



Oak



Ash



Birch



Willow

Cheapside CE Primary School

'Achieving Our Best, In Thought, In Word, In Deed'

January Newsletter 2016

Our Value for the Month

This month we shall be focusing on the value of Acceptance and the season of the Church is Epiphany.

We shall be celebrating this value at our Values Assembly on Friday 29th January at 9.20am in the school hall. Please join us for a cup of tea/coffee and biscuits beforehand. Please see the termly dates at the end of this newsletter for dates of all of our Values Assemblies for this term.

A Huge Thank You!

We are sure that everyone noticed just how tidy our school grounds were when coming on site this Monday. This is a result of much hard work on Saturday afternoon from parent volunteers. Armed with spades, forks, sacks etc, they set about a 'grounds tidy' that is so essential for all in school at this time of year when there seems to have been endless rain, wind and mud! Areas have been swept, weeded, dug and trimmed. Your hard work is greatly appreciated.



Sponsored Walk

Although only just into January, we are very lucky to have already held a PTA event. On Sunday a group of school families enjoyed a sponsored walk in the Great Park, finishing back at school with a well-earned hot chocolate and BBQ. Despite a very chilly day, everyone managed a 3 or 5 mile walk (no mean feat for some of the younger participants) whilst collecting clues along the way. We would like to thank everyone who took part in the walk and particularly the team of parents working behind the scenes to make it happen.



‘Heroes and Villains’

It was lovely to see such a range of ‘everyday heroes’ in school last week. We had a range of sporting heroes, class teachers/teaching assistants, vets, police, army, RNLI personnel, midwives, doctors, surgeons and members of the fire service to name but a few. We look forward to sharing our ‘topic end day’ with you.

A warm welcome

We are very excited to welcome Mrs Gill Howarth to the staff team at Cheapside as SENCo (Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator). There will be an opportunity to meet her at our Values Assembly on 29th January.

School Development

Each year school staff, governors and children focus on various aspects of school life as part of our continued drive for school development.

As well as working on all curriculum areas, as a whole school this year we are also focusing on developing our writing.

Every term, in addition to their normal classwork, the whole school will take part in a full morning’s writing session. All classes will use the same stimulus for their writing and the input will be the same (but age appropriate) for all year groups. The work will then be copied. The top copy will be marked, fed back and moderated to track progression. It will also be used by the children to respond to the teacher’s marking. The second copy will be used by the children to enable them to be a ‘critical reader’ of their own and each other’s writing and to make improvements.

Examples of our whole school ‘Big Write’ will be celebrated on display in the corridor leading to school hall.



In addition to the above, as a school we would like to enter the BBC Radio 2 500 word story challenge. Further information will be sent home via your child’s class teacher but information can be found at:

www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00rfvk1

Communication

Please note that we will no longer be sending out weekly updates. Instead, all information for the following week can be found on the ‘School Events’ calendar on the home page of our website. We shall continue to email out all letters so please check your email account frequently. Copies of all letters will also be on the school website. Letters with permission slips will also be sent

home as a 'hard copy' so please check school bags.
We would like to try and limit the number of text reminders we send to a minimum as each text costs £6!

Diary Dates

Friday 29th January

Values Assembly - 9.20am in the school hall. Please join us for a coffee/tea beforehand. Second hand uniform will be available for a donation. If you have any second hand uniform in good condition, please bring it to school during the week. Robin Class after school sale – more information to follow.

Friday 29th January

Monday 15th – Friday 19th

February

Tuesday 23rd February

Friday 26th February

February Holiday

PTA Meeting

Values Assembly – 9.20am in the school hall. Please join us for a coffee/tea beforehand.

Friday 26th February

Kingfisher class after school sale – more information to follow.

Wednesday 2nd March

Parent Consultations – more details on timings to follow.

Thursday 3rd March

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Friday 4th March

PTA Quiz – 6.30pm – 8.30pm – more details to follow

Friday 18th March

School Disco

Thursday 24th March

Term Ends

Inset Days for 2015/16

Friday 27th May 2016

Monday 6th June 2016