



The Federation of Antrobus St Marks and Great Budworth CE (A) Primary School

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Dear Parents,

After a fun filled exciting first week back the staff & I are delighted with the children's attitude, confidence and joy at being back in school. We are really pleased with the quality and engagement in learning that has occurred and feel quite strongly right across every class that talk of 'catch up' isn't the right term we need to use. We are recovering, consolidating and moving ahead with new learning which is amazing.

I have received some thoughtful and kind words of appreciation from many of you which I have passed on to the staff and have shared with Governors. It feels so good when someone says thank you. The children are very good at this, sometimes, we as adults don't always remember to say it enough or how appreciated it is.

I would like to update you on the school's recruitment of a new head teacher. The rules around meeting face to face have slowed the process down somewhat but staff are due to meet, via Teams, with the shortlisted candidates this week. The children from both schools will then get to meet our final two in person as they lead outdoor worship. The final stage will then be an interview in person with the Governors. All in all, The Governors hope to have the process completed before we break up for Easter.

Some of you may remember we are part of Operation Encompass which is a service agreement provided by the Police and Cheshire West and Chester Schools informing myself as the Safeguarding Lead if they are called out to a family home when the children are present. This is so that we can support the children in school in the most appropriate way. There is now a further service agreement between Cheshire West and



Chester Schools which aims to support schools in providing the right care in school for children who have been admitted to A & E following an incident of self-harm. This will help ensure that we are able to support children in a way that means they feel safe and included. This is part of the Local Authority's commitment to working in partnership to safeguard and protect children and young people across the Borough.

Moving on, some parents have asked for guidance on where they can obtain lateral flow tests. These are for parents to complete on themselves not for them to do on primary age children. They aren't part of what school can offer but you can find out where to get them locally from this website. The tests are free and part of the Governments attempt to reduce the number of people who are asymptomatic mixing and therefore continuing to spread the Coronavirus. www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests. It is a good idea for you to do them, although it's not a very pleasant experience! Staff will continue to complete and report their results twice a week for the foreseeable future.

We continue to share Worship together via Teams and Congratulations last week for our Stars of the Week go to:

Great Budworth

Zach Moores - returning to school with a super attitude.
Lily- Rose - settling back into school well.
Sam- excellent writing.
Elizabeth - coming back full of confidence.
Scarlett - for her project on Africa.
Freddie Bishop - lovely, caring attitude to his classmates.
Aston - returning full of confidence.

Antrobus St. Marks

Mia & Jack - for achieving their Platinum times tables award.
Archie & Ed - fantastic maths.
Lucy & Emilia - super phonics and handwriting

And for this week go to:

Antrobus St Marks

Jean- for improved pace and attitude and beautifully presented work.
Edward Bates for contributions in lessons
Toby- always giving 100% effort in every lesson.
Walter- for his enthusiasm and progress in reading.



Great Budworth

Lake- for being kind to others and supporting our new children.
Charlotte- for coming back to school with such a positive attitude.

Elizabeth - for super work in History.

Emmie for her wonderful writing (see below) and her achievement with her times tables.

Seth Moores for his perseverance in Forest School activities.

Sophie Jones for her moon landing writing.

Sam for his positive attitude.

One quiet evening, Little Blue crept mindfully through the wood. He came upon a troupe of stunningly colourful birds with bold black eyes staring directly at him. An elegant bird drifted across the dark starry night sky. Adjacent to him was a golden bird rather small for its type. Little Blue looked down at the flood of colour as he scattered bits of mouth-watering bread crumbs. Behind him stood some towering trees, their branches flowing in the wind as if they were alive. Each bird had its own unique pattern, shape and colour. Little Blue just couldn't take his eyes off them. Feathery wings wafting like a wand waving magic. Never had any single person seen such a thing so astonishing in their life.

Friends of the School and FOTs invite the children across both schools to decorate a hard-boiled egg in any way that they choose and bring it into school from Monday 29th March. The decorated eggs will be judged on Wednesday 31st and each class winner will receive an Easter treat.

Finally, children at both schools have today enjoyed supporting Comic Relief's Red Nose Day fundraiser, with a total of £106.50 raised! Don't forget to look at the Twitter page and website for photographs!

Kind regards

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