

Colnbrook C. of E. Primary School

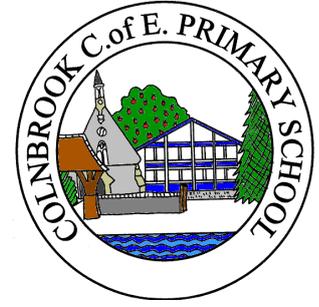
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Newsletter

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Believe and Achieve

Our focus value is: **Aspiration**

A message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I would like to express my thanks for your kindness and generosity in donating so much to the Slough Foodbank as part of our Harvest celebration. I know that the donations you have given will make a huge difference to those in our community who are finding it hard to provide for themselves and their families.

This week has been a busy one in school; Year 3 visited the reflective garden at the church, Year 4 had a Zoom call from Fr. Darcy to discuss their class saint and we all used the prayer space yesterday and joined together virtually for our Harvest Service. Read on to find out more about our events this week.

Enjoy the weekend,

Mr T. Brunson
Headteacher

Year 4

During their Zoom call with Fr. Darcy, Year 4 learnt how important it is to be kind to animals. St Francis is the patron saint of the environment and animals and during his life, he developed a great love for both. In class, Year 4 made their own 'stained glass window' of St Francis, which is now on display in their classroom.



Attendance

Year 4	99.13%
Year 3	98.57%
Year 5	98.10%
Nursery AM	96.47%
Year 6	94.14%
Year 1	92.04%
Year 2	91.91%
Reception	88.52%
Nursery PM	87.50%

Parent Afternoons

If you haven't already done so, please return your reply slips regarding telephone appointments with your child's class teacher and face to face appointments for those of you with children in Reception class and the LRU. Thank you.

Year 3's visit to St Thomas' Church reflective garden

During our visit to the church and gardens, we were thinking about God and harvest time. We took rubbings of leaves and bark on the trees to explore nature.
Isabelle



Star of the Week

Reception	- Ishaan
Year 1	- Gracie
Year 2	- Seerat
Year 3	- Lily
Year 4	- Zain
Year 5	- Albert
Year 6	- Alizah
LRU	- Abjeet

Our Prayer Space

Reception class learnt about the vegetables that are harvested at this time of year and wrote the poem below to put on the prayer tree.

Mrs Barker



To God,
Thank you for the vegetables
that are good for us and
healthy for us to grow strong.
Thank you for the food
we eat and your love every
day. Amen
from Reception

Reception Class and
Year 6 give thanks to
God.



AWARENESS DAY



Year 1 talked about writing their prayer and looked at what other classes had written.

Worship Section

Together @ Harvest



Deuteronomy 24 v 19–22

When you are gathering your harvest in the field and leave behind a bundle of grain, don't go back and get it. Leave it there for foreigners, orphans, and widows so that the LORD your God can bless everything you do. When you beat your olive trees to knock the olives off, don't beat the trees a second time. Leave what is left for foreigners, orphans, and widows. When you harvest the grapes in your vineyard, don't pick the vines a second time. Leave what is left for foreigners, orphans, and widows. Remember that you were slaves in Egypt; that is why I am commanding you to do this.

Why do you think God told his people to leave behind some of their harvest?

Who is God asking us to support today?

What does our family have which we could share or give to others?

Celebrate Harvest together with our grain challenge

G Give some food to a local food bank or community fridge to share with those in need.

R Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Repair! Harvest is a great time to think of our own environmental impact. What can your family do to save our planet?

A Ask somebody in your community if you can do their food shopping for them this week or collect anything they need from the shops.

I Invite somebody to share a meal with you. If you cannot meet because of social distancing why not arrange to drop off a meal which they can heat up and join together virtually as you eat.

N Get out into nature together and spend some time thanking God for the many different plants and animals He has created.

A harvest prayer

Dear God,

Help us at harvest time to remember that you are our provider who gives us what we need. Help us to always remember to say thank you for all the good gifts that you give us.

We pray for all those who are struggling to buy the food they need for their families and for all the food banks and local projects who work so hard to support those in their communities.

In these difficult times help us not to be greedy, to only take what we need and to share what we have with others.

Amen

Developmental Language Disorder

Today is Awareness Day for Developmental Language Disorder (DLD). This is a condition which affects approximately 2 children per class but is often overlooked as it is not a condition that can be seen. Children and adults who have DLD may have difficulty with understanding others and putting what they want to say into sentences. They can find it difficult to develop friendships or communicate in groups. They struggle to keep up with peers or get involved. It is not always obvious when someone has DLD which is why it is so important we are all aware of it. With the right support those with DLD can develop confidence, can make friends and can achieve well at school.

As a school with a specialist unit for DLD, we feel everyone should be aware of this condition and urge you to watch the following videos to help raise awareness this year.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PDPxQPTnIE>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tQ-s02HWLb0>

Mrs Esson