



Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe we've made it to half term – and half way through the school year! I think staff and children alike are really ready for the break – and looking forward to lighter evenings when we come back after the holiday.

It was great to see so many of you at our Parents' Evenings on Tuesday and Wednesday – I hope you found them useful. Thank you to all of the staff for their time and preparation for this event.

Language and Culture Day

You should have received a letter this week giving you information about our plans for Tuesday, 25th February, when we will be celebrating the wealth of different languages and cultures we have in our St Walburga's family. Your child is invited to prepare a poster, leaflet or presentation about the town, or the country that their family come from, we would love to create a display in the school. Your child should come in mufti on that day, reflecting their family heritage if possible. Many thanks.

Hinduism Learning

This week, the children have begun their unit on Other Faiths. Our focus this year is on Hinduism, where the children have begun to explore the key components of this faith. The children have been introduced to the main beliefs of the Hindu faith, specifically focusing on the sacred buildings, sacred texts and how they worship. The children in Key Stage 1 have explored the Mandir as a place of worship and after half term they will continue to develop their knowledge of the different stories that form the foundations of their faith. In Key Stage 2, the children have been learning about the different Gods and Goddesses and have compared the similarities and differences between Hinduism and Christianity. After half term, the children will begin to learn more about the festivals of Diwali and Holi and produce a piece of art to reflect their understanding.

School Football

Well done to our school football teams! Our girls' team won their friendly 3-2 and our boys' team won 5-0, both against St. Luke's Primary School. The two goal scorers for the girls were Flora and Bella. Bella writes: *'I really enjoyed playing football especially as I scored a goal!'* Flora writes: *'I learnt to never give up and don't stop trying.'* We've got everything crossed that the boys' team have enough points to qualify for the semi-final of the Bournemouth Schools' Cup.

Hope for Food fundraiser

Well done to the Year 6 Chaplaincy Team for organising the Hope for Food Fundraiser last week. The class which has raised the most and earned some extra playtime is 6KB. Thank you for your support.

World Book Day

Just a reminder that we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday, 6th March and your child is invited to come into school dressed as a book character – giving you plenty of warning in case you want to get creative over the half term break! For those who do not want to dress up, look out for the letter after half term with other options.

Hot meals

The deadline for ordering hot school meals for the first week back is by midnight on Monday 17th February – so if you have not ordered by then, please ensure your child has a packed lunch on the first week back.

Lunchtime supervisors

We are looking to recruit some more staff to join our lunchtime team, supporting the children with hot lunches in the hall or packed lunches in the classroom and supervising them outside for their lunch play time. If you would like to find out more about this role, which is term time only, please contact Mrs Duffy in the school office by phone or email, or speak

to Mrs Crutchley or myself on the gate. Please spread the word among your family and friends.

Urgent request for School Building Fund

A reminder that the termly payment for the diocesan building fund is now due. We have been able to access a very significant amount of a fund to help with the costs of replacing leaking roofs and many other vital projects which are the responsibility of the school, keeping the school maintained and safe. To do this we need to ensure we have a regular supply of donations, preferably by way of standing orders of £2.50 per month, £30 per annum or whatever you are able to contribute please. This will help us to pay our required termly subscription. Thank you to all of you who help us in this way already, it is greatly appreciated. Please see the attached leaflet with Standing Order Form for regular donations. Or alternatively you can pay via WisePay and it is available now. Thank you. **We have to pay this bill, regardless of whether or not we receive your donation – so every bit of help is absolutely essential and gratefully received!**

We've had no update on the School Crossing. Therefore, we assume the School Crossing will only be patrolled in the mornings after half term.

Reminder – No Robbie Rocket Football after school on Friday 28th February!

Yoga Club – SPACES!

Spaces are available in the Monday after school Yoga Club for Yr 1, 2 and 3. If your child is interested, please contact Rebecca at www.bournemouth-yoga.co.uk or on 07974302802

School Councillors:

Well done and thank you to our School Councillors who have served us for the first half of the year: 1JC: Gabriella, 1WH: Jenson; 2MS: Freddie; 2NW: Emmanuel; 3DB: Sebastian; 3NL: Paisley; 4DC: Kade; 4PM: Navish; 5JC: Abigail; 5RH: Evelyn; 6HT: Bella; 6KB: Valentina.

Our Mission Statement Hero this is week is Teddy from Havant.

Teddy has collected more than 2500 plastic confectionary tubs because he found out that the tubs could not be recycled by the kerbside and he didn't want them to end up in landfill. Teddy told the BBC, 'We have one planet and we need to look after it.'

Super Role Model:

RP: Maisie, RJ: Arthur; 1JC: Yuvaan; 1WH: Jayden; 2NW: Edie; 2MS: Jake; 3DB: Eleanor; 3NL: Ogenna; 4DC: Leo; 4PM: Olivia; 5JC: Amaya; 5RH: Daniel; 6KB: Olly; 6HT: Mabel.

Learning Champion:

RP: Raphael, RJ: Aoife; 1JC: Kit; 1WH: Holly; 2NW: Camille; 2MS: Hanna; 3DB: Lillie; 3NL: Robbie; 4DC: Alex; 4PM: Oscar; 5JC: Victor; 5RH: Poppy; 6KB: Sofia; 6HT: Harry.

Dates for your diary:

Mon 24 th Feb	8.40am	School starts after half term break
Mon 24 th Feb	pm	Year 6 swimming starts (6 weeks)
Tues 25 th Feb	All day	Language and Culture Day
Wed 5 th Mar	All day	Ash Wednesday
Thurs 6 th Mar	All day	World Book Day
w/c 10 th March	All week	Year 3 'Stone Age Week'

Wishing you a lovely half term break with your family,

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