



BCPS Bulletin

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Dear Parents, Families and Friends of BCPS,
Another busy week for us this week, during which we celebrated our Harvest Festival. Our 'Virtual Assembly' was magnificently received and I can honestly report that our children had enormous fun filming it! Thank you for all the lovely comments that we have received about it. I am very glad to have had the opportunity to share the children's enjoyment of school with you all in this rather different way of maintaining our school traditions!

Next week you will all receive an opportunity to chat with your child's class teacher by way of a telephone call, which you will receive on either Monday or Tuesday. I know our staff are looking forward to sharing with you good news of progress galore!

Please also note in the newsletter, information about the relaunching of extra-curricular opportunities for all our children after the half term holiday. Great news indeed!

I wish you all a lovely weekend! It's set to be dry and sunny (fingers crossed!) so enjoy the fresh air!
Best wishes, Miss Farrow.

SOME DIARY DATES TO NOTE

You will appreciate that diary dates are particularly hard to set under current circumstances, but here are some that, at least as we go to press, we have set for the first half term.

They are, of course, subject to change, should Government guidelines alter.

We shall continue to keep you informed and up to date with details of all the events below. Please keep an eye on this weekly newsletter.

DATE	EVENT
w.b. 19 Oct	Parents' Consultations
w.b 2 Nov	Extra-curricular Clubs begin



EXTRA-CURRICULAR PROVISION!

On our return from the half term holiday, as planned, we shall reintroduce some extra-curricular activities. Each class will be offered



an extra-curricular opportunity, and these will operate in class bubbles, and be planned and presided over by class teachers. The theme of all our 'clubs', as you will see below, is FUN! The programme is as follows:-

This week's Star Badges go to:



Nursery: Zaviyar, for remembering all the letter sounds we have learnt so far and independently writing them.

Reception: Esther, for extending her home learning

Year 1: Zunaira, for her enthusiasm during or wonderful Harvest performance.

Year 2: Monica, for being so determined in all of her maths work.

Year 3: Jaedyn, for his addition and subtraction crossing 100.

Year 4: Eesa A, for always being up for a challenge in maths

Year 5: Nimra, for her irrepressible enthusiasm and good grace no matter what the challenge.

Year 6 Sarah, for the maturity she shows to every aspect of her school life, and her organisational skills which she demonstrates in her learning each and

Year Gp.	Club	Day	Time
Nurs	Cosmic Yoga	Mon	3.30-4.00pm
Rec	Christmas Crafts	Wed	3.30-4.30pm
Yr 1	'Quiz Night'	Wed	3.30-4.30pm
Yr 2	Languages and Culture Club	Thur	3.30-4.30pm
Yr 3	Creative Club	Tues	3.30-4.30pm
Yr 4	Computing Club	Thur	3.30-4.30pm
Yr 5	Games Around The World	Tues	3.30-4.30pm
Yr 6	Music Makers – 'Pitch Perfect Percussion'	Mon	3.30-4.30pm

All children are welcome to join their 'class club', and pick up for those who wish to attend, will be, as usual, at the back of school. Please email your class teacher to register your interest, and to allow staff to be sufficiently prepared in terms of resources.

FAITH CORNER

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29th SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
(Matt 22: 15-21)

REFLECTION **I BELONG TO JESUS!**

The country Jesus lived in had been taken over by the Romans, who demanded taxes. The Romans would get angry and punish anybody who did not pay. However, this was a big problem for many people who thought that by paying the taxes they were agreeing that the Romans were in charge of them, not God. The Jewish leaders asked Jesus what they should do, thinking they could trick him. Jesus said they should give to Caesar, the Roman leader, what is his and to God what belongs to God. Jesus cleverly avoided being tricked and reminded the Jewish leaders to focus on God's work.

DID YOU KNOW?

Sunday 18 October is World Mission Day, when Catholics all over the world think and pray about how important it is to share Jesus' message of love with the whole world. There are many people who spend their lives doing this important missionary work, but Jesus asks us all to spread the Good News.

PRAYER

Dear Jesus, help me to show that I belong to you by the way that I live. Help me to be kind and loving and to use my time for other people. Amen.

ACTION

Use some money for good—put some loose change in a charity box or buy a piece of Fairtrade fruit.



Harvest Thanks!



Our very grateful thanks to all our families for the bountiful harvest gifts which have been sent into school this week. Your response has been quite overwhelming, especially at a time where everything is particularly difficult.

Gifts will be duly passed on to Cornerstone Day Centre, for distribution from their food bank, on Monday morning. As I mentioned in the newsletter last week, the staff at the Day Centre wished for me to thank you in advance for your help, which they assured me is so desperately needed during these uncertain times. "How blessed we all are, to be in a position to support our brothers and sisters in Christ. Heartfelt thank you to you all".

YEAR 3 INVESTIGATE LIGHT!

Year 3 have been learning all about 'Light' in our science topic, taking the opportunity to work together (whilst apart) on various experiments and investigations to consider how light travels, what a reflection is and why some surfaces reflect light well, whilst others do not. Using our 'reflection testers', we set about a mission to find the most reflective materials, before using our findings to design a reflective school bag. We moved on to investigating mirrors, challenging ourselves with mirror writing and a mirror maze; neither challenges were as easy as they first appeared, but both were extremely good fun. We are looking forward to investigating shadows next week...I wonder what fun awaits us!



Kindness Cup



The Kindness Cup this week is awarded to for every family who very kindly made such generous donations to our Harvest collection. Thank you, on behalf of us all and on behalf of all those who will be in receipt of your kindness!

A POLITE REMINDER

It has been brought to our notice that some of our parents are using Waterloo Court as a turning point. The warden is quite concerned that this is happening, and often at significant speed. Waterloo Court is a private residence for the very elderly, who are often crossing this area to access the bins..

We would be grateful if you could avoid using the area to turn in the future.



Celebrating Autumn!



This week, as well as looking at the letter 't' and the number 3, Nursery have been talking about Autumn. We have an investigation area with lots of autumn animals, which the children have loved

exploring. We made our own autumn trees, using our hands and arms as the tree trunk and finger painting the leaves (it was fun but very messy!)

Next week, our final week before the holidays, we will look at letter 'p' and the number 4. We shall also be looking at how to make bread like the Little Red Hen. Sounds like another busy week!

