

Knights Templar Community Church School and Nursery

Our Core Values: **Love** **Hope** **Commitment** **Belonging** **Respect**



Newsletter No. 8

17 January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to see the children returning positively to their learning after the excitement of Christmas!

Mrs Llewellyn has now formally taken up her role as class teacher in Donaldson working in a job-share with Mrs McLaughlin; we are really pleased to have such an experienced teacher join our team. We are also very excited to share that Mr and Mrs Armitage welcomed baby Alice into the world this week. I am sure you join me in wishing them all well as they embark on the journey that is parenthood.

If you have not done so already, please do sign up to the free My Happy Mind application we shared details of last week. The children enjoyed the launch assembly this week and have been enjoying learning about their brains in their class lesson. There were some amazing brain sculptures being made in Reception using playdough and with our youngest children showing a fantastic understanding of the different parts of their brain and the functions!

Laura Weaver, Head Teacher

News from Key Stage 1

Happy New Year!

You may have noticed that we are beginning work on improving the outside space for Key Stage 1.

We want to say a huge thank you to the KTSCA and Anne Reeder for money donated to help us do this. Hopefully, the children have been telling you about their 'Inventing' (Going on an adventure, inventing on the way!) while in the new space! If you have any skills that could be useful to help organise the outside space further, please let the office know!

Michael the Poet

The Watchet Literary Festival very kindly organised for Michael the Poet to come and work with Year 1 and 2. The children loved listening to lots of different poems (especially from a real poet!). We created some fantastic poems of our own, about the senses, which will be entered into the Watchet Literary Festival competition. Leaflets on how to enter the competition should have come home in book bags this week.

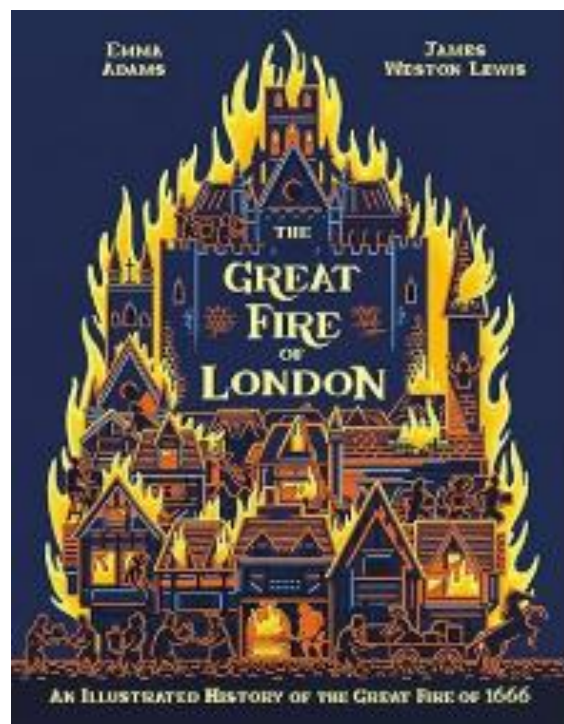


KS1 Book recommendation:

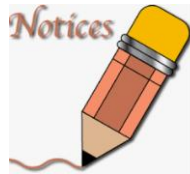
The Great Fire of London -

Emma Adams and James Weston Lewis

Children will love examining the rich detail of each spread, from the detailed city map to the drawings of London before, during and after the fire took hold. This book takes the dramatic historical information surrounding the Great Fire of London and transforms it into a breath-taking story that will transfix readers of all ages.



ATTENDANCE



Well done Gates class on amazing attendance !

Reception	97.5 %
Donaldson	95.2 %
Anning	91.7 %
Attenborough	97.4 %
Rashford	96.4 %
Gates	98.5 %
Mandela	90.4 %

KTSCA

We have had a busy start to the term! Key Stage 1 enjoyed a visit from a travelling theatre show who performed an engaging play related to the Great Fire of London. This was a great interactive experience for the children and kickstarted their new history topic! Today we had a Chinese Workshop Day for the whole school. The children participated in a Chinese Dragon Dance workshop and the school hall was transformed into China Town! The children got to sample Chinese food during the day.

We love being able to fund these events for the children but do need to occasionally ask for parent contributions – we try to keep this to minimum.

We have not asked for any donation for the Chinese workshop but do ask if you child attended the great fire of London workshop, that you contribute £3 towards this cost.

Despite messages about it we have still only had about 30 parents out of 75 pay and without more contributions it may mean we are no longer able to fund such events. Please pay under the offers section on WEDUC. Thank you for your support.

Congratulations to the Spring Term Head boy and Girl – Jacob and Millie! They have taken over the baton from Charlie and Alice – thank you both for everything you did last term!



January

24 Road Safety Assemblies (all years)

February

- 8 Beach Clean (Eco Warriors)
- 14 School Disco (Wear What You Love)
- 15-23 Half Term
- 25 Teach Rex Gorilla Workshops (all years)
- 28 Police Dog Handling Talk (KS2)

March

- 3-5 Mothers' Day Secret Room Ticket Sale
- 4&5 Parents Evenings
- 5 Gemma Hunt – workshop
- 12-17 Book fair
- 17 RE Focus Day
- 21 Red Nose Day

April

- 3 Sponsored Bunny Hop (KTSCA Event)
- 4 INSET Day
- 4-21 Easter Holidays
- 22 Return to School

House Points

Doniford



861

Helwell



853

Blue Anchor



989

Warren Bay



1092



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SPOTLIGHT DANCE
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'WHAT A FEELING'

JANUARY

24TH & 25TH

AT THE REGAL THEATRE

SDA

Friday 24th - 7.30pm
Saturday 25th - 2.30 &
7.30pm