

Cheapside CE Primary School

February Newsletter 2018

Teacher Meetings

We will be holding Teacher/Parent meetings on Tuesday 13th (3:40pm - 6:30pm) and Thursday 15th March (4:30pm - 7:30pm). Appointment timeslots will be listed on the school office window from Monday 5th March.

World Book Day

Bring dressed potatoes representing your favourite book character/book, into school on Thursday 1st March. Please see letter on website for details.

School Values

As a staff we have been working with our Diocesan Link Adviser and our Vicar to review our Values and the way that we teach/share them with the children. We shall be all considering our values each term as part of a theme, linked into the Christian Festivals and Celebrations.

| Term | Theme | Festivals/Celebrations | Liturgical colour |
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| Term 1 | Creation | Harvest | Green |
| Term 2 | Inspiration | Remembrance / Advent / Christmas | Purple |
| Term 3 | Hope | Epiphany / Candlemas | White |
| Term 4 | Compassion | Lent | Purple |
| Term 5 | Transformation | Easter | White/Gold |
| Term 6 | Community | Pentecost | Red |

Rather than celebrating one value each month, each theme contains a plethora of values which are not fixed to only one theme. For example, the value of Generosity might be celebrated during the themes of Creation, Inspiration, Compassion, Transformation and Community.

We are very much going to focus on each theme containing an inward (receiving) element and an outward (giving) element.

For example:

For Creation - *Inwardly -* We are all created to be unique, special and individual. *Outwardly -* We all create and give our creations to the community.

For Compassion - *Inwardly -* We receive the compassion of others, and God, when we are in trouble.

Outwardly - We give compassion to those in need.

We shall continue to have a monthly Celebration Assembly where we will celebrate our values and Headteacher's awards. Please come and join us for a cup of tea/coffee at school 'drop-off' ready for a 9.30am start.

Sporting News

We have been very busy this term with our sporting fixtures. Our year 2 children played in a Tag Rugby Tournament at Papplewick and won the plate final. All children played extremely well, improving their performance throughout the tournament, having had limited training beforehand.

We fielded a boys' football team in the National Football League Trust nationwide Primary Schools' Under 11 football tournament hosted by Maidenhead United FC. They remained undefeated in their group, winning 2 games and drawing the other – meaning they qualified for the semi-finals. Unfortunately, they lost 1-0 to the eventual winners, Courthouse. They all played extremely well and are looking forward to the next tournament later this month.

We also entered a Year 4 High 5 Netball Tournament at the Marist School. The girls, only 2 of whom had previous experience, performed really well – winning 1, drawing 2 and losing 2; finishing joint 4th in our group.







Cheapside Girls win Maidenhead FC Tournament

On Friday 9th February, the National Football League Trust nationwide Primary Schools' Under 11 football tournament began when Maidenhead United FC hosted a Girls Football Tournament at the Berkshire College of Agriculture in Maidenhead to determine who would represent them in the regional stage of the competition. There are four regions and the winner of each region will then progress to the finals, hosted at Wembley Stadium prior to kick off of the National Football League play off final on the 13th May 2018.

A total of 10 teams from across RBWM entered the tournament and were divided into two groups of 5, with the winners and runners-up from each group progressing to the

semi-finals. Group 1 contained Courthouse, Oldfield A, Holy Trinity, St. Luke's and St. Nicolas; Group 2 consisted of St. Michaels Sunninghill, Lowbrook Academy, Oldfield B, St. Edward's Royal Free and Cheapside.

Courthouse dominated their group, winning all their matches comfortably without conceding a goal, as Holy Trinity qualified as runners-up. In Group 2, the teams were very evenly matched, as defences held strong and few goals were conceded. Cheapside, having beaten Lowbrook 1-0 and St. Edward's 2-0, needed to avoid defeat against Oldfield B to progress as group winners and avoid Courthouse in the semi-finals. Having fallen behind early on, Cheapside fought back and with only 1 minute to go managed to equalise and win their group ahead of Oldfield B. In the semi-finals, Courthouse continued to live up to their "favourites" tag by demolishing Oldfield B 5-0. The second semi-final was a closer affair, but, after an early scare, Cheapside began to take control of the match and ran out comfortable 2-0 winners to set up a final showdown with Courthouse.



Having not played each other previously this season, both teams were uncertain what to expect and the match began cagily. However, underdogs Cheapside had success down Courthouse's left hand side and gained some early

momentum. This culminated with them taking the lead. What then ensued was an heroic rear-guard action, as Cheapside tried to hold out wave after wave of Courthouse attacks. A combination of fierce midfield tackling, body blocking defence and inspired goalkeeping kept Courthouse at bay. As full time drew near, Cheapside conceded an un-necessary free kick and, as the ball was driven in, it bounced off the post, ricocheted around the box, before being stopped on the goal-line. That was the closest Courthouse came to scoring and Cheapside held on for a 1-0 victory and saw them progress to the Regional finals and their next step towards Wembley.



Performing Arts Afternoon and Musical Soiree

This year as we now have more children, we have taken the decision to offer two opportunities to showcase our children's talents. At the end of this term we will be holding our Performing Arts Afternoon on Thursday, 22nd March at 1.30pm in the School Hall. There will be dancing, singing from all classes and our choir and choral speaking.

For the parents of those children who have instrumental lessons in school, we shall be holding a Musical Soiree on the evening of Thursday 24th May. Further details will follow.

School Disco

Our Easter Disco, kindly run by our PTA, is taking place on Friday 23rd March. We will be offering an infant disco open to children in years R, 1 and 2, followed by a junior disco for children in years 3 – 6.

The infant disco will run from 5.30 – 6.30pm and the junior disco will run from 6.45 – 8.15pm. We kindly ask that children in Reception are accompanied throughout by a parent/carer.

Diary Dates

Thursday 1st March World Book Day - Please see letter

sent home on Friday, 23rd February -'Dress your Potato!'

Tuesday 13th March Parent/Teacher Meetings Thursday 15th March Tuesday 20th – Friday 23rd March Parent/Teacher Meetings

Book Fayre in School (run by PTA)

Thursday 22nd March Performing Arts Afternoon Friday 23rd March School Disco - see above

Thursday 29th March End of term

Monday 16th April Monday 14th – Thursday 17th May Summer Term begins

KS2 SATs

Thursday 24th May Musical Soiree (evening show)

Inset Days for 2017/18

Monday 23rd July 2018 Tuesday 24th July 2018

Please note, whilst we will try and stick to these dates, occasionally, some may be subject to change.



Snow Closure

In the event of an unplanned closure because of snow, we will make every effort to inform all parents as soon as possible using the School Text Service. Please ensure the school office has your current mobile phone number to make this service as efficient as possible.

Other information sites include:

www.cheapsideschool.org.uk

BBC Radio Berkshire 95.4 & 104.1 FM

Heart Thames Valley (previously known as 210 FM) 97 & 102.9 FM