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Newsletter – Friday 4th November

Dear Parents,

I hope you have all enjoyed the half term break. This week, we welcome Mrs Barnes to teach Beech class and Maddison to join the children in Ash class.

You should all have received a copy of our OFSTED report which was published earlier this week. I would like to remind you that the governors and I are holding a meeting for parents on Monday 7th November at 7pm to present our action plan and answer your questions. I look forward to working with parents, governors and staff to continue to improve the school.

Kind regards,

S Bridgman

Mrs Bridgman

Christian Value

Our Christian value for this half term is “LOVE” and the related Bible verse the children will learn about is ‘Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.’ 1 Corinthians 13v4. The children have been reflecting on how people who care for them show love to them. You can see some of their ideas on the hearts hanging in the front entrance. Please talk to your child about our value at home and encourage them to recognise how it relates to their day to day life.

School Council

Our school council is made up with one representative from Y1-Y6. They have already worked with me to update the school’s marking policy and behaviour policy this term (details will be added to the website shortly). Children have also suggested that we start a ‘house’ system where children from older year groups are linked up with younger ones. School council members have suggested that they could help each other with reading and a project in anti-bullying week. I will be helping them put their plans into action in the coming weeks.

Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity Church is holding a Christingle Service for families on Sunday 27th November at 4pm at the church in aid of the Children’s Society. Families are welcome to attend.

Some of our children have had their writing published in the parish magazine this month. Year 4 children wrote about their visit to St Alban’s Cathedral and KS1 children wrote about the sports festival.

MySchoolApp

In response to a suggestion in parent forum and to our OFSTED targets, I have arranged a one month trial for MyschoolApp. This is a free app that can be downloaded to your smartphone. It will have calendar dates, news items and will enable us to send you text style messages. The app will be available to you from Monday. If successful, I will sign up from January. I will send out a copy of the passwords and download information to parents separately and ask for your feedback at the end of term.