



Collective Worship and Values Education

Our value for the last half-term has been Love. We explained it to the children this way:

Love is caring and sharing.

Love is feeling safe.

Love is wanting the best for all.

We began by talking about the Royal Wedding and the love that a wedding represents. Then we went on to talk about all the different kinds of love: love of your family, love of your friends, love of mankind and love of God. Trevor Homfray-Cooper from the Pentecostal Church came to visit and led an assembly all about the value of acts of kindness and love. Future assemblies will focus on what the bible has to tell us about love, in particular the idea of "Love your neighbour as yourself and do to others as you'd have them do to you." Please do talk about these ideas with your children at home.

The Royal Wedding Celebration

Thank you for helping your children to come to school in red, white and blue, for any help you put in with making crowns and for your donations of party food. Thank you also to the PTA members and other parents who helped us set up, dish out and tidy up and thank you to the PTA for providing the funds. Despite the wind we had a super time. We announced the crown competition winners and then sang the national anthem and waved our flags before tucking into our wonderful party food. The Maypole Dancers also gave us some entertainment and it was lovely that our friends at Rainbow Pre-School were able to join us.

We hope you enjoyed the extra long bank holiday weekend.

Crown Competition Winners

Year R: Sophie Baker and Charlie Vandergrift.

Year One: Lucy McCusker and Stuart Sherrard.

Year Two: Georgina Cox and Aaron Careford.

Year Three: Sadie Smart and George Gray.

Year Four: Erin Crichton-Smith and Owen Kingsbury.

Well done!



Friday 27th May

The last of our three PTA Non-Uniform Days!

The children are invited to wear their weekend clothes to school on 27th May for a donation of £1 to PTA funds.

Tesco and Sainsbury's vouchers

Please remember to collect these and then bring them in. The equipment we can obtain with them helps hugely with our curriculum.

We would also welcome volunteers to count them. If you can help please talk to the office staff.

Summer Term Issues

Please remember that grey shorts and blue school summer dresses can be worn this term. If the children wear sandals please make sure they are sensible ones with backs suitable for children to run and play in. It is important to put suncream on your children as part of your summer morning routine. They may bring suncream in and top up at lunchtime too. A sun hat is also advisable. School ones are available for £3. Water bottles are essential – also available for £1.50.

Please also remember our uniform is royal blue. We should not be seeing red summer dresses, cardigans or jumpers anymore.

For parents of children with special educational needs:

Parent Partnership Drop In

1st Thursday each month.

10.00 – 11.30 a.m.

2nd June and 7th July

Sandy Community Children's Centre,
Laburnum Road, Sandy, SG19 1HQ.

Find out more about statutory assessment,
draft statements and annual reviews.

0300 300 8088.



The PTA Summer Fete Saturday 11th June 12.00 noon to 3.00 p.m.

The children all designed posters for this event and the winning posters are on display near the front door. Congratulations to the winners:

Reuben Herbert, Freddie Chivers, Jack McIntyre, Carys Garwood, Jude Taylor-Gray, Zach Nash, Isla Murphy, Joseph Brown, Tilly Finch, Sophia Miles, Louise Connolly, Edward Kotarski and Jemima Finch.

If you want to help with fete preparations join us on **Monday 23rd May at 7.30 p.m.** at the school.

If you just want to help on the day please call the school office so we can pass your details on to the PTA.

Look out for letters asking for certain items to help the day go well and start telling all your friends and family the date and time – see you there!

Measles Update from the NHS:

France is currently having a measles outbreak. (3000 cases this year.) There is also an increase in the number of confirmed cases in England this year. (135 cases in first 3 months.)

Most cases in England have never had MMR, although a small number have only had one dose.

MMR is safe and effective at preventing measles.

For more information go to

<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/Measles/Pages/Introduction.aspx> or talk to your GP.



History off the Page

Yrs 3 & 4 enjoyed their day of hands on history recently.

Thank you for your help with the cost of this event. Without parental contributions we could not enhance the curriculum in this way.



***Second Hand Uniform available from the school office.
More donations needed please.***

Reception News

Last half term the children enjoyed their visit from Mr. Singh, a Sikh education officer, who taught them about the Sikh religion, gave them a turn at playing a harmonium and allowed them time to ask questions. This half term we have visited the library to learn about the facilities there and to hear a story. Our main topic is weddings and we have been looking at the royal wedding photos. Years One and Two accepted our invitations to attend our own royal wedding at St. Andrew's Church. The children prepared for the wedding in lots of ways, including washing and decorating bikes for the bridal party to travel in to church, writing vows, prayers and invitations and making horseshoes, top hats and bouquets. It was a super day!

Mrs. Cooper



Yrs 3 & 4 News

We had a super start to the term with Yr 3&4 enjoying making sandwiches that they ate at our royal wedding party. Thank you to everyone who sent in food. Next we had two Roman days with "History off the Page" giving children the opportunity to experience a little of life in Roman Britain. After that some of Year Four went off on their residential trip to PGL returning tired but thrilled with what they'd achieved. The Year Fours who remained in school had a super time too with Mrs. Finch, making sculptures and going to Woburn Safari Park.

Our curriculum has a Roman theme, particularly Romans in Britain. We are considering a trip to Verulamium (Roman St. Albans) towards the end of term but we don't want to make it difficult for parents. It would be really useful if you could give your child's teacher an indication of whether you would be happy to contribute to the cost of such a trip (approx. £12).

In Science we are learning about the sun, light and shadows, so let's hope for more lovely sunshine. In ICT we will learn about databases and in RE we will work on the theme of water and how it is used by different religions. We will also discuss fund raising opportunities so that we can support Yr 3's charity Water Aid. In PE it will be kwik cricket, rounders and athletics. Next half term we will be taking teams of boys and girls to kwik cricket and athletics competitions. There will also be opportunities for Yr 4 children to visit their middle schools to take part in some athletic activities.

Letters from middle schools should have come to you on 16th May. If you have any concerns or questions about the transition to middle school please talk to your child's teacher.

Mrs. Lanning

Yrs 1 & 2 News

Our topic for this half term is minibeasts. We kicked off the topic with a "wow" day that involved a visit from Safari Stu. He brought a selection of wonderful insects for the children to observe and handle. These included hissing cockroaches, stick insects and giant millipedes.

Mrs. Willis



Diary Dates

25th May – String Concert for Yrs 2 & 3

30th May – 3rd June – Half Term Break

9th June – New Parents Meetings

10th June – Pentecost Day with Revd Guy Scott leading assemblies

11th June – PTA Summer Fete 12.00 – 3.00

13th June – Trevor Homfray-Cooper to lead assemblies.

13th June – Week of PTA Secret Fathers Day

16th June – Class Photos

17th June – Australia Day

18th June – Choir and Country Dancers to Hitchin

20th June – Health and Sports Week

20th June – Pro-Kick Challenge

21st June – 10.00 Rec Sports

22nd June – Book Fair

22nd June – 10.00 KS1 Sports

23rd June – 10.00 Yr 3 Sports

23rd June – Yr 3 to Sing Up at Corn Exchange

24th June – 10.00 Yr 4 Sports

24th June - Reports

27th June – My Money Week

28th June – Possible Yrs 1&2 Trip

21st July – Last day of term

22nd July – Staff Training Day

5th Sept – Staff Training Day

6th Sept – First day of term

