



Bishop William Ward C of E Primary School Newsletter

Happy, respectful, lifelong learners

'I have come so that they may have life, and have it in all its fullness' John 10:10

16th
October
2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Year 2 had a fabulous time on Monday as they experienced a Great Fire of London day. Thank you for all the hard work put into costumes for the children. 'Samuel Pepys' was really impressed with what the children had learned already as part of their topic work. It was a great opportunity to bring their learning to life!



October is **Black History Month** and we have been looking at this in our assemblies and circle times. With so much in the media over the past months around race and equality, it is a good time to explore these issues with your child. There will be lots of programmes and online activities that can support you in this. Follow this link for the CBBC content:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/curations/black-history-month>



HARVEST

Thank you for all of your donations for the Colchester Food Bank. We will be displaying them next week, so there is still time to bring items into school. I will take them to the Food Bank in half term. The children watched a video of a Harvest Service, created by Jo Jeffery – a youth worker for our local church. They learned about harvest customs around the world and celebrated with music, songs and prayer.

Children in the Gold Book this week:

Foundation: Coraline

Year 1: Ivy

Year 2: Mason

Year 3: Saul

Year 4: Emily G

Year 5: Abraham

Year 6: Sophia

Headteacher nomination: Matty



RSE POLICY

Last year, we developed a new **Relationships and Sex Education Policy**. However, there was no time to get the views of parents due to the restrictions put in place in response to the Coronavirus. If you would be interested in giving your opinions on this, please contact the office or Mrs Smith and we will send you the policy so that you can give us your views via email. We will then use this feedback to finalise the policy before it goes to governors for approval.

PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS

We will not be holding face-to-face Parent/Teacher meetings this term. Instead, the teachers will phone you to discuss your child's progress and how they have settled into the new term. These phone calls will take place during the second and third weeks of next half term (weeks beginning 9th and 16th November). Look out for a letter next week giving more details.



Please make sure that you are parking considerately. Residents of Braeburn Road are having trouble leaving their estate due to the volume of traffic and the manner in which some people are parking. If you are using the back entrance to the school, please use the **Village Hall** car park. If you park in Malvern Way, please don't park on the double yellow lines and respect people's driveways. It's all about keeping our children safe and being good neighbours.

Year 6 art inspired by The Blitz



Covid 19 Risk Assessment Update

Whilst the new Tier 2 status for Essex does not have any direct impact on schools, it does remind us of the need to be vigilant. Please remember to arrive on time for your entry into school and keep 2m between adults. Where possible, we would recommend only one parent drops off or collects the children. Whilst we are not yet insisting on it, we would also suggest that wearing a face mask will help to keep you and others safe.

Year 6

Year 6 parents need to get the **application for a secondary school place** in by the end of October. Please let us know if you need any support and we can help you out next week.

Mr Bull