



# Lulworth & Winfrith CE Primary School

**Belief, Fellowship, Harmony**  
**Matthew 31:32 - 33**



## Spring 1, Week 5 Newsletter



Dear Families,

After a very wet January, we were looking forward to a drier start to February ... but at least there have been some glimmers of sunshine this afternoon! The children have continued to engage well in their learning, and they have enjoyed a range of curriculum topic areas including music, art and science. Our parent teacher consultations have also begun this week with SEND meetings involving parents, the class teacher and SENDCO. I know teachers are looking forward to continuing the meetings on Feb 10th and 12th next week in the after-school sessions. These sessions provide some valuable time for home and school to discuss what is going well as well as each child's current targets and next steps. Please do book yourself into a slot if you haven't done so already (all appointments can be booked through Arbor).

Thank you to all those who attended the Friendly Food Club free smoothie event the other week. We are also pleased to have received some confirmations from families who have booked themselves a place on the weekly after school family sessions with FFC after the half term break. If you received an invite to take part but have not yet responded to us, please can you get in touch so we can offer the place to another family if needed. There are only 10 places in total, so spaces are very limited! Similarly, if you haven't had an invite but are interested in being put on our waiting list, please do email the office.

The project with the FFC is a great way we can enhance our teaching of the importance of making healthy food choices with our children. In school, we also teach cohorts about the importance of healthy eating through PSHE sessions and as part of some science learning. In reception and key stage 1, pupils are given a free healthy snack to have a mid-morning, and we also ask all our key stage 2 children to bring an item with them to school each day. A piece of fruit or a vegetable will help children to sustain their focus and energy throughout the morning and until lunchtime. Encouraging your child to eat a nutritious breakfast before coming to school each day can also help them to engage in their lessons because they will feel fuller for longer.

As you know, Chartwells are our provider for hot school meals and parents/carers can order these for pupils themselves using the Meal Selector site. These meals are free to all pupils in reception and across key stage 1. We also have children who bring in packed lunches, and I would just like to remind everyone that we are a 'nut aware' school and ask for no items containing nuts to be sent into school. Thank you for your support with this.

Finally, if you are struggling with any challenging behaviours your child is showing at home which are related to food (for example, a restricted diet, sensory needs etc) then please do feel free to reach out to us and we can explore how we can work with you to help address this. We have experience of working with the school nursing team, GP and various family workers to help overcome barriers like these so please remember you are not alone!

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Griffiths

### **Swimming Pool**

We are continuing to explore grants to help us carry out work on the swimming pool at the Winfrith site in the hope we can open it for use. Unfortunately, we have still not been successful. If you have any details of possible sponsors or funding opportunities, please do email the school office or speak to Mrs Griffiths.



## **Open the Book (OTB)**

Each Wednesday, our OTB Team visit the school. This Wednesday, the team performed the story "The Triumphal Entry" which tells the biblical narrative of Jesus's arrival in Jerusalem on a donkey, days before his crucifixion. The students really enjoy the OTB perform the teachings and oftentimes can participate.



## **Snapshot: Bindon**

Bindon Class have had a great start to the Spring term and have been really enjoying their Rainforests and Light and Shadow topics. In PE lessons they have worked creatively to devise their own dances with a space theme and in Music lessons they have been busy learning the songs they will perform at the Purbeck Music concert next half term. In Science lessons they had great fun using torches and mirrors to investigate how light travels. They have practised simple coding using Turtle Academy in ICT and continue to impress us all with their hard work and resilience.

## **Hambury Class Staffing Update**

Due to a planned surgery, Mrs O'Connor will unfortunately be absent for the 5-week block of Spring 2 and - with a speedy recovery - we anticipate her return after the Easter holidays. To ensure that teaching and learning continue seamlessly during this time, we have arranged for cover to be provided. Mrs Sarah Moore will be taking over Mrs O'Connor's responsibilities, and she has already completed the necessary planning to ensure that all children's needs are met. Mrs Moore is well-prepared to support the class and maintain the high standards of education that we strive to provide.

Additionally, Mrs Squibb will remain in support of the class as usual, ensuring that the children continue to receive the guidance and assistance they require throughout this period.

We appreciate your understanding and support during Mrs O'Connor's absence.

## **Science in Schools**

Next Friday, we have a full day visit from the Royal Institution which are the Great British Organisation for Science in Education and Research. At the end of the school day, the RI will be putting on a "science in the community" show free of charge to you and your child/ren. There are limited spaces, but we do still have a few more seats available - it would be great to have a full house for this event. Attached to this week's newsletter is the booking form to attend, so do complete and send in the form to the school office if you would like tickets for this.

## **Science Corner for Children**

Last week we asked "Where do you think gold comes from? How might it end up in rocks or rivers?"

Answer: Gold is found in rocks underground. Over time, rocks break down and gold can be washed into rivers.

To delve deeper: Gold originates from outer space, created billions of years ago during violent collisions of neutron stars or supernovas (exploding stars). This cosmic debris fell to Earth during its formation, sinking to the core, before later being brought closer to the surface by asteroid impacts and volcanic activity.

### **Key Facts About Gold:**

- **Space Treasure:** Gold is a heavy metal formed when stars explode, a process that creates many heavy elements.
- **Found in Earth:** Gold is mined from the Earth's crust, often in rocks, veins, or as tiny flakes in rivers.
- **Rare Metal:** It is very rare and doesn't rust, which is why it is highly valued.
- **Gold Rush:** In history, people searched for gold in rivers, a method known as "panning".
- **Dense Material:** Gold is about 20 times denser than water, which means a small piece is quite heavy.

Today, gold is mostly mined in places like South Africa, the United States, Australia, China, and Peru.

This week's question: **Where does the water in your tap come from? What happens to it before we use it?**

## Certificates and Achievements

**Quinn Threadgold** for demonstrating our school value of **KINDNESS** by being thoughtful and supportive of others all day, every day

**Harriet Ingham** for demonstrating our school value of **ASPIRATION**, rising to every challenge given to her

**Scarlett Jones** for demonstrating our school value of **ASPIRATION** for her progress in spelling independently

**Khaleese Cooper** for demonstrating our school value of **ASPIRATION** for her outstanding attitude in all subjects

**Mina von Fersen** for demonstrating our school value of **TRUST and COLLABORATION** by always being a helpful and trustworthy member of our school

Seren-Jean Mabey has won herself the Star Reader award. She has chosen a book to read at her leisure



Well done to all students who have earned themselves an award this week!

## Year 5/6 Tag Rugby Tournament

Yesterday a team of 9 children attended the Purbeck Area Tag Rugby Tournament. I was thoroughly impressed by the children's teamwork, resilience and enthusiasm despite the horrific wet and cold weather they were battling against. Regardless of the wet conditions, the children made very few handling errors which lead us to a



The children made the school very proud and they should take pride in their amazing efforts. Well done!

## **Upcoming Dates**

### **FEBRUARY**

Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	SEND Family Drop In: WINFRITH	15.00 - 16.00
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Parent/Teacher Consultations: Both Sites	15.00 - 17.30
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	SEND: Parent/Teacher Consultations: LULWORTH Year 6 ONLY: Trees for Dorset	12.30 - 15.30
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Parent/Teacher Consultations: Both Sites	15.30 - 17.30
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Community Science Show for All LULWORTH	15.30 - 16.30
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Half Term	
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 ONLY: SATS Parent Information Evening	15.00 - 15.30

### **MARCH**

Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Curriculum Day: World Book Day. (Dressing Up for Everyone)	
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	BINDON: Purbeck Youth Singing. Wareham (Year 3&4 parents invited to attend at 14.00)	10.00 - 14.45
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 ONLY: MTC Parent Information Afternoon: LULWORTH	15.00 - 15.15
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March to Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holiday	

### **APRIL**

Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Inset Day (School closed to pupils)	
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Term: Pupils return to school.	