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"Our vision is to inspire every child to flourish, create happy memories and develop lifelong skills for learning"

The children have been thinking about what it means to take turns and how they can help others as part of our focus on "New Beginnings" and the value "Thankfulness". They have also been introduced to the UNCRC (United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child), learning that all rights are important but that they come with responsibilities and are the same for children everywhere!



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House Captains, School Council and Lunchtime Buddies: Congratulations to the following children who are now part of the above;

House Captains; Red: Sofia D; Blue: Holly; Yellow: Alfie H; Green: Finley.

School Council: Elections have taken place this week. It gives me great pleasure to announce that the following children have been elected onto the school council:

Year 1: George and Seren; Year 2: Ethan and Tilly; Year 3: Taylor and Izzy; Year 4: Ryan and Tilly. The School Council will be meeting to decide what ideas they would like to explore and if they can be achieved with their budget of £50. Some of the suggestions already put forward are some new toys for playtime, a swimming pool and a school pet. All children will still be able to put forward further suggestions to the School Council through the suggestion boxes in each of the classrooms.

Lunchtime Buddies: All the children in Year 4 were successful with their application to be lunchtime buddies. During the next few weeks the children will be learning about their new roles and helping the younger children at lunchtime.

Class1: We welcome Alwyn, Ethan and Oliver who have joined Class 1 in Reception with Mrs Tweedie.

Uniform: Please can you check your child's school uniform to see it belongs to them? We have had a number of phone calls from parents where their child has lost theirs and it has not been returned. The uniform that is missing has names on the labels.

Messy Church: Last week's first Messy Church here in school was a phenomenal success with lots of parents/carers coming to share in collective worship and join in with the activities in the classrooms. A massive thank you to Mrs Davies who organised the event and thank you to Rev. Simon for opening the service. The huge 'Goliath' we now have in our hall from the David and Goliath story is a sight to behold and a reminder that we can all face and defeat 'giants' in our lives.

Open Day: On Wednesday 19th October at 10-11.30am we are opening our doors for prospective parents too come and have a look around and meet Mrs Tweedie (Class 1 Teacher) along with Mrs Robertson (Headteacher) and show what we have to offer children as they begin their learning journey. If you know of anyone who has school age children from next September please do let them know and ask them to contact the school office where we can register their interest. Please spread the word.

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Play Equipment: Please note that the activity trail and other outside play equipment on school grounds is not for children's use before or after school with parents/carers. This is due to Health & Safety regulations.

Educate the Kids: The Kenyan school children are in the area from this Sunday. Please see the attached poster with all their performance dates. The children are coming in to visit our school on Monday 17th October. We are going to collect school shoes and or trainers for them so if you have any your child has outgrown please bring them into school. They will be sent out to Kenya in November when our local Co-ordinator's visit the school that is purely funded on charity donations.

Spare School Uniform: Class 1 is short of spare clothes for the children to change into. If you have any unwanted school uniform, then Mrs Tweedie will be grateful for any donations.

Rossholme Drive: This is a private driveway. When walking to and from school please use the Church pathway.

PTA: The PTA held their Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 28th September. It was so good to see so many enthusiastic members. New roles have been assigned and events and ideas are underway to raise funds. A separate letter will be coming home shortly to tell you who's who and what's coming up over the next year. If you are able to offer any help, no matter how big or small, even if you are not able to be on the committee, then please do come and let us know. Every little helps!

Invitation to join Staff and Governors: A letter has been sent home separately regarding the forthcoming event on Wednesday 5th October at 3.15 -4.45pm in which we are going to review the school's Mission statement and vision for the future. Please return the slip at the bottom of the letter if you are intending to come.

Dates for your Diary:

05.10.16	3.15pm School Mission statement and Vision review meeting in the hall with staff and Governors- Parents all welcome.
17.10.16	Educate the Kids charity - Kenyan school children visiting the school.
19.10.16	10-11.30am Open Morning for prospective parents of Reception Children starting September 2017.
20.10.16	2.30pm Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church. All welcome.
31.10.16	Inset Day 3.
01.11.16	Flu Immunisations for children in Y1, 2 and Y3 (whose parents have consented).
02.11.16	3.15pm Friends of East Brent School (FOEBS) (PTA) next meeting all welcome.
04.11.16	Carnival/ fireworks themed disco 3.30pm. Letter to follow.
16.11.16	8am fundraising breakfast in the hall followed by Commissioning Service for Mrs Robertson at St Mary's Church at 9am. All Welcome
25.11.16	Individual/Sibling school photos from 9.30am
18.11.16	Children in Need non-uniform day
01.12.16	Children's Christmas Shopping – letter to follow.
w/c 5.12.16	School Nativity- more details to follow shortly.
14.12.16	9am Build a crib service at St Marys Church. Carols around the tree at 5.30pm. All welcome to both.
16.12.16	Whole school panto trip
19.01.17	2pm Christingle at St Mary's Church. All welcome
25.05.17	Ascension day.

The Singing Children of Africa – 'I Smile' 2016 Tour



Many of you will remember 'The Singing Children of Africa', a group of Kenyan school children who have sung and danced their way into people's hearts on three previous tours to this area. Good news! A group of Kenyan children will be staying with local host families during two weeks in October. They are here to promote and raise funds for the charity Educate the Kids which provides food and education for them and 600 fellow students in a severely under privileged area of Kenya, where life is desperately hard. The charity is run by volunteers and every penny raised gets directly to where it is needed to change a young life; no money is wasted on administration or red tape.

Please come along and meet these delightful children for a truly uplifting experience.

Date	Venue	Time	Notes
Tues 4 th October	St. Mary's Church, Berrow	1.30pm	Retiring Collection
Wed 5 th October	St. Andrew's Church, Burnham-on-Sea	7.00pm	Retiring Collection
Fri 7 th October	Beachcomber, Warren Road, Brean	7.45pm	Retiring Collection
Sat 8 th October	St John's Church, Highbridge	7.00pm	Retiring Collection
Tues 11 th October	Princess Theatre, Burnham-on-Sea	7.00pm	Tickets can be purchased online or by ringing the box office: 01278784464
Sat 15 th October	The Mall, Cribbs Causway, Bristol	11.00am 1.00pm 3.00pm	Collection

If you would like more information about the charity or you can help in any way, please visit www.educatethekids.com or contact Sue Stevens on 01278 782789.