Newsletter

Communication Survey

Thank-you to the 66 people who completed our recent short survey to provide us with feedback on our newsletter and MCAS (My Child at School).

96% of parents either read the newsletter in full, or skim read it. Almost all information is contained in our end of week newsletter, reading it will help you stay up to date with what is going on in school.

62% of parents find MCAS easy to use. Many of you however asked for some information about how to navigate the App and so attached to this newsletter is a 'Bromcom Factsheet', which we hope will help.

Lots of you asked about school meals. Unfortunately, the financial penalty for withdrawing from ParentPay prior to the end of our contract was very significant and so we cannot move lunches over to MCAS until next autumn.

If you wish to use MCAS for communication, your message will be read by the Admin Team as are messages sent to the office email. Messages will be passed on to any relevant members of staff as necessary.

We do our best to feature information in our Newsletter from all around the school, but we do not have capacity to upload something from every year group, every week. We know that some photos are small, sadly making every photo full size would make the newsletter unmanageable - you can always enlarge photos on your screen to see more detail.

We understand that trying to keep track of dates is a challenge! We are therefore planning to include a 'Coming Up' item on our Newsletter each week to help.

News from Mr Edwards-Grundy

It was a real joy to welcome your children back to school after the half-term break.

This month our Value is Compassion. In Collective Worship I shared the story of Jesus feeding 5000 people, in which Jesus shows Compassion twice!

At the start of the story Jesus is tired and he wants to go somewhere quiet for a break, but the people follow him – they want him to teach them. The Bible says that Jesus had compassion on them and so he taught them – all day!

Later in the story, Jesus recognises that the people are hungry, and so he again shows compassion on them and miraculously provides food for all 5000 of them.

At its simplest, compassion is noticing the suffering of others and doing something about it. The children could think of lots of occasions when they could show compassion, to their friends and their peers, the challenge is more often to stop and notice.

As part of our discussion, we thought about the opposite of compassion. It generated some interesting thoughts. Mr Baish added a German word 'Schadenfreude', to my suggestions of 'Apathy' and 'Judgement'. Perhaps it is different for each of us, with the reasons we don't show compassion being as varied as we are.

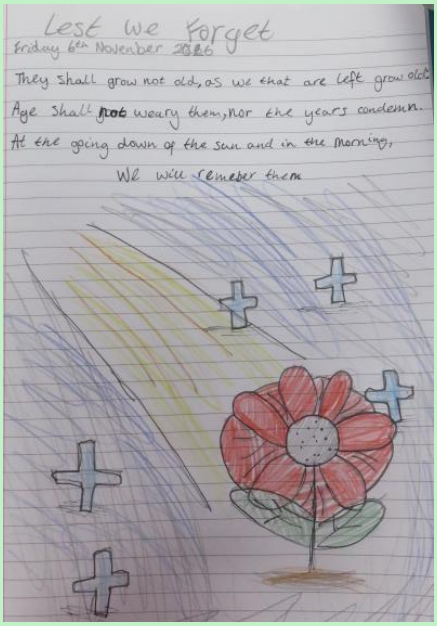
I am however encouraged by the small (and not so small) acts of compassion that I see around school each day, children supporting one another and giving up their time to look after and encourage someone who is struggling. Perhaps your child could tell you someone who has shown compassion to them in school this week?

News from Around the School – We will remember them

This week, children across the school have been taking some time to remember. Children in Year 3 have produced some fantastic artwork and done some careful writing, children in Year 4 have sewn their own poppies and written some poems.






Lest we Forget

Friday 6th November 2026

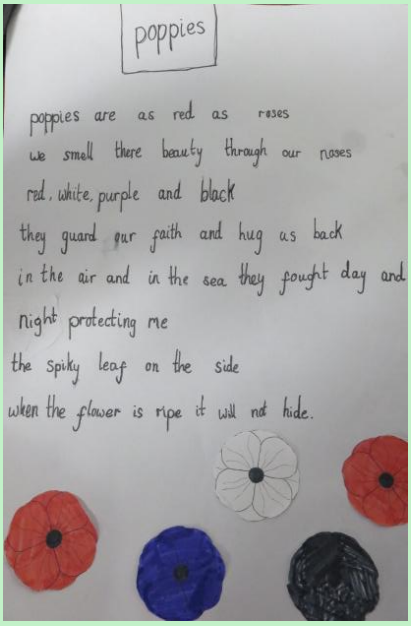
They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning,

We will remeber them




poppies

poppies are as red as roses

we smell there beauty through our noses

red, white, purple and black

they guard our faith and hug us back

in the air and in the sea they fought day and night protecting me

the spiky leaf on the side

when the flower is ripe it will not hide.







News from Around the School – Outdoor Learning

This week half of our children have enjoyed some outdoor learning, next week the other half will have the same opportunity. It was great fun to be outdoors, working together.











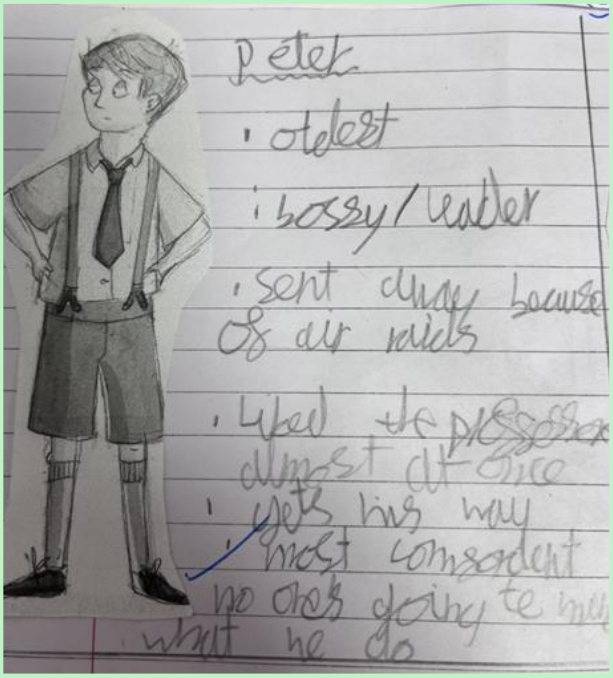


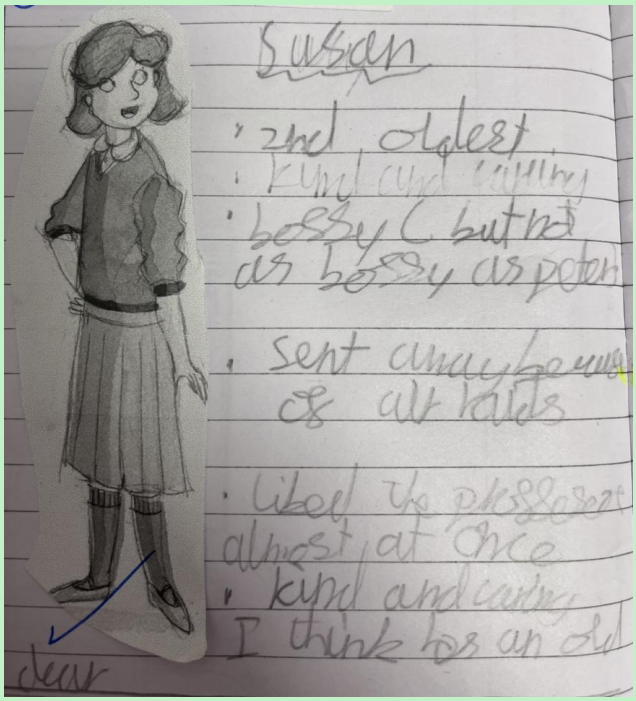
News from Around the School – Celebrating Writing

One of our priorities this year is to further develop children's writing. As well as class teachers, both Mr Edwards-Grundy and Miss Main are being blown away by the quality of the written work that is being shown to them. Across three pieces of written work based on The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe this week, Mr Hope gave out 10 class dojos! The children were commended for their tone and their language choices.

Dear Mother

Two days since we parted and I haven't written yet. It is enormous and immensely ancient. A delightful old man who goes by 'Professor'. He is an absolutely spiffing man; he seems to live in a world of his own. We have been exploring and loads of books are here. I do hope that the bombs will stop soon. We are hoping to find stags, but the weather is horrible. We are all missing you. Earlier today we found a most peculiar library, filled to the brin with books to choose and paintings to look at. It is insanity that there is a room with only a wardrobe. The housekeeper is dead strict. Do hope you and father are well. Love from your beloved child, Peter.





Dear Mother

I do hope the Nazis stop attacking London. When they do, I hope you can come and see this house.

The house is beautiful beside the countryside and the man who owns this house is such an old dear. I love the country as much as I love the house. The house has so many rooms and the professor loves us. I do hope you are safe.

Love Susan.

PS. Tell father that I hope the Allies win.

PPS. I hope you don't get blitzed.

Shoeboxes – Thank-you

Today, children from Year 4 helped load 140 shoeboxes into a car. Filling a shoe box is compassion in action. Thank you for helping us to collect so many boxes that will bring joy to people who are less fortunate than we are. If you have a filled box at home that you forgot to bring in today, you can either take it directly to the Methodist Church on the High Street or drop it into school at the start of the day on Monday morning and Mrs Raven will make sure it gets there.








Coming Up – Dates for your diary

Next week is RE and Arts week – during the week every class will be visiting the Prayer Spaces in St Mary's Cogges. We are thinking about God's wonderful world.

Friday 13th is Children in Need Day. Children should wear predominantly school uniform, but they can wear a spotty top, or Pudsey ears for example. Cash donations can be brought in on the day, or you can donate online here.

Friday 13th is also the school disco! Reception and Years 1 – 3 from 4:30 – 5:30pm and Years 4 – 6 from 6pm – 7:15pm. £3 entry and send your child with money for the tuck shop. All children must be collected by an adult.

Christmas cards and gifts

If you ordered from this year's class fundraising Christmas project, your children should have brought goodies home today. There are a few items outstanding that are currently being chased.

If you missed out on buying anything, please don't worry, the shop will be opening again between 20th and 30th November, your original card order will still work. If you have lost your order card, please contact the school office.

Thank you to everyone who has ordered already, a massive £500 has already been raised, which will be used by The Friends to provide all sorts of extras for children.