



**Our school is a friendly and vibrant community, where all of God's children flourish and gain the knowledge, wisdom and skills needed to care about themselves, their community and their world.**

## Friday 26th April 2024 Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

Although it's been an usually cold week for the time of year, there's been a lot of warmth in the school and I have had the pleasure of receiving a huge number of hugs as I've gone around the classrooms and popped into lessons. The children continue to be fantastic and such a credit to all you parents and carers.

This week, we had the privilege of hosting David from the Kent County Council, who delivered some really clear Road Safety sessions to all of our children. After the tragedy of William Brown and how deeply that affected our school community, I felt it was important to try to do something to educate the children and keep them safe. Please do ask your children what they have learnt and reinforce the need to Stop, Look, Listen and Think. A huge 'Thank You' to David for giving the school so much of his time and for being so lovely with the children.

Speaking of giving time, Councillor Jackie Meade has been very generous with her time too and has been working with the children in the Forest School, educating them on how to grow vegetables. She is passionate about gardening and found that her resolve to come in and work with us was strengthened after one of our children remarked that they never knew tomatoes could be grown! We are so grateful to her for her gift of time to us.

Year 6 have been noting the time all week, as they've had the experience of sitting some practice SATs papers. I have been so impressed by how focused they have been and how much effort they have put into these tests. What a mature and resilient bunch they are! And the teachers have taught them so well with how to approach these tests and how to best use their time. No matter the outcome, these children and staff couldn't be working harder and I'm so proud of them all.

And finally, the last group of people I want to thank for giving so much of their time to the school, are our Governors who work tirelessly and voluntarily to ensure your children get the best possible education they can. They support the staff in so many ways and bring wisdom and insight to many situations. We are so lucky to have such a committed and talented group of people.

And now it's time for some rest and recuperation. Let's hope the weather warms up and that you all have some happy times over the weekend.

See you on Monday,

Amanda

P.S. Attendance reached an all-time high on Tuesday morning – 96.2%! Well done one and all!



### Prayer of the Week

Dear God

Thank you for making the world-the trees and the plants. Thank you for creating heaven and earth.

Please help us to be the best we can be.

Amen

Kenya Class