



Friday 22nd September 2023

The wet weather is beginning to arrive and you can feel the evenings drawing in. This week we have been focusing on Harvest which is always a sign that autumn is on the way.

In worship this week we focused on what Harvest is - how it's a time to say thank you for all the food we have. We also focused on World Hunger and how we can help others being a courageous advocate for those who have less. We've learnt about Katie Stagliona who did just that (see more information below) and the children were staggered to learn just how many children are affected by world hunger.

Today we went to St Gile's and had our Harvest Festival where the children bought donations of food which will be donated to Thurrock Foodbank. Reception joined us for their first worship and were so well behaved. It is such an honour to be able to spend time with the children in church and worshipping together.



On Monday Year 2 had an amazing day of immersive theatre where they got to dress up from the period of the Great Fire of London and learn what it was like to live in London during the fire. They made candles, became seamstresses, made bread and of course learnt lots of facts. Thank you to everyone who helped on the day.



Next week Year 6 are at PGL with myself and Mr Dickson. Any problems please ask for Mrs Pattullo, Mrs Olajide or Mr Foster who will be happy to help.

Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Smith – Head Teacher

*God's Word is a lamp to guide our feet
and a light for our path.
Inspired by Psalm 119:105*

Reminder

A reminder to everyone that our first INSET day is not far away – Friday 6th October. The school will be closed to pupils. Staff will be attending a conference for all Vine Staff. We have been asked to bring a choir so selected children in Years 3-6 can attend – details were sent out last week. Children can still sign up.



Reminder

If you have a message that you need the class teacher to know could I ask that you message on TEAMS. I have had many people ask me to pass on messages in the morning at the gate. While I will try my best I can forget!

The private chat channels on TEAMS are a great way to get messages to staff. All staff have TEAMS on throughout the day. They will always try their best to reply but they are very busy during the day and it may take a while. We always aim to reply within 48 hours.

Letters Home this week

- Year 4 Danbury Letter

Winning house!

We have started counting our thumbs up again in worship to see which house has the most. This week's winning house was...

Green – Raphael – well done!

A great 767 thumbs up – well done – you won by five thumbs up this week!



This week's attendance!

Reception – 100%
Year 1 – 99.33%
Year 2 – 99.31%
Year 3 – 100%
Year 4 – 96%
Year 5 – 92%
Year 6 – 98.08

Good attendance is any class that got over 96% attendance

The weekly class average for this week is **97.82%!**

Congratulations go to our highest attending classes!

Well done to the classes which earned a Lego piece this week. One step closer to the park: Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 6!



The Parish of Horndon, Orsett and Bulphan



Edward Bear Toddler Group

Edward Bear welcomes his little friends and their accompanying adults in the Orsett Churches' Centre Chapel, High Street, Orsett, RM16 3ER

There is no charge for this Toddler Group Every Friday during term - time 9.30-11.00am

For further details please contact Karen Collier on 01375 370441

The dates of Edward Bear and Oasis Cafe are on the churches website www.hobnob.org.uk, on the 'What's on' page

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RECEPTION TOURS.

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Book your tour today. We can't wait to meet you!



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October 18th and November 8th 2023 at 9.30am

Email or ring to book your space



This fortnight's inspirational child is Katie Staligno.

She is a courageous advocate for Poverty and started a project many years ago to help the hungry in America which is now a booming business with gardens all over America.



When she was just 9 years old, Katie Stagliano planted a cabbage seed in a garden outside her house. She cared for it every day by watering it, weeding it and giving it plant food. It grew to be HUGE! Forty pounds huge!

Katie wanted to do something special with this very unique cabbage. With her mom's help, she decided to donate it to a local soup kitchen to help feed the hungry in her community of Summerville, South Carolina.

When she arrived to make her donation, she saw a long line of people waiting for food. Then, Katie served her cabbage to the guest. As the many people thanked her, she knew she could and should do more to help.

With the help of her parents and school, Katie's Krops was born! Katie's Krops plants gardens to grow food that is donated to local soup kitchens to feed the hungry.

Katie's dream is to end hunger around the world. So, after she created several gardens in her community, she decided to do more. She wanted to help other kids create gardens in their communities!

There are now over 100 Katie's Krops gardens growing across the United States! All of the gardens are led by kids between the ages of 9 and 16. They have donated thousands and thousands of pounds of fresh produce to people in need!

In Class worship we discussed the following questions...

Why is Katie so passionate about hunger? What inspired Katie to do something about hunger and take action?

Is Hunger a huge problem in our World? How do you know? Just how big is the problem?

What values does Katie exhibit?

Are there hungry people near you? How might you help?

We'd love to know how your children have helped others particularly the homeless. If they have please encourage them to come and tell us or send us an email. We have a new board in school highlighting how we are courageous advocates!