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Autumn Term Newsletter No.03

Friday 7th October 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the 3rd bi-weekly newsletter of this now not-so-new academic year. With so many activities and so much learning packed into the curriculum, it's no wonder the term is flying by! This week, our Christian Core Value was **creativity**, and our Character Virtue was also **creativity**. Our Collective Worship have focused on how something can be a value and a virtue at the same time as they are not the same thing. Talk to your child about how we can show the values we hold dear to us through the habit of good virtue – and see if they can talk to you about it too, as it is one of the many ways we are helping children realise that they have the tools to articulate their spiritual and character development as well as effecting positive changes in their community, which is the first steps to becoming **Inspiring Changemakers** and the **Global Citizens** of the future – exciting times indeed!

As I am sure you are already aware, Webber's had a Statutory Inspection of Anglican & Methodist Schools (SIAMS) inspection on Monday this week. The inspector was collecting evidence to answer the question,

"How effective is the school's distinctive Christian vision, established and promoted by leadership at all levels, in enabling pupils and adults to flourish?"

I would like to thank all of you who took the time to answer the parent consultation survey that was sent out and also to those parents who spoke to the inspector in the playground in the morning and in school for the 20-minute meeting in the afternoon! The inspection report has a quality assurance process to go through before the results can be made public, which will be no longer than 15 working days from the date of the inspection. I look forward to sharing the report with you as soon as it is available.

It is a privilege, as headteacher, to be able to see children's learning in action in different classrooms with **creativity**, **helpfulness** and **cooperation** from children and staff clear to see. Don't forget to check out the Children's Corner for brief snippets of learning from each class.

This week saw the return of the much-loved Cross-Country event at Killerton, although the walk up the hill at the start was not such a welcome addition! I am pleased to report that all our children from both schools gave 100% of themselves, with some very high finishers as well. I would like to thank all the children who **volunteered** to take part and represent their school.

We also have some exciting trips coming up next week. On Tuesday 11th October, children in years 4/5/6 will attend the Farmwise event and the following day, Wednesday 12th October, children in years 1/2/3 are off to the Northcott theatre in Exeter. Both trips promise to be memorable educational experiences and I'm sure you will hear all about it from your children upon their return!

Unfortunately, due to rising costs, many school trips now have a voluntary contribution request with them. Whilst it is truly delightful to be able to return to offering children these vital educational experiences after the recent enforced hiatus of the pandemic, it is with regret that I have to communicate that if we do not receive enough voluntary contributions, the proposed trip may not be able to take place.

The All Saints' Harvest Service takes place this evening at 6.30pm with a service on Sunday 16th October at St. Mary's in Burlescombe at 11am. I look forward to seeing you this evening if you can make the service; children from Webber's will be singing a Harvest Song.

The Webber's PTFA AGM was held in school last week with barely enough space around the table to fit everyone in, which is wonderful to see. There are some attachments to this newsletter from the PTFA (minutes of the AGM and treasurer's report) and I would be grateful if you took the time to read them, The PTFAs from both schools play a vital role in helping to enrich the experiences of children and your support for them, and the events they plan, is much appreciated. If you would like to find out more about either PTFA, or would like to become more involved with the school that your child or children attend, please do contact either school office.

I would like to remind you that both schools will be closed on Friday 21st October for a Professional Development Day. As always, my door is always open to you, so if you would like to meet with me in school for any reason, please do contact either school admin team.

Have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing you in school next week.

Kind regards,



Mr. Roffey
Head Teacher

[Communications sent out this fortnight](#)

None

[Deadline for Secondary School Applications](#)

Please be advised that the application deadline for those children starting Secondary School in September 2023 is **31st October 2022**. Please ensure that applications are submitted by this date so your child does not miss out on a place at their chosen school.

[Dyslexia Awareness Month](#)

It is Dyslexia Awareness Month on Nessy – to find out more please go to [Understanding Dyslexia | Nessy](#)

This week's **TEAM POINT** winners are

WEBBER'S: **BEECH**
BURLESCOMBE: **SWANS**



STARS OF THE WEEK

WEBBER'S		BURLESCOMBE	
Class 1	Astrid	Acorns	Bobby
Year 2	Monty		
Class 2	Ruby P	Squirrels	Lilah-Mai
Class 3	Rhys	Oaks	Amber

Diary Dates

Friday 7 th Oct	All Saints Church	Harvest Festival service 6.30pm
Monday 10 th Oct	Both Schools	Flu Immunisations in school Rec – Y6
Tuesday 11 th Oct	Westpoint	Farmwise Event Year 4/5/6
Weds 12 th Oct	Exeter Northcott Theatre	Children's Bookshow Years 1/2/3
Sunday 16 th Oct	St. Mary's Church	Harvest Service 11am
Friday 21 st Oct	Both Schools	Non-Pupil Day – Schools Closed
HALF TERM - Monday 24th October – Friday 28th October		
Monday 31 st Oct	Both Schools	Deadline for Secondary School Applications for Year 6 Pupils

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Webber's Class 1

This week, Class 1 have been on an Autumn walk. We explored and collected lots of signs of autumn. We also created our own autumn art work in class.



Webber's Class 2



We have been climbing to our highest in Class 2.

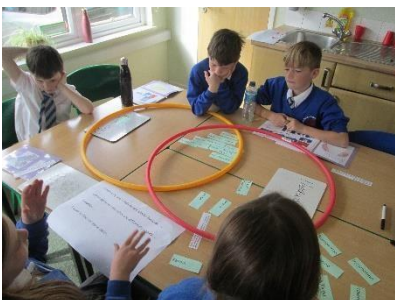
We have continued to explore the madcap world of Grimwood and are beginning to make connections between the characters in the story and how they demonstrate our Christian Core Values and Character Virtues. We have worked in groups to identify how the fictional characters demonstrate different characteristics and are able to articulate our observations through sharing orally with the whole class.

As we begin to explore Black History Month, we are investigating many important and influential changemakers who have made significant change through history, and will continue to celebrate their achievements through our research and reading, throughout the month of October. The theme this year is 'Time for Change: Action Not Words' and we have started to discuss what this may mean and how it impacts our and others day to day lives.

Webbers Class 3:

Class 3 worked exceptionally hard when the SIAMs inspector was in school on Monday. Many Class 3 children were selected for several important jobs: showing the inspector around the school, talking to the inspector about their RE books and many approached her on the playground for a friendly chat. The inspector also came to see Class 3 in action during their RE lesson. I was really proud of the children for showing how respectful and hardworking they are as well as demonstrating our core values and what our vision statement means to each of them as individuals. You were all assets of the school and we are so proud of you!

Recently the children took their first Collective Worship all about Growth and Fixed Mindset. In small groups, the children chose an animal to represent a mindset and worked hard to compile presentations which they used to teach the whole school. All of the presentations were exceptional. We will let you know what animals were chosen next week.



Burlescombe – Acorns

In Acorns Class this week, we have been exploring autumn. We have been learning about what happens in autumn and looking for signs of autumn in our outside area and around the school grounds. We have also been very busy in English this week creating actions to help us learn a set of instructions.



Burlescombe – Squirrels



This week, children in Squirrels class wrote a poem of their own, based on one studied. After writing their poem, they were asked to perform it to the class, which can be quite a scary thing to do! Fortunately, **courage** is in ample supply in Squirrels class and every child rose to the challenge and smashed it! 🏆

Burlescombe – Oaks

This week, Oaks class has been busy planning and building a sequel to our class novel; 'The Iron Man'. These sequels take place 50 years on from the Iron Man's epic planet saving battle. The children have come up with some fantastic ideas and will be writing them up neatly ready for going on display in our entrance corridor



Burlescombe and Westleigh Community Hall
Saturday 22nd October
10am till 12pm



A spooky-themed market displaying all our local
traders' Halloween and Autumn goodies.

Raffle

Fresh local produce

Local crafts

Kitchen Café run by
Burlescombe PTFA



Plants and much more.....

Including children's activities in the
community room.

If you are interested in having a stall,
then please contact Emily Pearson on
07875723110



Burlescombe and Westleigh Community Hall
Registered charity number: 1066342



NON-SCHOOL UNIFORM DAY

THURSDAY 20TH OCTOBER

In aid of the CHRISTMAS RAFFLE, pupils are asked to bring suggested donations in order to make up some fabulous hampers for the Christmas raffle as part of the PTFA's fundraising.

Please check Use By Dates exceed 16/12/22.



Class 3 - Bottles

Class 2 - Treats



Year 2 - Smellies

Class 1 - Chocolate/Sweets

