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Re: End of Half Term Letter

Dear Parents and Carers,

As another busy and successful half term draws to a close, I would like to thank you for your continued support and co-operation.

We launched our 'Agents of Jesus' calendar at the beginning of January 2024, and children and staff have been 'Agents of Kindness' and 'Agents of Love' during the months of January and February.

During Spring Term 1, children have engaged in our Literacy-Rich Curriculum, working hard, deepening their knowledge and vocabulary, developing skills and making great progress in their learning.

Our Literacy-Rich Curriculum is enhanced by Extra-Curricular clubs, Enrichment opportunities and Trust Experiences. Children have enjoyed a wide range of Extra-Curricular clubs during Spring Term 1, including Messy Play, Craft, Choir, Multi-Sports, Drama & Games, Lego Robotics, Botley Robotics, Design Technology, Recorders and Ukulele.

Our children have enjoyed representing our school at different events and competitions. This has included, an Action Participation Festival at Howe Bridge, the Wigan Sportshall Athletics Championships, where our children were awarded silver medals and will represent Wigan in the County Finals in Manchester next month, and finally the 'Junior Speaks' Public Speaking Competition, which our Year 6 team won, with a mature and heartfelt speech on 'homelessness'.

Enrichment has included inspirational visitors and exciting educational visits across school. Visitors have included a Spaceman in Year 2 to launch their new focus theme 'All Aboard!', a Firefighter to Year 1 as part of their focus theme 'London's Burning', Dr. Sheila to Year 4 as part of their RE unit 'What is Prayer?' and a Generator Technician to Year 4 as part of their Science topic 'Electricity'. All children from Reception to Year 6 have engaged in online safety workshops delivered by One Day Creative. Educational visits have included Turton Tower for Year 3 as part of their focus theme 'Off with Her Head!' and the Imperial War Museum for Year 6 as part of their focus theme 'Wigan at War'. We also enjoyed a KS2 Ash Wednesday Service at Church led by Year 6 to mark the season of Lent.

Learning Together Trust Experiences have included a career and aspirations day for Year 6 children at Edge Hill University. Year 3 children can look forward to their Trust Experience to Liverpool after half term, where they will visit Tate Gallery and Maritime Museum, and enjoy a 'Ferry across the Mersey'.

Parents' Evenings will take place after half term on the following dates: Wednesday 13th March, 6-8pm, and Wednesday 20th March, 3.30 – 5.30pm. You will receive a letter after half term, with details of how to book an appointment.

Congratulations to Smalley House, who are our Spring Term 1 House Point Champions. Children in Smalley House will be rewarded with a non-uniform day after half term (details to follow). Well done to Class 2C and 3LW, who were winners of the Spring Term 1 Attendance leader board. Children in 2C and 3LW will enjoy an extra playtime after half term.

On 1st February 2024, we welcomed another school into our Trust family. Hesketh with Becconsall All Saints Church of England Primary School is the fifth school in Learning Together Trust and we look forward to the future, working collaboratively and in partnership.

Mrs Waterworth will leave St. Wilfrid's today after nearly 17 years of service. On behalf of the Directors, Governors, Senior Leadership Team and staff, I would like to thank Mrs. Waterworth for all that she has done for our children over the many years and we wish her a very happy retirement. We welcomed Mrs. Pearce back from maternity leave this week, who will teach Class 3W part-time, with Mrs. D. Lawell, another experienced primary teacher.

Finally, please be reminded that school closes for half term today and will reopen on Monday 26th February 2024. Have a restful and enjoyable week.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. S. Colothan

Executive Headteacher

'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.' Philippians 4:13



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