



Langho and Billington St. Leonard's Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week's Christian Value



It has been a very productive start to our Spring Term, and we are only seven days in! We began with a whole school worship on Thursday 6th to celebrate the feast of the Epiphany. Well done and thank you to year 3 who led us in this service along with Rev. Tracy and her wonderful presents! We have begun different extra-curricular clubs and they looked very exciting – from rugby to fencing to woodland art. The children have been so busy learning and we have launched our new phonics and early reading programme in full across reception and year 1. The teachers and children have been very excited with this new approach and some shiny new books!

Next week's Christian Value



Please see below for important information, our weekly class updates and of course our Stars of the Week!

Kind regards and have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Lindley

Panto!

Early Years, Year 1 and 2 will be enjoying a visiting pantomime coming into school on Tuesday morning for a January treat and to enhance their understanding and experiences of storytelling. Thank you so much to everyone who has already submitted the monies on Parentpay.

Art Competition



Calling all our budding artists. We would like some new bird pictures to be used in all our school communications (newsletter, website, twitter etc.) We are asking children to create a picture (e.g. drawing, painting, collage...) of their class' bird. The winners will have their picture as the 'official' picture for the class! If your child would like to enter, they need to complete their entry on an A4 piece of paper with their name and class and then **return to school by Wednesday 19th January** ready for the winners to be chosen. Well done and thank you to those who have already submitted entries. It will be hard to choose! Have fun and get creating!

Church Yard Parking

The church gutter is being maintained on Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th January. Therefore, the church yard must be completely free of cars for safety reasons and because otherwise the cherry picker won't be able to get access.

Extra-Curricular Activities

It has been wonderful to start our range of extra-curricular activities with sports and outdoor clubs. The range on offer will continue to grow so look out for more details. Here is a montage of some of the artwork created by year 3.



Early Reading (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)

Thank you to the parents and grandparents who were able to attend our zoom session about our new phonics and early reading programme, Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised. The recording of the session and additional information will be made available on Seesaw asap. There will be an additional information session for parents **of children in Year 2 on Thursday 20th January at 6pm**. The link will be sent out next week.

Diary Dates

Spring 1

Tuesday 18 th January	Early Years and KS1 Visiting Pantomime in school
Thursday 20 th January 6pm (zoom)	Year 2 Reading information session for parents & carers
Monday 24 th – Wednesday 26 th January	Blackbirds Balance Bikes
Wednesday 2 nd & Thursday 3 rd March	Parents' Evenings – more details to follow.

Class Highlights from the Week

Early Years



New winning competition picture coming soon...!

See the art competition above to enter 😊

In our Early Years phase this week we have all been thinking about winter time. We have talked about how winter makes us feel and what we need to wear to keep warm. Our weekly stories were both called 'One Snowy Night' (but by different authors) and we have looked at kindness and friendship and how story characters have helped one another during wintry times. We have welcomed some new members to our Little Lennie's family and our Blackbirds children have returned to school with such positive attitudes ready for a new year. We have thought about the country of Ghana this week, developing understanding of the wider world around us and sharing tales from far away. This has led to some creative opportunities. As we have played outside, we have been mindful of how many creatures could be hibernating in our school grounds and surrounding fields and woods. What a wonderful week of thoughts and idea sharing for everyone! 😊

	<p><u>Evelyn</u></p> <p><i>Let Your Light Shine... Matthew 5: 16</i></p>	
	<p><u>Dilly</u></p> <p><i>Let Your Light Shine... Matthew 5: 16</i></p>	

Doves

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Doves have had a very busy week! We are excited to be starting our new class reward system, we have to fill a 100 square to get a class reward. So far we are doing very well and are working towards a movie afternoon. In Science we were looking at different weather types and writing word banks for each different weather type. We had some beautiful drawings and symbols. In PE we started gymnastics and Doves loved using equipment and completing different challenges. Well done guys!

	<p><u>Hattie</u></p> <p><i>Let Your Light Shine... Matthew 5: 16</i></p>	
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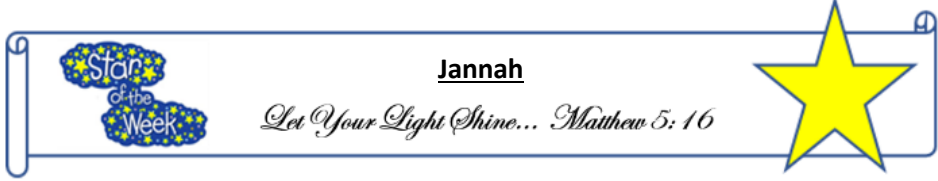



Eagles


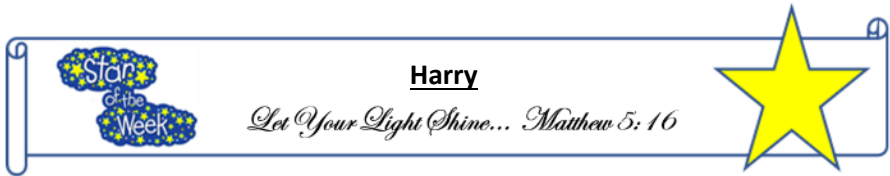

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We have had a super week in Eagles with lots of exciting activities. We enjoyed using the four compass points to follow directions as part of our geography learning and discussed how to program an algorithm in computing. PE was great fun, learning how to move confidently and safely using gymnastic equipment. In DT we discovered how to make simple mechanisms including sliders and levers. What an amazing week! Well done Eagles.

	<p><u>Priya</u></p> <p><i>Let Your Light Shine... Matthew 5: 16</i></p>	
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<p>Falcons</p> <p>New winning competition picture coming soon...!</p> <p>See the art competition above to enter 😊</p>	<p>What a fabulous week in Falcons! We have loved the first week of our new science unit on 'weather', asking and answering some very interesting questions - how does lightning strike in the sky? Why do rainbows look so far away? We are enjoying our weather journals and have already noticed weather patterns! I think we have some budding scientists in Falcons.</p> <div data-bbox="523 309 1465 488">  <p>Jannah</p> <p><i>Let Your Light Shine... Matthew 5: 16</i></p> </div>
<p>Hérons</p> <p>New winning competition picture coming soon...!</p> <p>See the art competition above to enter 😊</p>	<p>The Heron Class children have started Spring Term in an inquisitive way. In PSHE we asked, 'What are families like?' and considered diversity of family units. In RE we asked how Jesus did, and continues to change lives. We made connections by thinking about dramatic changes that we have experienced and thought about stories from the Bible where Jesus affected people in a dramatic way. In Geography, we also questioned the needs of early settlers in Britain and what resources they would have needed when setting up a village. We considered why certain places were chosen for settlements and discovered how some of our place names originate from these early settlers. Additionally, the children enjoyed their music lesson and practiced listening and responding to beats and rhythms. A great week for the Herons!</p> <div data-bbox="523 898 1465 1077">  <p>Martha</p> <p><i>Let Your Light Shine... Matthew 5: 16</i></p> </div>
<p>Kingfishers</p> <p>New winning competition picture coming soon...!</p> <p>See the art competition above to enter 😊</p>	<p>Kingfishers have had a fantastic start to the new year and have worked extremely hard this week. In Geography, the children have used a map to locate a range of settlements around the UK. We explored the needs of early settlers and compared them to what we have accessible to us today. The children had an excellent discussion about the importance of shops, transport links, friends and electricity. In PSHE, we started to think about our key question, 'What are families like?' The children identified different types of families and created their own definition of a family, thinking about what makes theirs special and unique. There was some lovely comments and thoughtful observations. Super work, Kingfishers!</p> <div data-bbox="523 1429 1465 1608">  <p>Jessica</p> <p><i>Let Your Light Shine... Matthew 5: 16</i></p> </div>
<p>Owls</p> <p>New winning competition picture coming soon...!</p> <p>See the art competition above to enter 😊</p>	<p>Owls Class have been working hard throughout their first full week of the year. In Geography, the children have learnt about what early settlers need. In science, they focused on the seven life processes and in PE enjoyed their first lesson based on gymnastics. The children also produced some wonderful writing and pieces of artwork based on 'Stig of the Dump'. Well done Owls - Happy New Year everyone!</p> <div data-bbox="523 1906 1465 2085">  <p>Evelyn</p> <p><i>Let Your Light Shine... Matthew 5: 16</i></p> </div>

<p>Robins</p> <p>New winning competition picture coming soon...!</p> <p>See the art competition above to enter 😊</p>	<p>This week, Robins class have settled back into classroom life well. We chose a sports afternoon as a reward for when we have fill our new class points chart. We started lots of new work; Macbeth in guided reading, persuasion in writing, The Exodus in R.E., Variables and coding using Scratch in computing, Natural Wonders of the World (starting with Victoria Falls) in geography and, of course, swimming. The children are looking forward to more time in the pool next week.</p> <div data-bbox="523 344 1461 528">  <p>Joseph</p> <p><i>Let Your Light Shine... Matthew 5: 16</i></p> </div>
<p>Swifts</p> <p>New winning competition picture coming soon...!</p> <p>See the art competition above to enter 😊</p>	<p>We've had a good full first week back starting our new Geography topic looking at the seven Wonders of the World focusing on the natural ones. In RE we explored what made events significant and considering those in our own lives and the lives of others. The year 6's enjoyed their session with the rugby coaches on Monday, and several children are enjoying the after-school club on Monday evening. We have also enjoyed starting our work on the works of Shakespeare starting with Macbeth. This afternoon we have enjoyed looking at variables in games and have started building code for our own games.</p> <div data-bbox="555 808 1449 983">  <p>Harry</p> <p><i>Let Your Light Shine... Matthew 5: 16</i></p> </div>
<p>Wrens</p> <p>New winning competition picture coming soon...!</p> <p>See the art competition above to enter 😊</p>	<p>We have had a busy week in Wrens class. The children thoroughly enjoyed their PE lesson with Wigan Warriors on Monday and I was very proud that the coach remarked upon the children's fantastic behaviour. The children enjoyed learning about Victoria Falls as part of our new geography project and used their map skills to describe the location of the falls. In art the children produced some wonderful silhouettes of the London skyline during the Blitz to complete their World War Two art for our 'When the Sky falls' display. We have started to learn about the Exodus story and the importance of significant events to the world. A super week of learning - well done Wrens class !</p> <div data-bbox="531 1290 1474 1473">  <p>Hollie</p> <p><i>Let Your Light Shine... Matthew 5: 16</i></p> </div>

