



Class 3 'Round Up' 2019-2020



Well, here we are Class 3; the very last newsletter of the year! I thought it would be fun if we stepped into our time machines and zoomed back to September '19, so that we can journey through this unusual school year together and remember all the exciting things we have done! So, strap on your seatbelts and let's go!!

For some of you, it was your first experience of being Key Stage 2 children, whilst, for others, it was the beginning of Year 4 and your chance to act as ambassadors for the younger ones in class. What a wonderful bunch of Year 4's you are in Class 3 – I have seen you mature, take on extra responsibilities and grow in confidence as you spent two years in our classroom. Thank you for this, and I know you will relish the move to Year 5 with Mr Bateman. Year 3; you have been amazing too, stepping up to the extra demands of being a junior, and working so hard to achieve your potential.



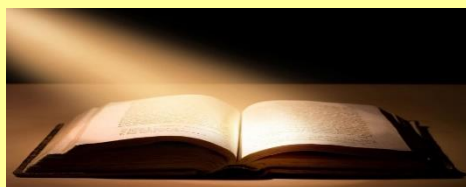
In September, we had the Rainbow of Hope Toy Sale, run by the Ethos Group. We also made a school 'rainbow' in the hall; the picture is still on the website. We could never have known how significant rainbows were to become over the next few months although we have always had rainbows as a symbol of hope and God's everlasting love.



We welcomed parents for our Poetry Recital in October. We enjoyed learning a poem 'Off by Heart', and performing in front of an audience. We also went the Extra Mile, raising money and having fun during our Bog Eyed Jog sponsored event.

Class 3 have the privilege of leading the Christingle Service each year and many staff commented that the service you led was the best they had seen! You did a fantastic job and it was beautiful to see the school hall lit by candles. We also enjoyed our Christmas production and Christmas party before 2019 came to a close.

Some of you joined me for Cookery Club in January and enjoyed learning new skills which, I hope, you have managed to put to good use during lockdown! I have made pinwheels on many occasions over the last few months!



Reverend Peter had the honour of presenting the Year 3 children with their new Bibles in January. You were thrilled to receive them and I am so happy that we got to read them a lot in class before we went into lockdown. I hope God's word has given you comfort and inspiration over the last few months, and continues to do so as we navigate the future.

Our whole school supported the NSPCC and wore something green to school in February. We visited other classes, taking part in Maths challenges and giving our brains a workout.

In March, our class welcomed the SIAMs inspector, who came to observe our RE lesson about Palm Sunday. We love our RE lessons, and we acted out Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem. The inspector was very impressed with you all and we were all thrilled as a school, to receive the highest grading of 'Excellent' in our inspection!

Although our parents and carers were unable to come and join our Roman Showcase event, we were still able to make fabulous Roman shields in the week we closed for lockdown. Do you remember marching around the field as Roman legionnaires and forming a 'tortoise' in case of enemy attack? We have really enjoyed our History this year; I will never forget how utterly amazing your model Tudor houses were! What a creative bunch you are!



And, so we come to Summer term. Hmmm; this has been a tricky one! It has been lovely to see some of Class 3 back in school during the last few weeks of term. I know that those of you who have stayed at home will have been trying your best too. It has been brilliant to see photographs of what you have been up to, and thank you to those parents who have sent these

In to school. They are now on our class area of the website. I am really excited to be meeting with as many of you as possible on Friday, to say a final goodbye before the holidays. I have REALLY missed teaching you and watching you grow as people over the last few months. I hope that you are all pleased with your school reports – I really enjoyed writing them and remembering all your unique qualities and special talents.

I just cannot end this letter without speaking directly to your parents and carers.

You have been amazing!!

As a mum myself, I know just what a challenge it has been to keep our children motivated and flourishing for four months, whilst dealing with our own worries, practical issues and concern about whether we are 'doing it right'! I am always comforted by one of my favourite Bible verses from Isaiah Chapter 45, verse 2 which says, 'I will go before you and make your crooked paths straight'. I know the paths, for some, have been very crooked, and I think 'unprecedented' is now a very overused word but, all the same, you have risen to the challenge that COVID-19 has given us and done your very best. I hope that there have been positives from this time; spending more time together as a family, learning new skills and a slower pace of life to name a few. However, if you are struggling at all, please don't hesitate to contact me on my work e-mail, and I will do my best to help.



So, Summer is upon us. I hope that you can relax, refresh and enjoy the holidays. I am praying for some more sunshine so that we can enjoy the great outdoors!

Keep shining Class 3; thank you for being you! I am so looking forward to seeing you all back in school in September.



With much love and hugs,

Mrs Bolton

