



The Mordiford Mail



7th October 2016

Music for Schools at the Cathedral

On Monday, Teme and Frome Class went to the Hereford Cathedral to take part in their "Music for Schools" Workshop. During their time Hereford Cathedral they learnt all about the Willis Organ and listened to "Peter and the Wolf" which is a piece arranged for the Organ by Peter Dyke. The children discovered that the organ has nearly 4,000 pipes and four keyboards to be played. Mr Foster and Miss Quin were very impressed by the children's good manners and attentiveness.



Our Value of the month is Justice



"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

Caerleon Roman Museum

This week Wye Class visited the National Roman Museum in Caerleon, Wales. We were all very excited as we set off from school, eager to learn and find out as much as we could about the life of a Roman soldier. There was so much to explore and see during the day - the ruins of the amphitheatre, the barracks and the baths. There was lots to touch and it was very interactive.

After lunch we had a interesting workshop called 'The Roman Feast'. Some of us were chosen to be slaves and some of us were wealthy Romans. The slaves had to serve us typical Roman food and we even got to wipe our mouths on their aprons and pretend to be sick half way through the meal, like the Romans did! Then we went into the soldiers' barrack rooms and tried on Roman armour and helmets.

The final activity was to look at all the artefacts that had been excavated for the site including a Roman coffin with the skeleton still inside.

It was a fantastic day and we learnt so much to help us with our topic. We would definitely recommend a visit.



Well done

Last week the winner of the Thank You Ticket draw was: Olivia Drynda
Miss Finney's Star of the week: Grace Squire

House points: Timbridge

Names in the Golden Book were:

Lugg: Elissa & James

Monnow: Millie, Ffion & Freya

Arrow: Will & Thomas

Wye: Harry, Issy & Will

Teme: Beatrice, Rio, Alistair & Poppy

Frome: Reuben & Ben

Pentaloe: Harry, Joel, Grace & Fred

Well done to all of our winners.



Football

Today some of our year 6 boys took part in a Football Tournament at Much Birch Primary School. The scores were:

Mordiford 5-3 St James
Much Birch 2-0 Mordiford

Well done to the boys who played brilliantly and showed great sportsmanship.

Weekly reminders/messages

- Bookings via ParentPay are going very well and have improved the office routine so thank you to all of our families for being so helpful. The Autumn Menu has now been uploaded so you can now book up until December. Don't forget the cut-off time for ordering school lunch is 11.59pm on a Wednesday night and you **MUST** select which meal option your child wants. If you forget to book, your child will need a packed lunch for the week.
- We welcome student teacher Mr Joseph Foster who is working with Mr Sibcy and Arrow Class this term.
- Please remember that we are collecting money at our Harvest Festival to support the work of UNICEF to help the plight of refugees.

PTFA Rags 2 Riches

The next PTFA Rags2Riches Collection is on **Wednesday 12th October**. Fill bags full of old clothing, belts, hats, scarves, gloves, bags, purses etc., and bring them to school on the morning of 12th October to help raise money for our school.

In our Prayers...

We give thanks to all the volunteers who help us at school in particular, our Governing Body and the PTFA, who have both had their annual general meetings at the beginning of term. We give thanks for their time and dedication.



6th October National Poetry Day Look In, Look Out! Jason Buckley

What is the thing that makes you you?
The special ingredient of your "who"?
Is it the thinking in your head
Or the face in front of the thoughts instead?
If someone took away your name
And gave you a number just the same
As all the other kids at school
Who would it be that found it cruel?
Are memories of what you've done
The things that say you're *this* someone
And not another? Is the cost
Of losing memory that *you're* lost.
When you try to look inside
And find the person that decides,
What do you find? What makes the being
Behind your eyes that does the seeing?

How would you answer the questions in this poem?

Does it make you think of new questions?

Frome Class Worship

On Wednesday Frome class performed the first Class Worship of the term. The children spoke about how their differences are to be celebrated. Mr Foster was very proud of the way they spoke clearly and showed great maturity in the way they learnt their lines.



Happy Birthday this week to...

Bobby & Oliver B

Governing Body

The full Governing Body met for the first time this week and we would like to welcome Conrad Judge as our new parent Governor. Rev Chris Moore remains as the chair of the governing body. Mr Sibcy is Chair of the Teaching and Standards Committee and Mrs Chris Harris is chair of the Finance and Resources Committee. We give our thanks to Mrs Linda Mclachlan for her service on the Governing Body following her recent resignation.

Dates for your diary...

Autumn Term 2016

Please note new dates in bold

- 12th October - Rags 2 Riches Collection
- 13th October- Wye lead Harvest Worship in church
- w/b October 17th- Science Week
- 19th October Teme Class Worship 9am
- 20th October—Tempest—individual/family photographs
- 21st October—Break up for half term
- 21st October- Family Celebration Worship 9am
- 24th—28th October—Half Term
- 31st October— Back to school
- 31st October—Teme Class visit Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery
- 2nd November- Parent's Meetings
- 3rd November- Open Morning for prospective parents and children 9.30-11 am
- 9th November- Arrow Class worship 9am
- 23rd November- Pentaloe Class worship 9am
- 5th December- Nativity 6pm
- 6th December- Nativity 1.30pm
- 8th December- KS2 Christmas Concert 6pm
- 9th December- KS2 Christmas Concert 1.45pm
- 14th December-KS1 and KS2 Christmas treats
- 16th December- End of Term