- World book day
- Class assemblies Yr5 and Yr3

Thank you - As always, thank you for your continued support of the school. We are never complacent and always striving to provide the best education for your child.

Prayer

Dear Lord

We are thankful when we don't know something, for it gives us the opportunity to learn.

We are thankful for the difficult times, as during those times we grow.

Thank you for our limitations because they give us the opportunity for improvement.

And thank you for each new challenge because it builds our strength and character.

We are thankful for our mistakes as they teach us valuable lessons.

We are thankful when we are tired and weary because it means we have made a difference.

Finding ways to be thankful for our troubles allows them to become blessings.

Amen