

SPB NEWS

"FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST"



Poppy Appeal 2021

In 2021 the Royal British Legion is marking 100 years since the nation's collective Remembrance traditions were first brought together, such as the poppy, two-minute silence, Armistice Day and the service for the Unknown Warrior.

Poppies will be on sale in school from Monday 8th November. Children may bring in a donation to help the Royal British Legion support serving and ex-serving Armed Forces personnel and their families.

Every person, every donation, every poppy counts

Firework Code

If you are using fireworks at home tonight please plan carefully and follow the Firework Code.



Operation Christmas Child

Please visit <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/find-your-drop-off-location/> for information on gift suggestions and how to pack your shoebox.

Labels and information on how to pay your postage donation will be sent home with children today. Copies are also available from the school office.

Parent Consultation Meetings

Parent Consultation meetings Year 1 to Year 6 (choice of phone call or Zoom) will take place w/b 8th November 2021. If you have not yet made an appointment please click [here](#) to download a form. Please complete and return it to your child's teacher on Monday.

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Reminder – PE Days this term

PE day are now as follows:

Year 1 – Tuesday

Year 4 – Wednesday

Year 5 – Tuesday

Year 6 – Wednesday

Please can children come to school wearing their PE kit and tracksuit on their PE day.

EYFS 21/22 Applications

For your information, from Wednesday 1st September the Reception Class admissions application windows opened. Parents can now apply online.

Reception Class – apply for your child's place from Wednesday 1st September. Closing date for on-line applications is Friday 15th January 2021 – St. Paschal Baylon school form must also be completed – please ask at the school office or download from the school website.

All literature directs parents to apply online. Please note that children who are **not** Liverpool Local Authority residents must apply to their home local authority as per the local co-ordinated admissions arrangements.

If you need support with your application please contact school office.

The Admissions Team.

Mrs Dillon

Mrs Leahey

Mrs E Andrew

Reminder – Dogs on School Premises

Can we remind parents that dogs are not allowed within the school grounds.

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Diary Dates

Parent Consultation Meetings:

Y5 & Y6 – Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th November 2021

Y3 & Y4 – Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th November 2021

Y1 & Y2 – Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th November 2021

EYFS – Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th November 2021

Anti- Bullying Week – Monday 15th to Friday 19th November 2021

Activities

Day	Club/Activity	Year Group	Time
Monday	Jay Woods Football From 01.11.21 for 7 weeks	Y1	3.15pm – 4.15pm
Tuesday	LLS Multisports From 14.09.21 for 12 weeks	Y1 & Y2	3pm – 4pm
Wednesday	Jay Woods Football From 03.11.21 for 7 weeks	Y3	7.50am-8.30am
Wednesday	Jay Woods Football From 03.11.21 for 7 weeks	Y2	3.15pm – 4.15pm
Thursday	LLS Multisports From 16.09.21 for 12 weeks	Y3 & Y4	3pm – 4pm
Friday	Jay Woods Football From 05.11.21 for 7 weeks	EYFS	3.10pm-4.10pm

General/Important Information

School Nurse

Parents/carers can now ring the School Nurse directly, anytime, to make an appointment or discuss any issues/concerns you may have regarding your child.

Please call: 0151 295 9700

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK?

EYFS:

Welcome back, we hope you all had a fantastic half term holiday! We are so impressed with how well the children have all settled back into our school routine. We have started a new topic this week looking at a story called Lucy in the City which introduces the children to a birds-eye view of the city. As part of this topic we have been looking at maps of our school, and we have created our own maps. The children have all worked so hard illustrating and labelling their work. In Phonics this week the children have settled into their new Phonics groups and have all been working hard on recognising new sounds and using their Fred talk and Fred fingers. In Maths we have been completing our learning on the number 5, and the children have done some fantastic journaling to show what they have learnt. Thank you for sending in any photos of your child at their baptism, these have been perfect for introducing our topic on Baptism in RE, and the children have really enjoyed looking at these. We have been learning all about the special symbols of baptism and have re-enacted a christening during our RE lesson. Just a reminder that it is parents evening next Monday and Tuesday, if you haven't received confirmation of your time slot please check your child's book bag or send a message on Tapestry. Thank you!

YEAR ONE:

In English, we started the week by doing some independent writing all about our half term. For the rest of the week, we explored poetry and the rhyming words used in poems. We learned about onomatopoeia and thought of some exciting words that describe bonfire night. To finish our week, we created fantastic acrostic poems all about bonfire night.

In Maths, we learned how to subtract numbers within ten. We explored different methods such as crossing out, counting back on a number line and using whole part diagrams.

In History, we began our new topic 'The Great Fire of London'. We started by comparing past and present London and discussed the differences between the two times. Next week, we will be learning about the Great Fire.

In RE, we learned about the story of Moses freeing the Israelites. We also talked about how Jesus loves us all and thought of the feelings that we would have if we were meeting Jesus. We thought of words such as special, lucky, grateful, loved.

YEAR TWO:

What a fantastic first week back of term for Year 2. When we started our week, we were met with a surprise in our English lesson! A brightly coloured package arrived containing: a brick, a hard hat and several books. When we investigated further we found out the mystery package was from the Big Bad Wolf! He had stolen some items from Fairyland and was plotting his revenge on the Superpigs. We hope we can help them get rid of the nasty villain! In Maths, we have learned how to rename and regroup when subtracting 2-digit numbers. In Geography, we have revisited the countries in the UK and learned all about the capital cities. Finally, in Science, we have started reviewing our knowledge and checking to see what we can remember from last year. We have been looking at the characteristics of different animals including humans.

YEAR THREE:

The children of Year 3 have had a lot of fun learning about shadows as part of their science focus on 'Light', this week. First, they tested a range of materials to see which created the best (or darkest) shadow, with some children even ranking them in order from darkest (best) to palest (worst). The next day, they created their own puppets out of an art straw and black card before the lights were turned off and the torches turned on. On the same day, with the aid of a willing volunteer and some chalk, the children observed the changing size and shape of a shadow throughout the day. Once the children identified that the shadow was longer when the sun appeared lower in the sky, they were able to predict that the shadow would again increase in size as the day came to an end. Hopefully the children went home and shared their new knowledge (maybe they could demonstrate how to track a shadow for their families?).

In maths, there was a change of focus as we moved from addition and subtraction onto multiplication and division; whilst in History, the children started to compare Liverpool in the Victorian era, to modern day Liverpool. And, as usual, we finished the week with a Rights Respecting Schools lesson – where we continued to explore mental health, with the aid of Paddington Bear, from the Outright programme from UNICEF.

We hope all the children had a lovely break from school, and are now fired up and ready for the next half-term.

YEAR FOUR:

In English this week, we have started our new topic on fairy tales, looking at Philip Pullman's version of 'Puss in Boots.' On Wednesday, the children created their own version of a letter from 'Monsieur Ogre' to the King of France, telling him that he was going to marry the princess. There were many humorous pieces of work with all manner of interesting thoughts that the ogre might have been having!

On Monday, Year 4 started their new history topic on 'The Great Plague.' Before looking at the plague itself, the children learnt about the Stuarts and explored how life was different during that time compared to today. Finally, pupils created a diary entry imagining that they had been in a time machine to 1665! The diaries documented some of the more gruesome, difficult aspects of life for many during Stuart times.

In Science, we started our new topic: 'States of Matter.' To start the lesson, the children observed what happens when raisins are placed in a cup of lemonade, then were challenged to explain why they were floating to the top. Afterwards, we started to look at the terms, 'solids, liquids and gases' and looked at the characteristics of these states of matter.

YEAR FIVE:

Year 5 began the week by rehearsing and performing our Michael Rosen style poems. We used intonation, facial expressions and actions brilliantly and we all enjoyed the performances! We have also begun reading Oliver Twist, exploring the vocabulary used and creating power pyramids. In Maths, we discovered the prime, composite, square and cubed numbers and multiplied whole numbers by 10, 100 and 1000. In Geography lessons, we revisited the continents and oceans of the world and learned lots of interesting facts about each. Miss Nolan came to visit us before the half term holiday and told us all about the wonderful charity work she does so in our RE lessons this week we described her mission and gave reasons for her actions. In Science we began our new materials topic and sorted different materials according to their properties. Particular highlights this week were our Music and Computing lessons and we are looking forward to the next sessions!

YEAR SIX:

We have had a wonderful (but busy) start to this half term. In Maths, we have started our new topic on fractions. We have been comparing, ordering and simplifying fractions using diagrams and by finding common multiples. We also identified and learnt the difference between prime and composite numbers. In English, we have started our new topic 'Classic Novels'. We will be studying the Wizard of Oz by Frank Baum and will be looking at archaic language, differences between the text and film version and discussing the possible reasons as to why certain elements from the book are not included in the movie. In Geography, we used atlases to locate the 50 states of America and looked at the time and climate differences between some of the states. We could not believe how big the USA is compared to the UK! We have also been practising our Remembrance song in preparation for the special tribute that we will be putting together in time for 11th November.

KEEP IN TOUCH...

Download our school app from the App Store or Google Play. Please provide the school office with your email to allow us to invite you to use our app. Receive our weekly newsletter every Friday and keep up to date on events, term dates and much more!

Or follow us on Twitter [@SPBPrimary](https://twitter.com/SPBPrimary)