

Headteacher's Blog April 2019

SIAMS Inspection

I hope you have had a chance to read our latest Church Schools' Inspection Report.

Your children did us proud, as usual, and we are very pleased that the report reflects how we live as a school each day, e.g. 'This is a school in which failure never has the last word as pupils persevere and overcome challenges when things are difficult.' 'The school's Christian vision and associated values impact positively on behaviour, attitudes and relationships and so enable all to flourish.'

Thank you to the parents, governors, pupils, Church members and staff who spoke to the inspector during the day; we greatly appreciate your input.

Our self-evaluation was shown to be accurate and the areas for development were already ones we had identified and were working towards.

Caretaking

Our Caretaker, Reg, recently resigned due to back problems, leaving us donning our rubber gloves. We are very thankful for all he has done for us, particularly building our play equipment and excellent DIY work around school, such as our stock cupboard. We wish him a speedy recovery.

A huge thank you to 'Home from Home Housekeeping', for donating us 20 hours of free cleaning time in our hour of need. Thank you also to the staff and volunteers who have helped out too.

We have just appointed a new, experienced Caretaker, pending checks, who will start with us as soon as possible after Easter. In the meantime, we are purchasing additional cleaning hours to maintain standards and I am carrying out all necessary statutory tests and DIY, as needed.

Fairtrade Tuck Shop:

Recently, I have been unable to buy Geobars from Traidcraft, or elsewhere. In the interim, we are now selling 'Frusli' cereal bars, since they support The Prince's Countryside Fund (who help our farmers manage 10% of their land for wildlife, as well as supporting rural communities). The Fairtrade alternative bars are much more expensive than Geobars, so until I can find stock we can sell at 50p, I hope you are happy with this alternative. I will be asking the pupils for their feedback too. (Fairtrade Fruit Juice 50p/Cereal bars 50p- every Thursday).

Events:

We have had such a busy and productive half-term, including a variety of visits and visitors and excellent fundraising fun too.

Mothers' Day

Thank you to Josie for preparing such a lovely treat on Friday, and for those who attended, including the pupils who helped with singing, chatting and clearing away; helping to spoil those of you who could attend for a cuppa and cakes/scones.

Reminders -Easter Eucharist Service

On Wednesday 3rd April, at 9.30am, Rev. Judy Glover will be leading this service in St. Maurice's Church – all are welcome to join us.

Stay and Play

On Tuesday 2nd April, 1.15-3pm, there will be a Spring/Easter themed activity session for toddlers and carers to join us in the school Hall. Please join us if you can.

Kind regards,

Diane Lakey April 2019