



Newsletter 16

12th January 2018

Happy Friday!

On Monday we had our first Collective Worship of the New Year and it was around the theme of 'Sowing The Seeds of Love'. We listened to the Tears for Fears song of the same name (I was obsessed with it and played it repeatedly on my cassette copy of Now 16 back in the day) and we dwelt (briefly) upon how many 'Nows' ago that was!

The message was really about how sowing one seed of love can lead to another to form a chain and we watched a video that illustrates this perfectly. (<https://youtu.be/nwAYpLVyeFU>) Since then, lots of children have told me about the seeds of love they have sown this week - looking after a friend, picking up someone's coat, helping with a job at home for example. And then on Wednesday I was given this beautiful notebook - handmade with a cover featuring lots of felt seeds and the title 'Sewing Seeds of Love'! I think this is a theme that will run and run and it will be interesting to see where it takes us. Have a great weekend, Andy Bowman



This year's reading challenge is 'Get Caught Reading'! For many of you who joined in with last year's reading challenge, 'Extreme Reading', you will see many similarities.

The aim of this challenge is to encourage children to read wherever they are. If they have a spare few minutes, they can read.

To do this, we would like your child to get caught reading on camera as many times as they can with different books to compete in our whole school reading challenge. Once children have their photos they can be emailed to me or brought in for the reading display. Photos should be sent to the school email address clearly labelled for Mr Preedy or Get Caught Reading. The photos may be used in our school newsletter, so please only send them in if you are happy for this to happen.

There will be a prize for the winning class as well as a prize for best individual photo. The photos that are brought in will be displayed on each class' reading tree display.

Children can be caught reading wherever is safe. There is no limit on how many photos children can be in, but each photo needs to be with a different book. If there are 3 photos brought in with the same book, this will only count as 1 point. However, children caught reading a **library book** from school will earn 2 points for their class!

At the end of Term 5, the points will be counted and verified and the winners announced. The prize for the winning class will be £150 to spend on books for their classroom.

Let the challenge commence!

Mr Preedy

Love

Courage

Creativity

Joy



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Clubs..... Musical rehearsals for years 3 – 6 will begin on Thursday 1st February from 3.30-4.15 in the hall. You can pick up a form from the carousel and please return your form to the office before Friday 26th January.
Liz Flood

Theatre visits.... We are all looking forward to the Level Up E-Safety theatre performance on Tuesday 20th February.
We are requesting a £2.75 contribution towards the cost of this show, and this also covers the Snowman show that we enjoyed in December.
If you haven't yet made your contribution we would very grateful if you could please sign into Parentpay and do so as soon as possible.
Thank you for your support.

Message from Reverend Philip....
New Pattern of Services at St Stephen's.
We are now having Sunday groups on the first, second and third Sundays.
The fourth Sunday will be Scruffy Church at 4pm in the Centre.

It will be great to see you.

Diary Dates.....

Coming up in January....
19th – Year 4 Ukulele Family Assembly 9.30am

Coming up in February....
2nd – PTA Quiz night
6th Newbarn Meeting 6pm
9th – End of Term 3
19th - Beginning of Term 4
20th – E-safety theatre visit
WB 26th – Book Fair

***Entries in bold are new to the list**

Mathletics.... Happy New Year! Congratulations to James in Year 2, our first Gold in 2018!
Well done also to the following children who are continuing to impress the school with their efforts and resilience in Mathletics:

Eve C
Kristian
Clara
Angelo (Silver)
Jasmine (Silver + bronze)
Izzy (Silver)
Rose
Sophie (Silver)
Nell (Silver)
Isaac
Sofia
Charlotte
Sinead
Alexander
Leo
Becky (Silver + Bronze)
Sophia (Silver)
Jasper
Callum (Silver + Bronze)
Linden
Babafemi (Silver)
Freddie
India
Zach
Freddie
Ana
Elias
Jessica
Clare (Silver+ Bronze)
Elias
Sophie
Elias (Silver + Bronze)
Tutku
Alfie
Isabella
Toby
Madeline-Mae Tanner
Harry
James (Gold!! + Bronze)
Layla (Silver)
Antonia (Silver)
Layla
Harry
Cara
Isla
Louis
Bethany (Silver)
Daniel

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