

Newsletter - 15th December 2023



Our Learning

BRAMBLES



CLASS

It's been a busy few weeks in school with so much going on! But our children are still working hard and learning lots.

Over the past couple of weeks, we have been busy carrying out our termly assessments which inform our plans for next term.

Brambles Class have been learning all about the Christmas Nativity story, acting out the key events and doing a nativity picture hunt in Forest School.

Oak Class, have also been busy practising their Nativity, and enjoying their trip to the Diglis Basin.

Willow Class have been incredibly creative at Forest School over the past couple of weeks! They have been busy making forest friends, fairy houses and leaf painting! We are aware that Miss Hothi was poorly this week, so Year 4 missed a session but we are going to try and plan a session into the Spring Term when she is better.

Elm Class have been writing persuasive texts in Literacy, discussing values in RE and learning about determiners in French! They have also really enjoyed opening and listening to their advent story each day.

Elm Class have also been producing some amazing homework this term! Chloe has produced a Festive Poem to get everyone into the Christmas Spirit!







It's been a big week for Elm Class!



**We made the move into
our beautiful new
classroom...**

In R.E...

What would Jesus do? Can we live by the values of Jesus in the twenty-first century?

For each quote answer these questions:

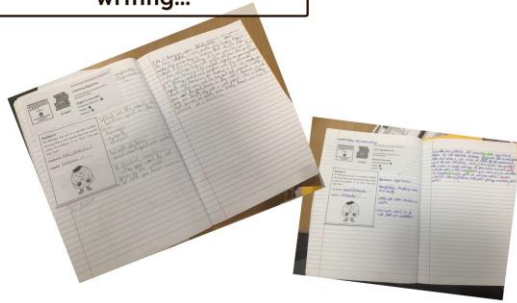
- What does it mean?
- Why is it challenging?
- What would change if everyone followed this teaching?

<p>"You're happy if you make peace. You will be a child of God."</p>	<p>"When you give something to a needy person, don't make a big show of it. God your Father, who sees what you do in private, will reward you."</p>
<p>"Do not judge others, and then God will not judge you."</p>	

**We are sharing an 'advent'
story...**



**Sentence stacking with the
focus on persuasive letter
writing...**



Trips and Experiences



On 5th December everyone in the school took part in our annual Santa Dash! Even Bella and Beau joined in!

Oak Class visited the River Trust Centre in the Diglis Basin as part of their Geography Fieldtrip work. They visited the Fish Pass and learnt all about Physical and Human Features comparing Worcester and Sytchampton. They also had the chance to see the impact of flooding on the area around the River Severn and visited our beautiful tree at the Cathedral Christmas Tree Festival!

This week our amazing Reception and Key Stage 1 children performed a beautiful 'Wriggly Nativity.' It was delightful and the children did such a great job!

We also had our Whole School trip to see the Jack and The Beanstalk Pantomime this week. The children thoroughly enjoyed booing the 'baddy' and singing and dancing along with the actors!

In nurture club over the past couple of weeks, the children have been making positive affirmation bracelets















ONLINE
Christmas
RAFFLE

Buy tickets in the playground or online
www.jumblebee.co.uk/SytchPTA2023

Prizes include: 4x Christmas colour hampers, Cooks Garden Centre voucher, Jurassic Jungle Golf for family of 6, Glenfiddich Whisky & more!

Raffle will be drawn at 1pm 22/12/23

Our incredible PTA continue to work their socks off to raise money to support our lovely school!

They are currently running an online raffle. The raffle will close at noon on Friday 22nd December with the prize draw taking place at 1pm that same day.

Tickets can be bought online at <https://www.jumblebee.co.uk/SytchPTA2023> or direct from the PTA stall in the playground when available.

Prizes include: Christmas colour hamper (Gold), Christmas colour hamper (Red), Christmas colour hamper (Green). Christmas colour hamper (Blue,)Family pass for 6 to Jurassic Jungle, Golf Gift, voucher

for Cooks Garden Centre, Bottle of Glenfiddich 12 Single Malt Scotch Whisky, 'Raffles' the Dog plus many more!

This is a great opportunity to support our wonderful school and raise much needed funds with a chance to win some lovely prizes.

Thank you!

Sytchampton Endowed Primary School PTA

Governor Vacancies



Are you enthusiastic about Education?

Do you have some time to spare?

If so, then you may be just the person we need!

At Sytchampton Endowed Primary School we are looking for a co-opted governor to join our governing body. As a governor you will be a volunteer who makes a vital contribution to the success of the school.

School governors have three main roles.

Governors ensure clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction.

The governing body helps to set long-term plans for the school, decide where improvements need to be made and how to make them.

Governors hold the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and the effective and efficient performance management of staff.

The governing body looks at the quality of education being offered and ensures the head is doing everything possible to improve results.

Governors oversee the financial performance of the school and make sure its money is well spent.

Governors examine budgets and spending proposals to monitor whether the school is getting value for money and ensure the money is spent in the right areas.

This role may be particularly of interest if you have skills in finance/accounting, human resources, data or education but we invite applications from anyone who is interested in helping the school be the best it can be. Full training is available and governors are encouraged to attend regular training sessions, either in person or online.

We are looking for someone who can attend approximately three full governing body meetings per year and around three to six committee meetings per year (dependant on committee). Full governing body meetings are held in school, usually on Thursday evenings and committee meetings are held online on either Wednesday or Thursday evenings (dependant on committee) from around 6.30pm to 8.00pm. Governors also spend time in school during the day (around two visits per term).

You must be 18 or over to apply and all governors must have Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks. If you would like to find out more please email:

seps-govclerk@sytchampton.worcs.sch.uk for further information

Or contact the school office on: 01905 620 418

Barnabee Tea



- Brambles

Thea for being determined and coming into school with a smile on her face. Well done, Thea.

- Oak

Year 1- Kiara for always trying her best. Good girl 😊

Year 2- Fagan for always being kind to others and trying hard in all areas of the curriculum. Keep it up!

- Willow Class

Year 3 - William B for persevering every lesson this week

Year 4 - Faolan for being kind, honest and believing in himself

- Elm Class

Year 5 - Felicity - for showing excellent determination and giving 100% effort towards her reading lessons and reading outside of school.

Year 6 - Hugo - for always excellent determination and giving 100% effort towards his studies in and out of school.

Portacabin Rebuild Project



It has been wonderful to see our Key Stage 2 pupils in their new classrooms over the past couple of weeks! The temporary heating is working well and we are now able to access the cloakrooms. The toilets are now complete but we are awaiting the treatment of the water and lagging of some pipework before we can use them.

This week, we have installed blinds across all of the windows and we are planning a library/breakout space for the main entrance way. We are now just awaiting some quotes for this work before going ahead and ordering what we need.

After Christmas, the builders will complete the remaining tarmac and we are hoping for the heat pump to be up and running (although we still don't have a date for the electricity supply work from Western Power!).

We won't be able to complete the work on re-seeding the field and areas around the building until the weather picks up a little.

So, we are hoping to plan a big 'Official Opening' at some point in the new year so that everyone can come and have a look at our wonderful new building!

We will be asking you all to vote soon for a name for the building too!







Christmas Is Coming - Key Dates



Sytchampton Endowed Primary School



14th November 2023 Dear Parents,

Christmas Events

Christmas party day is on Friday 22nd December.

Our annual Christmas Jumper Day in aid of the NSPCC, with Christmas lunch will be held on Wednesday 20th December. All children are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper along with home clothes and bring a donation for this worthwhile charity. Our caterers will be providing the traditional turkey dinner (vegetarian option will be available). This will be provided for our Reception and KS1 children as usual, and all our KS2 children are welcome to book Christmas Lunch in the usual way via School Money.

Christmas party day is on Friday 22nd December. Our caterers are providing a buffet style party lunch for our Reception and KS1 children and all other children will require a packed lunch (as classes usually also

ask for contributions of party food). If you had booked a hot dinner in advance this will show as a credit for next term.

The Autumn term will end with our annual Carol Concert at 1.30pm with school closing for the holidays at 2.30pm (no WAC available).

Many thanks

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Jenny Bishop

School Business Manager

Worcester Cathedral Christmas Tree Festival 2023



As we mentioned in previous letters, we are taking part in the Worcester Cathedral Christmas Tree Festival this year! We would like to thank Field House Christmas Trees for their generous donation of a real Christmas Tree for our entry!

The festival is then open to the public from Thursday 7 December 2023 until Sunday 14 January 2024 (excluding Christmas Eve* and Christmas Day), during normal visiting hours - 10am-5pm Monday to Saturday (last entry 4.30pm) and 1-3pm on Sundays (last entry 2.30pm). So please do go and have a look!

Could you also visit the Cathedral Festival Facebook page and vote for our Tree by liking our photograph?!

Thank you!







Diary Dates



Please see below some of the key diary dates for next term as it stands right now. Please be aware that these are subject to change, but that we will notify you if this is the case. We will also keep the school website up to date:

www.sytchampton.worcs.sch.uk

Spring Term 2024

Monday 8th January	TED Day – School Closed to Pupils
Tuesday 9th January	School Opens to pupils
Thursday 11th January	9.30am – 10.30am Reception (Brambles) Hearing Tests Willow Class Trip to Bishops Wood (Vikings and Saxons)
Friday 12th January	2.30pm Celebration Assembly (Parents are welcome!)
Thursday 18th January	School Census Day
Friday 19th January	Barnabee Tea/Parent Newsletter
Wednesday 24th January	1pm – 2pm Oak Class Gymnastics Festival (Westacre Middle School)
Friday 26th January	Brambles Trip to Ombersley Church (Parents to drop off at the church in the morning) 2.30pm Celebration Assembly (Parents Welcome)
Wednesday 31st January	Elm Class Cosford Trip
Friday 2nd February	Barnabee Tea/Parent Newsletter
Monday 5th February	Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 6th February	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 7th February	Oak Class Think Tank Trip
Friday 9th February	2.30pm Celebration Assembly
Mon 13th Feb – Fri 16th Feb	HALF TERM
Monday 19th February	School Re-Opens to pupils
Friday 23rd February	Barnabee Tea/Parent Newsletter
Tuesday 27th February	3.30pm – 5pm Parent Consultations (face to face)
Wednesday 28th February	3.30pm – 6pm Parent Consultations (face to face)
Friday 1st March	Celebration Assembly (Parents Welcome)
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day
Friday 8th March	Barnabee Tea/Parent Newsletter
Monday 11th March	Assessment Week (All Week)
Tuesday 12th March	2pm Parent Voice Meeting
Thursday 14th March	1.30pm – 4.15pm Year 5/6 Girls Netball Tournament (RGS)
Friday 15th March	2.30pm Celebration Assembly
Wednesday 20th March	9.30am-10.30am Reception Hearing Tests (for those who failed previously)
Thursday 21st March	World Poetry Day
Friday 22nd March	Barnabee Tea/Parent Newsletter School Closes for Easter

Attendance



Thank you so much to everyone for making a big effort to be in school. We really want to make the most of every opportunity to help your child reach their full potential, so by ensuring that they are in school, you will be supporting us in achieving this. Please refer to the Attendance Policy on our school website.

Attendance Breakdown Between 04/09/2023 and 15/12/2023

Yr Group	Present for AHA	Yr Attendance/Presence	Yr Unauthorised Absence
0	10.25	106	0.16
1	10.25	122	0.16
2	10.25	144	0.40
3	10.25	122	0.40
4	10.25	126	0.52
5	10.27	135	0.38
6	10.25	135	0.67
Year 7	10.25	136	0.79
Year 8	10.25	138	0.4
Year 9	10.27	137	0.88
Year 10	10.1	148	0.81
Year 11	10.27	148	0.19