



NEWSLETTER



OUR SCHOOL VALUES: RESPECT - UNDERSTANDING – PEACE – HONESTY – RESPONSIBILITY - TEAMWORK

15th October 2021

I am so happy to report that School trips are happening again. Y5 had a fabulous time at St Albans Cathedral on Tuesday and are looking forward to their Ultimate Frisbee Festival next week – what a busy fun end to the half term!

Chesham Carnival

Schools of Chesham Carnival has been going since 1974 and is a fantastic community event that the school love to be involved in. It's a great opportunity for your children to get dressed up and join in with the parade through Chesham town centre. It is also a great money maker for the school PTA, raising over £1000 last time we took part.

In fact, even though the parade did not take place last year due to Covid, we still managed to raise a fantastic £620 for our school though Chesham Carnival fundraising.

If you would like to be part of this brilliant event please email our Carnival organiser on:

mrscarriejones@outlook.com

SHOW
RACISM
THE
RED
CARD



Each October *Show Racism the Red Card* holds a national fundraising day across the UK for schools, organisations and individuals to show their support for anti-racism and to raise valuable funds for their charity.

This year our school will be participating but we will be holding our day on **Wednesday, 20th October** as the actual day is an inset day for us. It would be great if all staff and students came to school dressed in red to support this worthy charity. We will have a donation bucket at the gate or you can donate online via [this link](#), which also has buckets of information.

Harvest Donations

We received a lovely letter from the Chiltern Foodbank thanking us for our very generous Harvest Festival collection. The total weight of the food donated was an amazing 141.5 kg.

In the past year they have delivered food that would support over 5,450 people, over a third of which were children and they have, with our help, provided over 49,000 meals.

It is wonderful to have such great support from the community, so thank you everyone who contributed to this very worthwhile charity.



Cake Sale

Y6 raised a great £81.66. We are so looking forward to seeing what new books they replenish and update their reading area with.



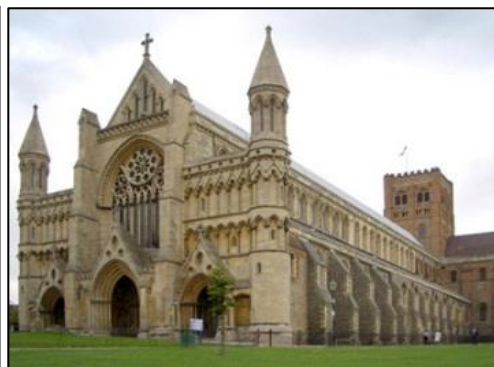
Face Coverings

We would be most grateful if all parents could please continue to wear a face covering when entering the reception area outside the school office and continue to use our one way system to enter and leave the site promptly.



Cherry Platts Visit St Alban's Cathedral

On Tuesday 12th, Cherry Platts spent the day at St Albans Cathedral. We learnt all about how and why the Vikings invaded Britain and also created some Anglo-Saxon recipes. Highlights were learning how to make butter and re-enacting a Viking invasion of Lindisfane monastery. We were all full of awe and wonder for the Cathedral and appreciated our time in such an important place of worship. A great day was had by all.





Sport at Hawridge & Cholesbury

Huge thanks to Mr Jackson for organising opportunities for some KS2 children to participate in sporting fixtures against local schools. The Year 6 boys enjoyed a football match against Robertswood School, with a very close result of 4-3 to Robertswood. The Year 6 girls, with some Y5 helpers, played two matches against Our Lady's and Ley Hill. We lost both matches but Mr Jackson was incredibly pleased with the commitment and positive attitude our players showed.

On Monday 18th, we are hosting a KS2 Cross Country event against Princes Risborough School. Good luck everyone taking part!

Black History Month

This month our curriculum has been further enriched with a focus on Black History Month. Next week, across the school we will be learning will focus on the lives of significant people from history, as well as those living today.

- Windmills class will be reading stories from other cultures, including Handa's Surprise.
- Year 1 will be learning about the life and achievements of Lewis Hamilton.
- Year 2 will be focussing on the amazing athlete, Mo Farrah.
- Year 3 will be exploring how Ruby Bridges helped to change the education system in America.
- Year 4 will be learning about how Martin Luther King fought for equality.
- Year 5 will discover how Catherine Johnson challenged preconceptions and helped to bring Apollo 13 safely back to earth.
- Year 6 will study the work of the American poet, Amanda Gorman.

This week's music, chosen by Mrs Gale, came from Robert Johnson. Robert was born in 1911 and following his short life he gained some notoriety as an American blues guitarist, singer and songwriter. Robert was a travelling musician, performing on street corners and at dances. We really enjoyed listening to his blues music and finding out about the talented man, who was so little known during his lifetime.

Deuteronomy 10:17

For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes.



Finally, let's have a brilliant last week of term with lots of good learning and fun. Just a reminder that school finishes normal time on Thursday, 21st October. Please remember to read every day of the holiday. It would be great to hear about some of the exciting books you have read.