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Friday 6th October, 2017

Dear Parents,

Visit to Ely Cathedral

Kingfishers (Y5) visited Ely Cathedral on Tuesday. They had a really interesting day, learning about Christianity in India, the story of the disciple Thomas who took Christianity there, and lots of creative activities – dance, drama, singing and costume. Bishop Stephen spoke to the children about Thomas. The children behaved well and enjoyed the experience.



Autumn Collage competition

We have received some really lovely children's art work for this competition, and lots of them too! The following children were picked out by our judges as having produced something really good, and with not too much adult support!

- Archie Summers (Nelson)
- Teddy James (Nelson)
- Ella-May Watson (Hill)
- Vanessa Bulwa (Ouse)
- Teja Bucmyte (Nelson)
- Sienna Millar (Nene)
- Olivia Hunt (Nelson)



We had lots and lots on entries. We will display them. Points have been added to each house for the winners. Well done to Nelson in particular!

School Meals

As you are aware children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to free school meals. They are able to choose from a wide selection of hot and cold dishes every day but we are concerned that quite a few children, particularly in Year 2, are ordering a roll each day rather than a hot meal. This is not a problem unless you believe that your child is having a hot meal each day. If you are at all concerned about what your child is ordering, or if you are happy for them to have a roll every day, please have a word with their class teacher.

Academy status

We are now definitely converting to become a DEMAT academy on 1st November. This means a huge amount of work in the office. Wherever possible please raise any concerns you have with your child's class teacher rather than with the office. Thank you.

Year 1 teacher

Miss Booth is leaving on maternity leave after half term. We are pleased to welcome Mrs. D Newton to take on Miss Booth's half of the job share from Wednesday 1st November. We wish Miss Booth all the best with baby number 2 and we look forward to working with Mrs Newton. She will be visiting the school to meet the class properly and prepare with Mrs Barrett the week after next.

Attendance

This week the best attendance was in Year 3 with 98.98%. Well done!! Overall attendance last week was 96.29%, which is just about on target! Where holidays have been taken over the three days allowed by Cambridgeshire we have applied for penalty notices to be applied.

Class	Attendance
Reception	95.95%
Year 1	92%
Year 2	97.93%
Year 3	98.98%
Year 4	96.25%
Year 5	96.88%
Year 6	96.45%

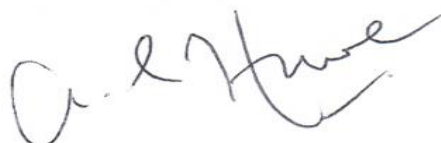
Achievement awards

- a) **Good to be Green!** This week these children showed particularly great behaviour: Logan Griffiths, Jack Towler, Florence Cooper, Noah Greer, Sophia Maycroft, Thomas Russell, Ebony Whitehead, Ellie-May Mitcham, Luke Loveridge, Marley Doughty, Jack Hircocok, Kelly-Marie Smith, Chloe Wright, Joshua Thacker. Well done!
- b) **Learning awards:** Scarlett Richmond, Reece Barnes, James Roberts, Archie Summers, Madisyn Edwards, Jake Gibson and Amelia Porter. Well done!
- c) **Lunchtime awards:** Miss Rae picked out these children for being particularly helpful at lunch break: Ava Reader, McKenzie Burton, Lewis Hunt and Macey Barnes. Well done.
- d) **Lexia certificates:** for improvement in reading skills: Will Garfoot, Deacon Barnes, Casey Alpin and Teja Bucvmyte. Well done!
- e) **Pen licences:** Shelby Gathercole, April Cranstone, Jake Gibson. Well done.

Dates for the diary

- Harvest Festival 10 a.m. in All Saints Church on Tuesday 10th October.
- We break up for Half Term Friday 20th October and return to school on Monday 30th October 2017.
- Tuesday 10th October at 10 a.m. Harvest Service at All Saints Church.

Yours sincerely,



Headteacher