



May 2024

FISHBOURNE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



Only one you

Dear Parents,



Last week our Penguin class sat their SATS tests. The Standard Assessment Tests check children's knowledge of the National Curriculum in grammar, punctuation, spelling, reading and maths at the end of primary school. The tests are compulsory for Year 6 children

and they are used to assess children against 'age-related' expectations. We know, of course, that these tests are a teeny-tiny snapshot of our amazing children and all the learning they have done both at school and at home during their primary years. We also know each of our children is wonderfully unique with a wealth of gifts that are not measurable in a single test. Our little fish sat down to these tests each day with a positive, determined attitude. They worked diligently throughout each of the tests - every single child tried their absolute best and it was quite incredible to watch the way that they tackled them. They worked with confidence, care and real attention to every detail. The children's manners throughout and the way that they supported one another were also extremely special. What an incredible bunch of young people! A huge well done to our Penguins and to the adults who have nurtured, supported and championed them during this time. We look forward to seeing them all enjoying the wealth of opportunities on offer during the rest of the summer term.

We have been busy thinking about how we are going to raise funds for O Refugee Aid's Book Bus and through their Thinking Circles, the children have come up with some super ideas for their fundraising exploits ranging from sponsored walks to the beach, selling of sweet jars, soggy sponge competitions, a lemonade stand and an art sale! Do look out for correspondence coming home from you class teachers about your event and do support us if you possibly can. We will keep you up



to date with our fundraising via our Instagram account which you can find here: @fishbourneprimary We often share photos here of our day to day activities!



Now the sunshine has finally shown itself, we have been making full use of our amazing school grounds. Forest Schools, Daily Mile, reading in the sunshine, dog mentor time, PE and of course playing in our lovely new swale. Our children are enormously lucky to have such extensive and beautiful school grounds with so many activities on offer. It has been a pleasure to show visitors around our school and hear them talking about how stunning our school grounds are. The children talk very passionately about their experiences at school and their enjoyment of learning outside.

Earlier this term, we enjoyed our Happy from Head to Toe week when we explored our physical and emotional wellbeing, identifying ways in which we can take better care of ourselves. During the week, we carried out a pupil survey in which we asked a series of questions. This week we shared the headline outcomes of this with the children...



98% of you said there's an adult in school who really cares about you...

97% of you said you feel safe at school!

89% of you said you enjoy coming to school!



99% of you said that school encourages you to think about ways to make the world a better place to be!

99% of you said that school encourages you to respect people from different backgrounds and treat people equally.

90% of you said there are children who would include you in a game if you felt left out!



We are keen to understand more about the children's perceptions of behaviour and will be unpick-

81% of you said that children in school are well behaved!

ing this more in our Thinking Circles after half term. We know that from our perspective as adults in school, behaviour is good and this is certainly a view shared by external visitors:

Challenge Partners 2023: Pupils are eager to please their teachers which results in very attentive behaviour that allows focussed learning to occur. This is the case in all classes irrespective of potential behavioural difficulties pupils might have.

SIAMS Inspection 2023: Behaviour is exemplary. Where conflict occurs, it is resolved quickly with authentic forgiveness and a peaceful manner.

OFSTED Inspection 2019: Pupils behave impeccably at school. Although there are systems for helping pupils behave well, these are not usually needed, because pupils' behaviour is consistently excellent, without the need for added incentives or sanctions.

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So we are really keen to understand more from the children about their views around behaviour and see whether we can support them further as adults in school.

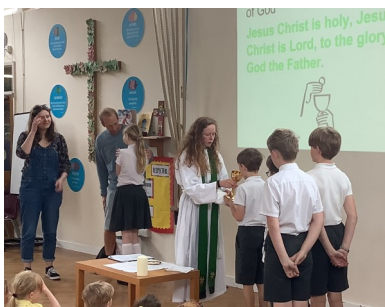


We have spent time developing our approach to understanding behaviour. Staff have engaged in extensive professional development through training from both Beacon House on adverse childhood experiences and Releasing Potential in developing positive behaviour strategies. In collaboration with staff and children, we have

explored the concept of rules and agreed that it is important that we have simple rules in place to behave well as learners and in life! During a whole school learning experience, we shared our thoughts about rules and ensured all voices were heard before coming together as a school family to decide on our three umbrella rules! Our behaviour for learning and life policy has been co-written and co-produced by everyone it impacts which results in consistency in its approach and delivery. The primary aim of our behaviour policy is not a system to enforce rules. It is a means of promoting positive relationships, so that people can work together with the common purpose of helping everyone to learn.

If you are interested to know more about our approach to behaviour, you can find our policy and how it was developed on our school website under About Us.

We enjoyed celebrating communion in school this week as a school family. It was lovely to invite all the people who support worship in our school including Tabitha and Andy from Chichester Baptist Church, Bishop Luffa worship team led by Claire and some of our story tellers: Gay, Mike and Marion. It was such a special time to spend together and we are really grateful to Jess for leading us in this service with the support of our own Worship Team and choir who contributed alongside Mr Servant.



We have a couple of changes to our staff team after half term! We say goodbye to Mrs Kate Lewis who has been an LSA with us for the last year working in Year 1, 2 and 5. We have loved welcoming Kate to our Fishy family and wish her all the luck in the world as she goes off to become an LSA at Chichester Free School. We have recently appointed Mr Harvey Lawrence who some of our children will already know as he also works at CC's. We warmly welcome him to our staff team! We are also saying goodbye to Mrs Goodman for a period of time now while she waits for the arrival of her baby. Mrs Goodman has been advised to rest during the remainder of her pregnancy. While we will miss Mrs Goodman very much, we are very pleased she is in safe hands and is being well looked after. She popped in to see Chameleon class this week to say goodbye! We look forward to welcoming Miss Amy Furlong to the team for the rest of the summer term who will be sharing Chameleon class with Mrs Allen!



Dates coming up in the summer term!

27th—31st May: HALF TERM

Mon 3rd June: INSET

Sat 22nd June: Fete

Mon 24th June: INSET

Wed 26th June and Thu 27th June: Learning Review Meetings (*sign up times will be available on parentmail after half term*)

Thu 4th July: Sports Day afternoon

Tue 16th and Wed 17th July: Y6 Summer Production TBC

INSET DAYS

Monday 3rd June

***Our focus for this INSET day is to moderate samples of children's writing across school. This is one of our School Development priorities and so we are very interested to look closely at children's writing, applying all we have learned this year. We are also fortunate to be receiving a statutory moderation of our children's writing in Year 6 this year which will enable us to ensure that our teacher assessments are robust and accurate. We look forward to sharing with you what we have learned from this process in our next newsletter!**

Monday 24th June



We are on track for converting to academy status at the beginning of next month. A huge amount of work has been going on behind the scenes to

prepare for this conversion particularly from the governing body and our lovely bursar, Mrs Clutton! We have been attending regular partnership meetings with the other primary heads which have been really positive and encouraging for the future! We are excited to see what we can contribute to and learn from the BLLP. Watch this space!

At Fishbourne CE Primary, we nurture our children to be...

