

# Headteacher's Newsletter No 23

24/10/14



## **Faith and Reflection Day**

As a part of our RE in school we will be holding a Faith and Reflection day on November 14<sup>th</sup>. There will be a mixture of class based and reflection zone based activities.

Class based activities:

Most of the day will be spent participating in class based activities and discussion.

These will:

- give pupils the opportunity to acquire and develop knowledge and understanding of Christianity as well as other principal religions represented in Great Britain.
- help pupils to further develop their respect for and sensitivity to others, in particular those whose faiths and beliefs are different from their own.
- encourage pupils to develop as confident and sensitive members of their local multi-faith community and the world.

Reflection zones:

Each class will spend 40mins in the reflection zones which offer pupils opportunities for personal reflection and spiritual development. Each zone will have an adult leader. Children are free to explore and enjoy the different zones. There will be four zones each with two different activities. Zone themes include: be still and letting go; big questions around the world; hopes and dreams and sorry and thank you. Resources children will have access to include: play dough, bubble tubes, fairy lights, bean bags, world maps and water trays.

## **Football**

A tough game in the second round of the Kevin McCarthy Cup against Longlands. The team conceded a goal fairly early on but then fought back to equalise, the goal scored by Celal. Longlands scored again but just before half time, we hit the upright with a terrific shot from Sam but the ball bounced away to safety.

Unfortunately, Billy S had to sit out for the first five minutes of the second half due to injury and this de-stabilised the defence and led to Longlands scoring three times in as many minutes. The team held them and slowly started to control the game, scoring to bring it back to 5 - 2 through a great individual effort from Billy S. Inevitably, all-out attack left gaps at the back and our opponents scored a late sixth goal to make the final score 6 - 2.

Well done to the team, Lennon Barry, Tobi Alo, Cameron Lock, Billy Smith, Sam Truscott-Smith, Billy Brewis, Celal Ozkirac and man-of-the-match Samuel Crowley who had an outstanding game.

In December, the team will be taking part in a 7-a-side tournament at "Goals" in Bexleyheath and in the Spring they will be competing in the Small School's competition quarter finals and in the Stuart Turpin Cup.

## Sickness

Please can we remind everyone that if your child has been sick or has had diarrhoea, it is very important that they are kept home from school for 48 hours from the last episode of illness. This is the procedure we are instructed to follow by School Health and it is important that we adhere to it to prevent spreading illness in school.

## Parents' Evening

It was good to see so many of you at the consultations, I trust they proved worthwhile.

In response to last year's parent surveys, we are introducing this year a brief summary report of your child's progress and then there will be another chance to meet with the teachers in March.

Thank you to all those who kindly completed our e-safety survey, the results of which will help us to work with you in keeping your children e-safe. I have attached the results of the survey to this newsletter.

## Harvest

On Thursday Rev Kim from St Mary's joined us for our collective worship in which we looked at the importance of water and how our donations to Wateraid will help make a huge difference to children's lives.

I know some parents are keen for us to support needs locally as well as those in other countries and so for next year's Harvest we will focus our giving into the local community. I will ask the charity committee to come up with ideas as to how we will do this and who we might benefit with our giving.

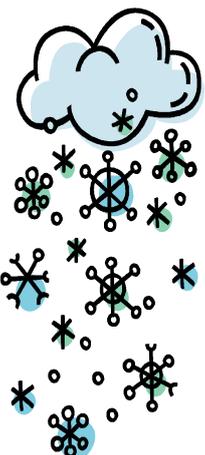


## Christmas

Our Christmas production will have the same format as last year with each class contributing something to it. This will be performed for parents and carers on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December, morning and afternoon and also on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December in the morning. Parents will receive tickets for one of these performances in due course.

Our Christmas Carol Service will be at St Mary's on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 10 a.m. following which will be the school Christmas lunch.

## Adverse Weather



Whilst we hope for this lovely mild weather to continue, the winter months are coming up and with this in mind, if it becomes necessary to consider closing the school, notification will be via the Schools Opencheck website as usual. The status of the school can be accessed by logging on to [www.bexley.gov.uk](http://www.bexley.gov.uk) or if you do not have internet access, by phoning 020 8408 7508 and entering the school DfE number 3032003. We ask that you check the site which will be regularly updated and do not call the school.

Lastly, we hope you all enjoy the half term week and return refreshed on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.**

## Parental E-Safety Survey

Total Number of Surveys Returned was 85 representing 107 children.

1. Classes of my children currently at Eastcote.	EYFS: 29	KS1: 20	KS2: 58
2. Does your child have access to the internet at home?	Yes: 98%	No: 2%	
3. What devices does s/he use (please circle).	Xbox: 41%	iPad: 86%	
	Play Station: 8%	P.C.: 31%	
	Lap Top: 60%	Wii: 27%	
	Mobile Phone: 61%		
4. Does your child know how to use privacy and security settings on these devices?.	Yes: 28%	No: 72%*	
5. Does your child have a mobile phone that can access the internet?	Yes: 13%	No: 87%	
6. In an average week (Monday – Friday) roughly how many hours would your child spend on the internet each day?	0 – ½ hour: 31%	½ - 1 hour: 29%	
	1 – 2 hours: 16%	More than 2 hours: 32%	
7. During an average weekend, roughly how long does your child spend on the internet each day	0 – ½ hour: 32%	½ - 1 hour: 19%	
	1 – 2 hours: 14%	More than 2 hours: 35%	
8. Does your child use social networking, if so which (please circle)?	Facebook: 0	Twitter: 2%	
	Other (Instagram): 9%	None: 89%	
9. Do you discuss safe use of the internet with your child?	Yes: 66%	No: 34%*	
10. Do you discuss and set internet rules?	Yes: 64%	No: 36%**	
11. Do you know and could you teach your child about internet safety (including social networks)?	Yes: 78%	No: 22%	
12. Do you use any filtering or monitoring software on any device your child uses?	Yes: 67%	No: 33%**	
13. On this list of e-safety risks, circle those you would be able to explain to your child when they are at an appropriate age.	Grooming: 87%	Cyber bullying: 95%	
	Sexting: 77%	Trolling: 65%	
	Digital Footprint: 55%	Identity theft: 69%	
14. If your child had a concern about anything online does s/he know how to report it?	Yes: 60%#	No: 40%*	
15. If you have a concern about anything on line do you know how to report it?	Yes: 76%	No: 24%	
16. Are there any e-safety issues about which you would like us to send you information (or direct to appropriate sites such as “Think You Know”)?	Yes: 26%	No: 74%	

\* Some parents indicated that their response was because their children were not old enough.

\*\* Some parents indicated that their children only used the internet with close parental supervision.

# Some parents indicated that their children knew to report concerns to them or another responsible adult.