



Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October '24

## **Church Langton Church of England Primary School**

### **Newsletter – Updates and Announcements**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week had a very special ending, as we welcomed so many of you into the church for our Harvest Festival. It was marvellous to see the church filled with parents, grandparents, siblings (including past pupils) and other family members. If you were able to attend, I am sure you were as proud as I was, to see all the children sing to celebrate harvest time. I was particularly proud of our Reception children, who were brave and confident to stand up in front of so many people. My personal highlights were Year 5's version of Wonderwall, Harvest Haul, and the Mexican wave lead by Mr Kirkland.

We thought a lot about the value of thankfulness last week, and I am thankful for the sense of community that was shown on Friday morning.

Best Wishes

Mrs Lucy Anderson, Headteacher

#### **Harvest Festival Collection for the Jubilee Food Bank**

A huge thank you to Mrs Russel for organising our collection this year. It has been hugely successful, and we look forward to it being collected on Tuesday by the Jubilee Food bank. Your generosity is much appreciated.

#### **FoCLS**

It was great to see so many new faces at the AGM on Thursday evening, even better to realise the committee has doubled in size as a result. I look forward to working together again this year. Thank you for your time and effort, supporting the Harvest Festival with refreshments.

#### **Prayer Space**

We were delighted to welcome Brian from the Billesdon Chapel into school last Tuesday. He worked with Mrs Russel to create a 'Prayer Space' in school. This space had different activities across all year groups, designed to develop our spirituality offer, thinking about friendship, family and other areas of the world, including those in conflict. The older children really impressed us with their compassion to people in countries suffering at this time.

#### **Hello Yellow**

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October is World Mental Health Day. Please see attached letter. All children are invited to wear something yellow on this day. It could be every item of

clothing, a jumper, a bow or bracelet. We will share some of the Young Minds resources in collective worship on that day. Thank you in advance for your support.

### Enrichment

The enrichment blocks change this week. **Year 2** will start **outdoor leaning** and will need a change of clothes to change into – please consider the weather forecast regarding waterproofs, wellies etc. **Year 6** will need to bring a **PE kit** to change into.

### Sir David Attenborough

Church Langton Primary School has been 'put on the map' in the last couple of weeks, following a letter received by Sir David Attenborough. Year 1 wrote to him ahead of their next History topic and were delighted to receive a response through the post. This story has been picked up by the BBC, ITV and Harborough FM. Please see the social media posts on our Instagram or Facebook, as well as Learn AT X (Twitter). Thank you to Miss Bromley for the initial contact and for the time taken to ensure each child has a framed copy to treasure.

### Parents Evening

Parents Evening times were released last Wednesday and will close this Wednesday (9<sup>th</sup>) at 12noon.

### Reminder - Celebration Worship

Friday mornings have never been better! There has been some great feedback from families about the new time for celebration worship, particularly with the opportunity to hear the whole school community sing with Mr Kirkland. We will contact you directly if your child is a Star of the Week, but everyone is welcome each week regardless.

### Social Media

Please follow us at @churchlangton\_ce\_primary



### Diary Dates

Please see below, dates for the autumn term, we will add to this over the weeks if new events arise. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you have any questions. All sporting events and school visits will have additional information sent separately.

Event	Date	Time	Location	Year groups involved
Hello Yellow – World Mental Day	10 <sup>th</sup> October	All day	School	Whole school
Year 4 Communion	11 <sup>th</sup> October	9.15am	St Peters Church	All welcome
Parents Evenings	15 <sup>th</sup> and 17 <sup>th</sup> October	From 3.30pm	School Hall	Whole School
Year 6 School Visit	17 <sup>th</sup> October	School day	The Warning Zone	Year 6
Year 3 School Visit	1 <sup>st</sup> November	School day	Flag Fen	Year 3
Year 1 School Visit	5 <sup>th</sup> November	School day	Market Harborough Library	Year 1

## A spotlight on ... Gratitude.

Gratitude is a noun, defined as the quality of being thankful; a readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness. Other words that could be used include thankfulness, gratefulness and acknowledgement. The Latin translation is gratus 'pleasing, thankful'.

Last week, in the whole school collective worship, I focused on the school value of Thankfulness. We thought about Gods miraculous world; how a tiny seed can grow and give us a fruit tree, amongst other things! We also thought about our delicious dinner plates, and how the energy from the sun, nutrients from soil and water help almost everything grow. We consider how often we thought about how our food arrives on the plate, and if we are openly thankful for it.

We also reflected on what being thankful and grateful looked like in our lives, today. Ideas such as saying thank you for something, smiling at someone who has said something nice about us and thanking God in a prayer were shared.

We decided that thankfulness and gratitude are good qualities to have and that they can help us to be more aware and have a positive outlook. "Looking for good things" someone said.

Last year, Tori shared this photograph (above). It shows a collection of spiders webs on the hedgerows in the school carpark. A whole year on, I still think about the conversation we had about these 'fairy trampolines' as it highlighted three things to be grateful for; the change in season, the capability of spiders and the joy of a childhood experience, something I am sure will be passed on. Once again, thank you, Tori! There is growing research to suggest that actively acknowledging what you are grateful for can improve your mental health.



### An idea to try at home.

Share 3 things each day you are grateful for, even better if you write them down in a gratitude book or on a piece of paper and pop them into a jar/box!

This week, beginning 7<sup>th</sup> October, is British Dyslexia Awareness Week.

There will be a spotlight on this national awareness week in the newsletter.

The theme for 2024 is "What's Your Story?" It has three key messages: Every story is different, a strong opening sets the scene and it's never too late to change your story.