



# LSJ Newsletter

7 October 2016

### Proverbs 19:17

Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed.

**This month's value: Generosity**  
*In our worship all month, we will explore what it means to be generous and hear inspirational stories of generosity and kindness.*

### Marvellous Manners

We're very proud of our children's manners and our visitors always comment on how our children open doors for them and tell them to 'have a good day!' A special mention goes to Oliver Bishop today. One of our neighbours phoned school this week to tell us about his manners when they passed the ball back over the fence to him. A sportsman and a gentleman! We're very proud.

If your child is visiting Foxhowl in October, could you please ensure that full payment is now received in order for us to finalise our booking. Thank you.



Next Friday 14th October, Y1 will be leading our worship. This will take place at 2.30pm and afterwards, parents are invited to a very special exhibition. What a great way to end the week!

Well done to Rec for winning the attendance trophy last week with 98.7%.



Sir Thomas Boteler are holding taster sessions for Y5 & 6 pupils to help with transition on Tuesday 11th & 18th Oct. The focus is PE.

### Parent Governor Elections

We have vacancies for two parent governors and we're very keen to invite interested parents to join us. Our governors are very important people and work together to improve our school so that every child gets the experiences they need to set them up for life. Governors are a critical friend who support, and importantly, challenge our school leaders, celebrating our achievements, but also holding us to account when things should be better. Parent governors are elected democratically by our school community and serve for a period of four years. They attend up to three meetings every term and are invited to spend time in school, getting to know how we work. This is a very rewarding role and we feel it's crucial to help us to achieve our vision to 'be the best that we can be'. Please give it some thought.

If you have any questions, please speak to Mr Flute or Mrs Swift.

If you would like to join us, nominations should be handed into the office by Friday 14th October.

### Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Together we raised a fantastic £594, thank you so much to everyone who supported this enjoyable event. Thanks also to our organisers and band of helpers—you're fantastic!



### Forthcoming Events:

- Wed 12th Oct Y2 Sainsbury Visit
- Fri 14th Oct Y1 Class Assembly
- Fri 14th Oct Y3 Swimming
- Wed 19th Oct Y2 Own Clothes Day
- Thur 20th Oct Y2 Foxhowl Visit
- Fri 21st Oct Y2 Foxhowl Visit
- Fri 21st Oct Own Clothes Day
- Fri 21st Oct Y4 Swimming
- Fri 21st Oct School Closes @ 3.15pm
- Tue 1st Nov School reopens @ 8.50am
- Mon 7th Nov Y5 Smoke Tent
- Tue 8th Nov Parents Evening
- Fri 11th Nov Y6 Assembly
- Mon 14th Nov Remembrance Day
- Mon 14th Nov School Council to pick Christmas Tree
- Tue 15th Nov School Photos
- Fri 18th Nov Children in Need
- Tue 29th Nov Eucharist @ 2pm St James'
- Fri 2nd Dec Christmas Fair
- Thur 8th Dec Choir Gainsborough House
- Fri 9th Dec Afternoon Tea Christmas Celebration KS1 Songs
- Mon 12th Dec Choir Hancock Court (am)
- Mon 12th Dec Choir Homebase (pm)
- Tue 13th Dec KS1 Performance 1.45pm
- Wed 14th Dec KS1 Performance 9.30pm
- Thur 15th Dec KS2 Carol Concert 2pm
- Fri 16th Dec KS2 Carol Concert 11am
- Mon 19th Dec Party Day
- Tue 20th Dec School Closes @ 1.15pm
- Tue 3rd Jan School re-opens @ 8.50am

After School Clubs next week are as follows:

- Mon 10th Oct Multi Sports Y1 & 2
- Mon 10th Oct Knitting Club KS2
- Tue 11th Oct Little Musketeers
- Tue 11th Oct JAM Club Y1,2 & 3
- Wed 12th Oct Football Club KS2
- Thur 13th Oct Choir KS2
- Fri 14th Oct Rugby Club Y4,5 & 6



### School Improvement—being the best that we can be!



As a school, we want to grow and develop so that we can give our children the very best education—one that sets them up for success in life. We know that the best way to improve as a school is to collaborate with others on activities and initiatives that share good practice and strengthen our teaching, learning and leadership.

Our school is a part of a cluster of schools called *The SIA—Schools Improvement Alliance*. We work together on training, Safeguarding, building leadership capacity and improving outcomes for all of our children.

Several times a year, groups of heads visit each other's school to conduct teaching and learning reviews. They spend time in school, observing lessons, looking in children's books, talking to school leaders and evaluating our work.

Two head teacher colleagues spent Wednesday morning in school visiting classes and evaluating our Guided Reading sessions. There was much to celebrate and they could see how much we've improved our teaching and learning in this important area of the curriculum. They also commented on how warm, welcoming and calm the atmosphere was in school.

Importantly, they left us with some pointers about how we can further strengthen our teaching and learning and we'll be working on these in the very near future. We'll keep you informed about how our work with SIA progresses to help us be the best we can be.

### ***'Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body.'*—Joseph Addison.**

*Children live what they learn. We're keen to make every child a reader. Children are much more likely to read if they see parents reading too. Parental involvement in reading is the number one predictor of reading success in children. That's why we've set up a parents' library in school, filled with books of all sorts. Why not borrow a book? Let your child see you reading and enjoying it. This will influence them enormously. Please give it a go—we hope you'll love it.*



As the weather is now turning colder and wetter may we remind everyone that all children need to have a warm, waterproof coat in school, as they will play outside everyday. Thank you for your support in this matter.



Our Harvest Worship on Monday morning was a huge success. Our children's contributions were wonderful and enjoyed by everybody. It was great to see so many of our families in church to. We hope that more families will join us when we worship in church.

