## **Colnbrook C. of E. Primary School**

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# Newsletter

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## Be strong and courageous Joshua 1:9

Our focus value is: Community

#### A message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the summer term. I hope those of you who celebrated Easter, Eid or Vaisakhi over the school holiday had a wonderful time and enjoyed celebrating with friends and family.

This week Year 4 went to Henley to visit the river and rowing museum. The children enjoyed having the museum to themselves and learnt lots about the river Thames. You can read more about what the children found out and learnt over the page.

The start of term is a good time to check that your child has all the uniform they need, as well as a complete PE kit. Uniform can be ordered via School Days Direct, but please ask at main reception if you have any problems. There are always a number of items in lost property that are unnamed, so cannot be reunited with their owner. Please ensure all items are clearly labelled.

Have a good weekend.

Mr T. Brunson Headteacher

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#### **Worship Section**

In collective worship this week we have thought about our value of the term: **community**.

The Bible talks about a community being a bit like a body. Each part looks different and has a different job, but when it all works together, it forms one complete person. In the same way, our community could be described as a body, with lots of people bringing different skills to help others.

Have a think about these questions at home:

What skills do you have that could help others? When have you used your strengths to help another person who might have needed it? What help might you need from someone else?



THE BODY IS A UNIT, THOUGH IT IS COMPOSED OF MANY PARTS. AND ALTHOUGH ITS PARTS ARE MANY, THEY ALL FORM ONE BODY. SO IT IS WITH CHRIST. - 1 CORINTHIANS 12:12

Attendance	
Year 3	99.17%
Year 5	97.84%
Nursery AM	97.70%
Nursery PM	96.67%
Year 4	96.63%
Year 2	94.17%
Reception	92.07%
Year 1	91.25%
Year 6	88.33%

### Star of the Week

Nursery	-	Freddie
Reception	-	Ayman
Year 1	-	Ayla
Year 2	-	Charlie
Year 3	-	Dillon
Year 4	-	Alex
Year 5	-	Leonard
Year 6	-	Harshul

#### **Church Section**

Sunday 20th April

The service this week at St Thomas is at 9:30am. We welcome everyone to our services. Refreshments are served afterwards. There are always activities for children. It will be a café style with a baptism.





#### Learning snapshot

Here is a look at what the children have been enjoying in their first week back.

Year 1 - This week we became news reporters. We reported on the events from our class book Superworm to get ready for our newspaper writing!



#### Esther said

"We had to make sure to say when, where and what. It's like we were on TV. We even used a microphone"



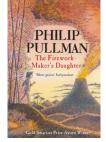
Year 2 - The RE the children enjoyed learning what it means to make an agreement or promise. They then made some of their own and added them to the class display of their promise tree.



**Tia said** "I learnt that Jewish people were told to listen to God."



Year 3 - The children have just started a new book called 'The Firework-Maker's daughter'. The children used Ipads to research the author and find some interesting facts about him.



Zabayr said " The character went to a volcano. I liked the book"



Year 5 - In English the children have really enjoyed learning about Tom's Midnight Garden.



Zara said "It's a graphic novel and we have to read the pictures deeper to see the expressions."



Year 6 - This week the children have started exploring Ancient African Kingdoms and empires in Topic this week. We looked at sorting timeline and doing research into the different kingdoms to find information about how they traded, what religion they followed and if the kingdom had a monarch!



Delia said "Most Kingdoms used sea shells as currency."



#### Year 4 trip—Henley River & Rowing boat museum

Last term in Geography, the class topic was 'Misty Mountain, Winding River' so Tuesday's trip to Henley at the River & Rowing boat museum was the perfect place to explore. After a morning of fantastic learning workshops, the children enjoyed a guided walk along the river discovering its features and wildlife. Their day was rounded off with a look around the interactive museum. The host for the day was blown away with the children's enthusiasm but extremely impressed with their knowledgeable answers to questions asked!









#### Manreet said "It was amazing. The museum had so many shiny boats hanging from the ceiling!"

#### **PTA updates**

On Thursday, the Rags2Riches van came to collect all the clothing donations. The PTA are pleased announce the total raised is £101.10. Thank you to all parents and carers that donated to help raise this amount! PTA Movie nights have now been confirmed. Ticket price will be £4 per child, this will give your child entry to the movie, popcorn, bag of sweets & a refreshment of squash. Children are welcome to bring a comfy pillow or blanket in with them on the day.

#### **Message from Mr Thomas**

Our SENDCo, Mr Thomas is offering drop in appointments for parents to discuss any questions or concerns they might have about their child's needs. Each consultation will be for a maximum of 15 minutes. On the last Friday of every month, there will be four appointment slots available, which must be booked in advance by contacting the school office. The first session will be on Friday 26th April from 2pm. Please remember that this does not replace speaking with your child's teacher first regarding any concerns about your child.



DIARY DATES		
24th April	Year 5 visit St Thomas quiet garden	
25th April	Early Years Coffee afternoon for parents invited - 1:45-2:45pm in the Hall	
6th May	Bank Holiday—school closed	
7th May	PTA Movie night - EYS & Year 1 - Winnie the Pooh	
8th May	PTA Movie night - Year 2 to Year 4 - The Jungle Book	
9th May	PTA Movie night - Year 5 & Year 6 - Spy Kids	
10th May	Year 1 Class Assembly - parents invited	
13-17th May	KS2 SATs week	
15th May	2:30pm: Year 5 Trumpet concert - parents invited	
24th May	End of term	
27th-31st May	May Half term holiday	
3rd June	School opens	
5th June	Reception visit St Thomas quiet garden	
6th June	New Nursery parents meeting - 4-5pm in the Hall	
10th June	New Reception parents meeting - 4-5pm in the Hall	