



Bishop William Ward C of E Primary School Newsletter

Happy, respectful, lifelong learners

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Dear Parents/Carers

We like to encourage children to have a **growth mindset**. You may have heard this phrase at school or seen our display in the entrance. In order to embed this way of approaching life and learning, it would be great if you could reinforce things at home. Here are the key principles that we talk about:

Love a challenge

Have high expectations of yourself and your abilities

Enjoy putting in effort

If you are working hard, you are probably learning and improving

Learn from other people

Celebrate the success of others and ask yourself what you can learn from them

Keep going when it gets tough

Perseverance - one of our school Christian Values

Learn from mistakes

Don't see mistakes as failures - it's just the first step to learning something new

Demonstrating these values when you are outside of school is really important too:

- If your football team is losing, don't blame the ref – look at the other team and ask what you could learn from them.
- Try learning something new and demonstrating the values to your child as you do. People are always telling me they wished they had taken music lessons – it's never too late!
- Praise children for the amount of hard work they put in to a lego model or the way they persevere with learning to tie their shoelaces. Focus on the effort more than the outcome.
- Use the word 'yet' if your child says they can't do something. ('It's too difficult, I can't ride a bike without stabilisers'. YET!)

Demonstrating a growth mindset is often celebrated in our Gold Book. Here are the children who were nominated this week:

Foundation: James

Year 1: Seth

Year 2: Ava

Year 3: Ruby

Year 4: Chloe

Year 5: Tyler

Year 6: Sarah

Headteacher nomination: Yashvi



If you are interested in finding out more about growth mindset with your child, search '**Growth Mindset for Students**' on YouTube. There are some great animated videos created by the people behind 'Class Dojo'.

Film Club went on a trip to the cinema last week. They went to watch the original version of 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'. They were then challenged to write a review that could go in the newsletter.



Charlie and the Chocolate Factory was good, apart from when they sang. Some people might agree or disagree with me. Now, a piece of advice before I begin. Do not go there with an empty stomach!

So basically it started with Willy Wonka sending out 5 golden tickets and whoever won got to go in Willy Wonka's Chocolate Factory. It is a wonderful film and I would recommend it to sweet lovers. Everything in his factory is edible! I would rate it six out of ten.

Thank you for reading, by Hassan

This glorious tale of sweets and treats shall capture the imagination of children everywhere, as the famous chocolatier, Willy Wonka, launches five golden tickets into the world for children to find, like ships out onto the sea...

This story is a pleasure to watch. It's full of ups and downs. In my opinion, the graphics weren't great, but I think it added to the atmosphere in the room. So what are you waiting for? Step into a story of chocolate treasure, as a coin in the drain changes a young boy's life.

Starring the magnificent Gene Wilder, it blows the new Willy Wonka (Johnny Depp) out of the water. So with much pleasure and glee I rate it...



4 out of 5!

By Delphine



KEY STAGE 1 NATIVITY

Emails or letters have now gone out to all classes in Key Stage 1 regarding costumes for the Christmas play. Please make sure clothes are in by the deadline given. If you haven't seen the letter/email, please speak to the class teacher. A letter will go out soon inviting you to apply for tickets.



PANTOMIME TRIP

On 8th December, we will be taking the whole school to the pantomime! There are still a few permission slips that haven't been returned – please get these back to us as soon as possible. We aim to be back at school at approximately 5.30pm. A letter with all the details regarding collection will be out next week.

BOOK FAIR

Just in time for Christmas, we have a book fair visiting the school. The fair will run on the following days:

Wednesday 7th Dec: 3.20-3.45pm

Thursday 8th Dec: 8.30-9am

Friday 9th Dec: 8.30-9am/3.20-3.45pm

Monday 12th Dec: 8.30-9am/3.20-3.45pm

Tuesday 13th Dec: 8.30-9am

Wednesday 14th Dec: 8.30-9am

When you spend money at the fair, the company gives the school vouchers to buy some books, so please come along and support!



CYCLE SAFE

Please make sure that your child is cycling safely to school. We have had a few incidents where children cycling too fast along crowded pavements has led to some 'near misses'



Don't forget that the **Christmas Fair** is just around the corner! Saturday December 3rd, 11.30am-2pm.

Mr Bull