



Lymington C of E Infant School Newsletter

January 2020

Creativity

Welcome back to 2020 and a very busy, fun term!

This half-term our value is Creativity and links to God as The Creator giving us all unique gifts and abilities to nurture and grow. At school we encourage creativity of thought as well as creativity expressed across the broader curriculum. We encourage all within our community to use their unique gifts and talents to help our school grow and develop in the best way it can. In doing this we are helping make the world a better place. The Bible tells us God created our world and we are contributing to making it more like the sort of world that Jesus tried to teach us about. Creative learners are innovative and think of novel ideas. They experiment, take risks and are brave enough to try a different approach!

The Bible tells us: "Do not conform to the pattern of the world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind." Romans 12:2

Miss Julia Morris, Headteacher



Reception News

Reception have been very busy since coming back after the Christmas holiday. The children have been learning about Chinese New Year. They learnt some Chinese songs, poems and a Chinese Dragon dance which they performed to parents in their Family Celebration.

The children have also been very busy creating Chinese lanterns and learning how to cook Chinese food. We were very lucky to have a parent who is a chef come in to school to cook a stir fry which was served in their 'Chinese Restaurant'. They all did very well using chopsticks! Austin's mummy also came in to tell the children all about how her family celebrates

Chinese New Year. A big thank you to these parents who gave up their time to help make this topic so much fun!



Children's Mental Health Week

The theme of this year's Children's Mental Health Week is 'Find Your Brave'.

Children's Mental Health Week runs from Monday 3 February—Friday 7 February. Bravery could be about sharing worries and asking for help when you need it, trying something new or making the right choices. Life often throws us challenges. Bravery isn't about coping alone or holding things in. It's about finding positive ways to deal with things that might be difficult, overcoming physical and mental challenges and looking after yourself.

As part of this week we would love to invite you in to your child's classroom for a special Family Celebration. This is on Monday 3 February at 2.15pm so please make a note of this in your diaries-we look forward to seeing you!



Book Week

We have organised lots of fun activities for Book Week starting 10 February. The theme this year is Enchanted Forests. Mrs Durnell will take the children on a musical adventure to start the week off! There will be different activities for the children to take part in and there will also be a book fair in the sharing area from Monday to Thursday. The proceeds of the sale will go towards buying new books for our library. We have an author Sebastian Hockaday, visiting the school to read his stories. He will be available to sign copies of his book after school on Wednesday 12 February. On the Friday, 14 February, the children can dress up as a book character (we are hoping the staff will too!)



Governor News

As a Governor at Lymington Infant School our remit is to both challenge and support the Senior Leaders at the school. A few of the things we are responsible for include: looking at and questioning the data/results for the school, overseeing the budget and finance, ensuring children are kept safe in all aspects of their lives and that the staff are well cared for. All governors visit the school regularly so please do stop and chat if you see us about.
Veronica Crowley
Chair of Governors

Staff Car Park



Please may we remind parents/carers not to park in the staff car park. Staff need to come and go at various times for courses etc. Thank you for your co-operation.

FOS Christmas Fair

FOS are pleased to announce that they raised £1624.09 from the Christmas Fair. Thank you for your support.



Christmas Jumper Day

We were able to send £132.80 to Save the Children Fund, the amount raised from your donations on Christmas Jumper Day, so thank you to for supporting this worthy cause. If you would like to find out more information about the work of Save the Children, please visit their website.



Head Lice

There have been a few cases of head lice reported so may we please ask you to check your child's hair on a regular basis so we can try and keep them at bay. Frequent wet-combing with conditioner after shampooing the hair should help keep your child's hair lice free.

Dates for your diary

29 January 2.15pm	Year 2 Family Celebration
30 January	Year 2 trip to Sea City Museum and Children's Concert
30 January 7.30pm	Parenting Session with Lorraine Lee, 'Building Confidence and Self Esteem' in the school Music Room
31 January 2.30pm	Year 1 Family Celebration
3 February	Well Being Week
3 February 2.15pm	Special Family Celebration for all Year Groups
10 February	Book Week starts
11 February 3.10-6pm	Parent's Evening
12 February 3.10-7pm	Parent's Evening
14 February	Last Day of Half-Term
24 February	INSET DAY
25 February	Return to School

Foundation Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Foundation Governor on the Board of Governors, so if you are a regular church-goer at St Thomas' Church, we would love to hear from you. Every governor's role is to govern the school in the best interests of the children. Foundation Governors have a particular purpose to look after the Christian character of the school. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Rev. Peter Salisbury or Veronica Crowley (Chair of Governors) or pop in to the school office.

Just Different

On Tuesday we were visited by Toby from the charity 'Just Different'. The charity raises awareness of disabilities through workshops. Toby has cerebral palsy and he spoke to the children and staff about overcoming the many challenges he has to face. Some of the children were so touched and inspired by Toby that they have organised a cake sale for next Friday 31 January at 2.30pm. So PLEASE bake lots of cakes for them to sell in aid of Just Different.

