



Art Competition

You will have received a letter this week about the PTA art competition that is being held in school. We need children to create a piece of art at home, using the theme 'Autumn' and then bring it in to be part of an exhibition we are putting together. Entries cost £1 and the PTA are donating prizes for a KS1 winner and a KS2 winner. Entries in by Wednesday 21 October please.

Earrings

We still have some children in school wearing earrings every day: school policy says no jewellery should be worn to school. Whilst we are mindful of the time it takes before earrings can safely be taken out, we believe that the end of this half-term is sufficient time for this to happen.

Therefore, we expect **no** children to be wearing earrings when we return from the half-term holiday on Thursday 5 November. Please ensure you spend time over half-term ensuring your child is able to come to school without their earrings in.

We have worked cooperatively with families in this matter and would now like you to ensure that uniform policy is followed correctly. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Foodbank harvest collection

Thank you to everyone who generously donated to our Foodbank appeal. We will let you know the total collected once we have the information from the foodbank.

Mufti-Day

Our wonderful PTA have organised a mufti-day where children can wear their own clothes for £1. This is on **Friday 23 October**, the day we break up for half-term

Parents' meetings

You will have received a letter about Ruby parents' evenings that are taking place on Thursday 15 October and Monday 19 October via zoom. Please return your slip as soon as possible so we can begin to allocate appointments. All other parents' evenings will be held on Monday 9 November: details to follow. There will be no gardening club on **Wednesday 11 November**.

We are interviewing for a maternity cover teacher for Ruby class on Tuesday 13 October – we will let you know soon after this who our new teacher will be.

Virtual Open Day Tour

As we are not allowed to hold an open day this year (for obvious reasons), we decided to put together a virtual tour for all parents who are thinking of sending their children to our school in September 2021. This is now available on Facebook, our website and via this link:

<https://youtu.be/O5MQIHKqri4>

Please notify anyone who you think would benefit from seeing this – you could share it on Facebook as well. We are also able to show prospective parents round our school, after school, in a Covid secure manner. We love our school and are very keen to show off what we do here – please help us spread the word.



Worship

We will be joined this afternoon by Rvd Alan Wadsworth, minister for Caton Baptist Church for our family worship. The zoom link was sent out last night: we look forward to seeing you at 2:15pm.

This week, we have continued to study the Christian value 'Courage' by learning all about David and Goliath. Have a think about a time when you showed courage.

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal

On Monday during worship, we will be visited by Sara Tyrer who coordinates the Christmas shoebox appeal. This has been very well supported by Caton St Paul's in the past and we would like to continue doing this despite the current difficulties.

Obviously, we can't take the children to Church to pack boxes, so we are asking for children to bring items into class so we can pack them safely. We are also hoping that some of you will pack a full shoebox at home and send that into school 'ready-made'. Further information will be sent home next week with details about what can go in the shoeboxes and when these need to be brought into school.

Thank you in advance for your support in helping this fabulous charity.

Mythical Creature Day

Sapphire Class are holding a 'Mythical creature day' on Thursday 22 October. This is to celebrate the work they have done in English focusing on mythical creatures. Please check the letter for details.

VIPs

A massive CSP well done to all our super VIPS this week. They have all shown Courage in their everyday lives

Diamond – Olivia for fantastic writing and always trying her best.

Ruby – Ethan for working really hard in his writing this week.

Topaz – Hannah for writing a wonderful Paddington Bear story.

Emerald – Elliott for being loving, caring, 'sparky' and funny. Elliot is a joy to have in class.

Sapphire – Daniel for being helpful to his peers and always tackling tasks with a big smile on his face.

Amethyst – Libby for settling in well to Year 6 and for having a mature and hardworking attitude.

VIP hoodies are taken home by a staff member to be washed over the weekend. These are then returned on Monday for the new VIPs to wear for the week.

Parent Governor

Unfortunately, we received no nominations for our vacant Parent Governor role. Please have a think if you would like to join our proactive Governing Board – we will be re-advertising next half-term.



One family, belonging, believing and learning together.
Romans 12v5 'So in Christ we, though many, form one
body, and each member belongs to all the others'.

The words of Jesus: Our Christian Value this week is Courage

Secondary School Applications

The deadline for applying for secondary school place is fast approaching: all applications have to be made by October 31 2020. An application has to be made for every Y6 child, regardless of their circumstances.

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-online-for-a-school-place/>

If you have any questions about this process, please contact Mr Gittins who will gladly talk you through it.

For those children sitting the 11+, this is still scheduled to take place on Saturday 17 October. You must apply for a secondary school place, even if you 'pass' the 11+.

Textile Recycling

COLLECTION DATE – MONDAY 12 OCTOBER

Why not have a clear out of any used clothes, paired shoes, bags, belts and soft toys and raise funds for school? Please bring them to school on the morning of the **12 October by 9am please** (not before please as we don't have space to store it) and drop them by the front wall of the staff car park in the Roberts Recycling Ltd bags which your child will bring home soon. Extra bags will be available from the office should you need them or use black bin liners ensuring all bags are tied. Thank you for your support.