

Lea Endowed CE Primary School

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Our theme this half term is

FRIENDSHIP



"Let your light shine." Matthew 5:16

It was wonderful to welcome so many Reception parents to the Bible presentation this week, I hope you enjoyed their singing, dancing and paintings! Thank you to all of you, who responded to our newsletter survey. We had 48 responses returned.

42 out of 48 parents voted to keep the current system in place, so that is what we are going with, and this is the reason you are receiving this letter today! If you have any challenges with reading or accessing any of the school newsletters, please contact the office and we will arrange for a paper copy to be sent home.

We are now well into the Spring term and the teaching and learning is moving on at a pace. Please note that the Overviews of the Curriculum for each class (updated every half term) along with the Termly Class Targets, are always available on the school website. You can find these under the individual Class tabs. This term, we have tried to make the overviews more parent friendly, so any feedback is welcome.

Mrs Seagrave's Great Manners Award

In the last two weeks, I have been delighted to present my special awards for excellent manners and a respectful attitude to:

Sofia in Year 5

and

Summer in Year 1

Well done and keep shining brightly I am very proud of you both.

St Christopher's Warm Welcome

St Christopher's church are now running a Warm Space for anyone in the community during these difficult times of cold weather and rising heating costs. Free hot drinks, toast, biscuits, newspapers and WiFi Wednesdays 10am-2pm

An
"Awe &
Wonder"
moment
at school
this week



***STRIKE DAYS / PARENTS' EVENING CHANGES ***

The NEU has announced national and regional action in England on the following dates: Wednesday 1st Feb, Tuesday 28th Feb, Wed 15th March & Thursday 16th March. I cannot predict how this will impact on our school (updates to follow) however I do have to change the Parents' Evening dates as I do not know if teachers will be on strike on the dates we had prearranged. New dates for Parents' Evenings: Thursday 9th March and Tuesday 14th March NB: Y1 Dates to be confirmed next week

SCHOOL LUNCHES SHOUT OUT!

This week, I want to give **Mrs Foy** (our school catering manager) a special Shout Out! Each day, Mrs Foy produces three delicious choices for the children (and staff) to choose from and enjoy, often putting on special seasonal menus such as the Chinese New Year menu this week. All the meals are delicious and extremely good value at £2.40 a day for the children.

Mrs Foy was employed as a catering assistant for several years and when her predecessor announced she was leaving, I encouraged Mrs Foy to apply for the role ... she was very apprehensive at first but she has more than risen to the challenge, and the result is a very happy, well fed school.

Thank you Mrs Foy - you are a star!

U UNIFORMD

One of the things we discussed at the Autumn Term PTA meeting was the challenge of how to upcycle the huge pile of good quality, used school Uniform. In these times of financial challenge, we wanted to provide a way of helping families to access uniform at a more affordable price.

We have signed up to an easy to use Uniform Marketplace where you can now donate outgrown / unused items and buy second hand uniform.

A great bonus of using **Uniformd**, is that it helps the environment (caring for God's wonderful world) and the profits from sales go back into the school's PTA fund for your children. A huge thank you to Molly's mum, Abi, for all her hard work getting this up and running, and to Kobi and Dashel's mum, Lynne, for providing storage.

Please see the attached flyer, which will also be available on the website.

Thank you for your continuing support,