

**Awards for the week ending 12/5 /17**

Class of the week: **Year 6 for their fantastic attitude towards SATs and for doing their best** 😊

Highest Attendance: **Class 1 @ 99.3%**

Cleanest class: **Year 3 for tidying the field** 😊

House winner: **Gabriel**

Lunch time class of the week: **Year 5**

Staff stars of the week: **Mr Dickson**

**Awards for the week ending 19/5/17**

Class of the week: **Year 2/3 for their behaviour on school trips and Year R for their amazing assembly** 😊

Highest Attendance: **Class 6 @ 99.3% again!**

Cleanest class: **Year 5 for being tidy all week** 😊

Lunch time class of the week: **Year R**

House winner: **Uriel**

Staff stars of the week: **Mr Partridge & Mrs Reynolds**

**Dear Parents,**

**Year 6:**

I really have to start this newsletter praising the year 6 children! They were ABSOLUTELY fantastic throughout their SATs week. Their whole attitude towards how they dealt with the tests, applied their knowledge and approach to working through the questions was GREAT, and cannot be faulted. 😊 They did themselves and us proud. So, whatever the outcome we could not have asked any more of them.

**Reminder:**

The children should be ready to come into school at 8:40, so they can walk around to their class with their peers at 8:45am. We are finding the children who are regularly coming in after the rest of the school have come into school are more unsettled, and they are missing out on a total of 1 ¼ hrs per week of intervention/support time or early morning work where basic skills are covered. We will be monitoring this more closely from next half term, and you will be asked to sign your child in at the office if they arrive after the whole school have gone into class. Thank you for your support in this.

**Choir at St Giles':**

Well done to all the children who came and sang at the family service this month. The children are a credit to us all. Thank you for your support too. 😊

**British Museum trip:**

A big congratulations to the year 3's and their successful trip to the British museum. You will not be surprised that we had very positive feedback from staff at the museum regarding how well they behaved.

**Year 5 residential:**

We have had such good reports from the children and staff regarding their residential. The general attitude of the growth mindset really shone through. All the children took on the many challenges of the different activities and attempted them all, despite their fears or worries. We are VERY proud of them. 😊 here are some of the comments... "I had a go at all the activities, even though I was worried", "I didn't think I could do the abseiling, but I did!", "the food was just amazing".

**Walk to school week:**

Well done for all those children (and parents) who have made an extra special effort to walk to school-even if it has only been part of the distance (every little helps!). The winning class was class R-they received 131 raffle tickets 😊

**And finally...**

Have a good half term when it arrives 😊

Please turn over for another instalment of safeguarding updates and information regarding checking eligibility for 30 hours entitlement and Tax Free Childcare.

Yours sincerely



Miss S Jones – Headteacher

**PS Many a true word...**

*"if it does not challenge you, it won't change you" Anon*

**Motivating and inspiring our children to achieve... in a creative, caring Christian community**



### **Mobile phone/messenger apps:**

I cannot stress enough that you should be monitoring your children's internet/chat usage, to prevent them from unnecessary risk. There have been several cases of children making negative comments on group chat sites. As seen on the news, these can lead to pushing someone over the edge-what one child might find amusing may cause another distress. Please ensure your children show respect to other people's feelings.

Thank you

### **Information from Thurrock Local Authority...**

#### **Parents checking eligibility for 30 hours entitlement and Tax Free Childcare**

Early Education and/or Childcare Providers are advised to prompt parents to check their eligibility as soon as they receive their HMRC invitation letter to check eligibility for 30 hours entitlement and tax free childcare.

What happens if parents leave their check until the Autumn Term and their child should qualify by birth date for their entitlement in the Autumn Term as a child in the term after their third birthday/or child already accessing their universal entitlement?

The parent then checks in the Autumn Term and their child is eligible for the additional 15 hours, their child will not be eligible to take up their entitlement until the following Spring Term at the earliest