

Knights Templar Community Church School and Nursery

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



Newsletter No. 4

24 October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

The first half of the Autumn term has certainly flown by! It has been fantastic to see the children across the whole school settling into their new routines and stepping up to the challenge of their new year groups.

As you will be aware, we were re-inspected by Ofsted last week. Thank you to the school community for completing the survey and speaking to the inspectors in the playground. I was very proud of the children who adapted to having a number of different adults in and out of their classes as well as adapting to changes to the usual routine as their own teachers were needed for meetings with inspectors. Our Year 4 Leaders in particular had a number of meetings to attend and were confident communicators. We look forward to sharing the outcomes of the inspection with you over the course of next half term when the report has been published.

I am also super excited to share that [Elliot's Touch](#) are subsidising additional Mindfulness sessions for the school which will take place on a Wednesday afternoon starting after half term. The impact of the work of the Mindful Mayhem team has been significant for children across the school and I am so very grateful that we can offer these sessions to more children.

I hope you all have a positive half term break and we look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 4 November.

Laura Weaver, Head Teacher

News from Early Years

It has been a busy but fantastic first half term of school. The children have settled into school extremely well. In the past few weeks, we have been busy starting our journey of learning how to read and write.

We have also started something new called 'Drawing Club.' Each week we choose a different text to draw and write secret codes about. There has been some really imaginative drawing and writing and it's been so lovely to see the children excited to put pencil to paper.

The children have also had their first swimming taster session, it was so lovely to see how confident the children were in the water. The children are really looking forward to starting swimming lessons with Mrs Rawle after half term.

We have finished off the half term with our very own Harvest celebration for the Reception parents. Needless to say, the children were all super stars and displayed very good levels of confidence throughout- we are very much looking forward to our Christmas performance now!



Early Years Book recommendation:

A brilliantly funny picture book about seasons, written by Alice Hemming and illustrated by Nicola Slater.

Squirrel is so cross.

Yesterday there were loads of beautiful leaves on his tree, but today? Today some are missing and Squirrel is convinced that someone has **stolen** them...

there's a leaf thief on the loose!

Join Squirrel on a mission to find the culprit, and meet so many fun animals on the way, while you find out how the world takes on different colours as the months pass by.

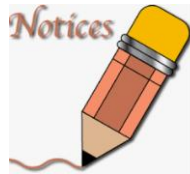
- A laugh-out-loud book about the changing seasons, with extra information in the back for especially curious minds
- Perfect as a companion reader to children learning about seasons in school
- A brilliant picture book that explores feelings, moods and times where we feel out of control



TTRockstar Heroes this term:

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| Donaldson | Jasper C |
| Anning | Willow S |
| Attenborough | Oliver W-P |
| Rashford | Joseph J |
| Gates | George T |
| Mandela | Harry G |

ATTENDANCE



Well done Attenborough class on amazing attendance !

Reception	90.1 %
Donaldson	92.7 %
Anning	89.6 %
Attenborough	95.8 %
Rashford	91.7 %
Gates	91.7 %
Mandela	95.1 %

KTSCA

How is it half term already? We've had a busy one with 3 successful, well supported events, a non uniform day and a history workshop for KS2. We have made just under £2000 in this half term which is incredible. This money will go towards paying for Christmas gifts for every child, our annual Christmas trees and further workshops which we have booked in throughout the year.

Dates for your calendar - we have a Quiz Night on Saturday 23rd November at 7.00pm. Teams can be made of up to 6 people at £3 each. Matthew Bowden has been enlisted as our Quiz Master again. Refreshments will be available including alcoholic ones. Team names and money can be handed in to the office please.

Our Christmas Fayre is Saturday 30th November. Keep an eye on our Facebook page (KTSCA) for Grotto slots over half term. Finally Christmas Secret Room tickets will be on sale via Weduc on 2nd-4th December. £3.50 each, maximum of 2 gifts per child. Further details to follow. Have a lovely half term and fingers crossed for some Autumn sunshine.

Butterfly Book and Writers Award

Each half term, every class nominates two children, one to receive the Butterfly Book Award and one to receive the Writer's Award.

The **Butterfly Book Award** is awarded to one member of the class who has shown effort, motivation and interest in reading. The books are awarded in the memory of Emma Harris who was a previous pupil and had gone onto be an English teacher before sadly passing away. Our Butterfly Book Area in school is a celebration of her life and is supported by Julie Sully, her mum, who fundraises to provide books for this award.

Our **Writer's Award** is awarded to the child in each class who has shown the greatest development in their individual writing skills during over the course of the half term. Both awards are recognised in the assembly and the writers award piece of writing is displayed in the hall for the next half term. The winners last half term are as follows - well done!

Reception

Butterfly Book: Emily L

Writers' Award: Evie S

Donaldson

Butterfly Book: Rosie W

Writers' Award: Louie M

Anning

Butterfly Book: Cody-Jay L

Writers' Award: Marley G

Attenborough

Butterfly Book: Blossom C-R

Writers' Award: Aurora R

Rashford

Butterfly Book: Ava J

Writers' Award: Samuel N

Gates

Butterfly Book: Jacob J

Writers' Award: Oliver P

Mandela

Butterfly Book: Amelia N

Writers' Award: Rose N



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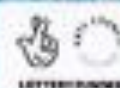
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