



The Weekly Hill

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Headteacher's Column

What a wonderful start it's been to the Autumn term! It has been a very busy and exciting few weeks. Year 5 had a brilliant time at Laches Wood and impressed all of the staff with their teamwork, resilience and tenacity. Years 4, 5 and 6 enjoyed attending the Faith trail where they visited three places of worship. Please see overleaf for some quotes from the children about their experience.

The children enjoyed their Harvest celebrations at Church last week and were fantastic role models with their behavior and participation in the service.

In school this month, we will be commemorating Black History Month, there is more information overleaf. We are also looking forward to sharing your child/ren's achievements with you at parents evening so please remember to book your appointment if you haven't already done so.

Mrs A Morganti - Head of School

Health and Safety

We are having an increasing number of children bringing in toys. Please remind children that they should not be bringing any toys in to school.

The only jewellery permitted at school is a watch and small stud earrings. No other jewellery is allowed—in a school environment with 400+ children, it is not safe to wear jewellery that can easily get caught on others hair/clothing etc. Please ensure that children do not wear more or we will have to ask them to remove.

Please remind children that they are not allowed to climb on the steps/bars by year 1. Children are playing on this at pick-up and drop-off time and there have been several injuries.

A reminder that dogs are NOT allowed on school site (even very cute puppies).

Thank you for your support.

Black History Month

Children will be celebrating Black History Month in school through a range of curriculum activities. Mrs Smith was incredibly impressed with the children's knowledge and attitudes in Monday's assembly. Keep an eye on our social media pages to see what we've been up to.

Black History Month happens every year in October. During this month, we celebrate Inspirational Black Role Models in a variety of ways throughout the school. This year the theme is 'Saluting our Sisters'.

This is a celebration and an opportunity to recognise the fantastic achievements that Black people have had throughout history. We want children to be aware of the many Inspirational Black Role Models and understand the challenges they have faced and have had to overcome.

'Honour the past. Celebrate the present. Educate and inspire the future.'



Over the past few weeks, children in years 4, 5 and 6 have taken part in a Faith trail. During this experience, children visited a Hindu temple, a Sikh Gurdwara and a Mosque. Below are some quotes from the children about their experiences.

'I enjoyed the faith trail because the mosque was really interesting and the Gurdwara was so cool. I enjoyed learning about other people's religions'- Y6

'The statues were really beautiful'- Y4 'My favourite part was the first part, the temple, because there were lots of questions and the music and statues were really cool'- Y5

'I learnt about how people pray and I liked the decoration in the temple'- Y5

'I enjoyed playing a game in the prayer room where we had to find different things'- Y4

'I liked learning about the 5ks of Sikhism'- Y6

'It was an amazing adventure exploring different religions and visiting the places of worship' - Y6

'I loved the faith trail, I wish we could go again!'- Y4

'It was interesting to learn about a different culture and we tried some new foods' Y6

'I enjoyed learning new vocabulary and words in different languages'- Y4

'I think that the culture was really interesting and also all of the temples were interesting because when you go in you have to ring the bell. I loved the food, it was really nice'- Y5

'I just loved everything!'- Y4

'We got to hold the 5 K's'- Y4

'I think it was very exciting and new because we got to learn a lot of stuff about religions in a more fun way than in a classroom'-Y6

'I learnt that wearing a head scarf is respectful and that everyone is treated the same no matter if they're rich or poor'- Y5

'I enjoyed playing a game in the prayer room where we had to find different things'- Y4

'I thought the faith trail was quite an adventure from trying their food to meeting some Muslim people who taught us about their religion'-Y6

'I had a great time, I learnt different things about religion. My favourite thing was looking at the first building'- Y5

'We really enjoyed trying new foods'- Y6

'We got to try some delicious food. We ate curry and bread'-

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
October	Black History Month
Thursday 12th October	3 China Assembly
Thursday 19th October	5 Canada Assembly
Thursday 19th October	PTFA neon disco.
Friday 20th October	Y6 RAF Cosford trip
Tuesday 24th October Thursday 26th October	Parents evening
Friday 27th October	INSET DAY 2 - school closed to children
30th October-3rd November	October Half Term
6th November	INSET DAY 3—school closed to children
7th November	Children return to school
W.b. 13th November	Anti Bullying week (in school events)
Thursday 16th November	6 France assembly
Monday 20th November	TT Rockstar day
Tuesday 21st November	School Photographs
Friday 1st December	Christmas Fayre
Thursday 21st December	Children finish at 2pm for Christmas holidays
Friday 22nd December	INSET DAY 4—school closed to children
23rd Dec—7th Jan 2024	Christmas Holidays
Monday 8th January	Return to school for Spring term
12th-16th February	Spring half term holiday
Monday 19th February	Return to school
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day
11th March	Y6 Paris Week
25th March to 5th April	Easter Holidays

We are still in need of reading volunteers. If you can spare some time in an afternoon and would like to support us, please contact Mrs Bullock.

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to arrange an appointment.

Appointments must be booked in advance.

Face-to-face sessions take place at

Church of the Holy Spirit on Tuesday and Friday mornings.

We offer **online and 'phone sessions** for people who are housebound
or unable to attend in person.

CRCS is organised by an accredited supervisor. Counsellors are
fully qualified and registered with the
Professional Standards Authority (PSA) for Health and Social Care
or in the final years of their degree course.