



**A Fantastic Start!** As a school we are delighted with the start of the new academic year. We had our church school inspection in September and we are delighted with the outcome. We have since received a letter from Alan Davies (Chair of Methodist Academies and Schools Trust) congratulating us.



*'We are very happy to read the SIAMS report and noted that "The Christian vision of striving for 'life in all its abundance' is lived out through the tangible care that pervades the whole school community, driven through a culture of mutual support amongst staff. Pupils are respectful of each other and adults. They are empowered to be the individuals they are created to be without fear of prejudice. Pupils' involvement in supporting the homeless through the Community Awareness Programme, and their support for adults with learning needs has given them a passion for tackling inequality. They are proud to be ambassadors for the Methodist international development charity 'All We Can', supporting other schools in developing this valuable partnership. As put by one pupil, 'John Wesley helped everyone by doing good and so do we.' As a consequence, pupils are motivated to do all they can to make a positive difference to the lives of others both locally and globally." This is good news. I have asked for your school's SIAMS report to be circulated to all MAST trustees and the Ethos Development Group as an example of best practice in church schools.'*



**Macmillan Coffee Morning** We had a fantastic response to our Macmillan coffee morning this year, thank you. We raised almost £400, this is a fantastic amount! It was great to see so many people in school enjoying a cake.

**What have classes been up to?**

**Foundation Stage** have been learning in a child initiated way facilitated by quality interactions with adults in setting. I have seen some fantastic stories that the children have produced independently.



**Year 1 & 2** have been learning about 'What Makes Britain Great?' They had a great time in Scarborough, learning about the key features of the seaside. They had a lovely morning making puppets during 'Inspire.'

**Year 3** have been learning about World War 1, they have been making replica war planes, writing setting descriptions of life in the trenches, propaganda posters and diaries.



**Year 4** have been learning about the Stone Age, they have created cave paintings, models, newspaper reports and poetry.

**Year 5** have been learning about the Egyptians, they have been to Bagshaw Museum and also went to cook at Cathedral High School. They have also created some non-chronological reports.

**Year 6** have been learning about the Greeks, they had a brilliant Greek day in school yesterday preparing Greek food. The children have also written some myths and explosive tour guides!



## Museum of Methodism

A couple of weeks ago Mrs Ward, Mrs Waite and myself took some children from Collective Worship group to London to the Museum of Methodism and John Wesley's house. We had an amazing time learning about John Wesley's life, mission and vision. We were able to stand in his pulpit, tour his house and visit the chapel. We had a great day and the children behaved impeccably in the museum and busy train and tube stations. They are looking forward to sharing what they found out with the rest of the school soon.



## To CAP off a Great Harvest!

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our harvest appeal in support of the Community Awareness Programme (C.A.P). C.A.P work with members of our community that are vulnerable, homeless and less fortunate than ourselves. We also raised money for the Methodist Relief Development Charity 'All We Can'. Thank you if you purchased a raffle ticket. As a school we are proud to support such worthy causes.

**Brilliant Teamwork!** We are really proud of a group of pupils who took part in the pyramid tag rugby tournament. In Mrs Earnshaw's words they are, "The best bunch of players I have ever taken. They were there for each other every step of the way and proved that there is definitely no 'I' in team." Such great feedback is fabulous to hear.



**Parent Evenings** will be taking place after half term for children in classes 1,2,3,4,5 and 6 (Foundation Stage are already meeting parents). Parents' evenings will take place on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 3.30-6.30pm** and **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 3.30- 5.30pm**. The online system will open at 9.00am on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November and will remain open until Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00 am.

**Healthy Snacks** Recently we have noticed in school that some children are bringing in snacks with a high fat and sugar content. Children can bring a snack for break time, however we need to ensure these are healthy. Suggested snacks include fresh fruit, dried fruit, raw vegetables, cheese or nut free crispbread, rice cakes or crackers. Sugar and fat-laden foods such as sweets, biscuits, pastries, sausage rolls and crisps should be avoided.



## Dates to Remember!

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October – INSET School closed for children.  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November - School opens for children.  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November – Class 3 Inspire morning.

**And finally...** I hope you all have a great half term with your families and return fit and well after the break. **To see regular updates of the great things happening in school follow us on Twitter @WakefieldMetSch or @MrsClark17**

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