

Headteacher's Update

It is not happy people who are **thankful**; it is **thankful** people who are happy (anon)

The new Value for this term is

THANKFULNESS

"Everytime I think of you, I give **thanks** to my God"

Philippines 1.3

The children and I spent some time thinking in collective Worship who we were thankful for in school. We did this through a fun game but we took the subject seriously. We are all thankful for the wonderful team that goes to make up the St Andrew's school community which includes: the teaching staff and LSAs, the Governors, the office staff, the midday supervisors, the cooks, the caretaker, we all fit together like pieces in a jigsaw and when one piece is missing the jigsaw is not complete.

Our condolences are with Mrs Duxon's family and also with Mr Flaxton, our caretaker, whose mother passed away last Friday. Mrs Duxon's funeral will take place on Friday, 16th June. If parents wish to attend and would like further information, please contact the School Office.

The Pentecost Service in Church on Monday was delightful. All the children contributed in some way – a song from Year 4 and Reception, bunting from Year 6, windmills from Year 2, Head dresses from Year 1, Doves of Peace in a variety of languages from Year 3 and a beautiful collage from Year 5. All addressed the subject of Pentecost in their own way. The creativity and depth of thought on display was awesome! Well done team. It was a shame that we did not have any parents in the audience – perhaps the first day back after a holiday is too tricky? Let us know as we do really enjoy having you present during the Services.

This term's Value's champions chose the following children this week for living the new value to the full:-

Rec: Champion Joshua chose Charlie B

Yr 1: Champion Lennon chose Harry

Yr 2: Champion Lexi chose Poppy

Yr 3: Champion Toby chose Harry H

Yr 4: Champion Jess chose Maddie

Yr 5: Champion Danny chose Ruby

Yr 6: Champion Ellis chose Molly

Good afternoon.

I hope you are all feeling refreshed from your half term holiday, it feels like it was a long time ago now! We have had the usual busy start back in school. Our thanks to the PTA for the running of the Father's Day Sale this week. The gifts were beautifully wrapped and the sale was a great success! Thank you to everyone involved.

Year 4 entered into a Tri Golf tournament and despite some anomalies in the rules, which may have affected their overall position in the results table, they conducted themselves with a great deal of sportsmanship and good attitude. Well done Year 4.

You have had quite a lengthy Office Update earlier on in the week with key dates for the forthcoming weeks. Here are a just a few reminders from me:

Next week is Phonics Screening in Year 1 – a really important week for them. We know that they are well prepared and will do a great job.

On **Tuesday June 13th** we welcome into school a female athlete, Rachel, who will be launching our new "Developing Well" Scheme in school. Ask your child to tell you all about it on Tuesday evening.

On **Thursday 15th June** we will be having a "Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Day" all children are invited to wear **yellow** on that day – the symbolic colour of this worthy cause, in exchange for a £ 1 donation to the charity. (Year 5 are at HYMB – parents are welcome to still donate if they wish).

Friday June 16th is Sports Day! Let's hope the sun shines but even if it doesn't we will still have fun! A very detailed letter has been sent out by the office today on the subject of Sports Day organisation.

Lastly, apologies to the Year 6 parents for the late change in dates for the Year 6 Production. Being a "cup half full" person, I am pleased that our parent body was able to spot the clash from communication via the Secondary School. This was early enough for changes to be made in time, thereby ensuring no children missed out on any of the important events taking place at this busy time of year. My thanks go to the Year 6 parents for their understanding.

FOREST SCHOOL UPDATE

Here is a picture of the beautiful flowers that are growing in our Forest School. The children are using Forest School extensively now, enjoying the den building, the habitat exploration and the fresh air!

**Top Table Diners this week were:**

- Yr 1:** Fenton who swapped his dinner with no fuss.
Yr 2: Poppy & Lilly-Rose – Mrs Randall’s ‘Trolley Dollies’!
Yr3: Rhiannon for being polite and well-mannered
Yr4: Jess for helping stack chairs & Jack G – the cook’s choice
Yr5: Jack H who always has a smile on his face and is very polite

Well done to **Reception** for the best attendance **AND** for the tidiest classroom this week (with a special mention to all years for make a real effort to tidy their classrooms).

House Points

This week’s House points are as follows: Ash – 176, Lea – 172, Millstream - 174, and Stort - 189

Overall Totals:	Ash:	2688	Lea:	2677
	Millstream:	2603	Stort:	2651

Friday 9th June 2017

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