

Headteacher's Blog February 2019

Staffing

We are looking forward to having Miss Foster back with us from next week, following her very successful placement at St. Michael's C of E Primary in Alnwick. She will be working in upper Key Stage 2, alongside current staff.

Online Safety

Please be very watchful if your child/children access Peppa Pig, Fortnite, Netflix or YouTube Kids online. Clips of a disturbing character, alongside dangerous suggested behaviour, are being spliced into social media sites. Please see the guidance sent out via the PTA Facebook page about this 'Momo' threat, as well as paper copies to those attending the parent consultations. Online safety teaching is ongoing throughout the school year in every class.

Let us know if your child has been affected and we can offer support.

Events

As usual, there have been lots of interesting things going on:



Josie created an amazing Chinese Banquet for us on Chinese New Year. The chopsticks were well-mastered!
We learned lots from our expert visitor and made some interesting artworks to display in school.

Earth Works pupils performed an impressive version of The Kapok Tree.



Our 'Open the Book' community worship group brought the miracle of the crippled man to life for us, including a very ingenious hole for him to climb through.



Year 3 and 4 pupils are looking forward to their exciting Edinburgh visit by train and Year 6, along with some Year 5 pupils, are busy packing for next week's outdoor adventure to Robinwood. These visits offer our pupils' valuable life-skills, varied learning opportunities, develop team work and endurance. Thank you for supporting your child/children to have these experiences.

Liaison

Miss Baines and I have been working with The Duchess' High School on ways to make transition as easy as possible for our pupils. Year 6 teachers, Headteachers and Year 6/7 maths teachers have met at different times to develop additional pupil opportunities, as well as procedures to aid information sharing. This shared work is crucial in helping our pupils and families flourish as they move on to the next phase of their education. I will let you know when we have any updates.

Kind regards,

Diane Lakey Feb 2019