

SPB NEWS

"FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST"



Chinese New Year 2024

Kung Hei Fat Choi! This week, Reception children have been learning about Chinese New Year.

2024 is the year of the dragon and children have completed a range of activities and were given a fortune cookie too!

Fortune cookies symbolise luck, wisdom and fate. It is said that a Chinese immigrant, David Jung, invented the cookie in 1918 while living in Los Angeles. He was concerned about the poor people he saw wandering near his shop so he created the cookie and passed them out free on the streets. Each cookie contained a strip of paper which had inspirational Bible scripture on it, written for Jung by a minister.

In the words of Mother Teresa,

"It's not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving".

Have a wonderful weekend if you are celebrating Chinese New Year!

Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day 2024 took place on the 6th of February 2024, with celebrations and learning based around the theme 'Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online'.

For E-Safety information and helpful tips please visit our school website Parents tab/E Safety or click the link below:

<http://www.paschalbaylon.org.uk/parents/e-safety/>

Lost Property

On Fridays, our KS2 School Council members will gather that week's lost property from around the school and put it in the outdoor classroom near our front yard. At home time parents/carers can have a look through the lost property for any items that may have gone missing that week. This will be starting the first Friday after half term, **Friday 23rd February**.

PTA Pancake Flip Event

The children all had a great time today taking part in pancake flip relays and eating a pancake afterwards!

Thank you for all of your donations, every single penny will be spent on your children ensuring they receive a rich and enjoyable experience at school.

Thank you once again for all of your support!

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PE Days After Half Term

Children should come to school wearing PE kit/tracksuit on PE days.

EYFS – PE dates as follows:

Wednesday 21st March 2024
Monday 26th March 2024
Wednesday 6th March 2024
Monday 11th March 2024
Monday 18th March 2024
Monday 25th March 2024

Year 2 – PE dates as follows:

Monday 19th February 2024
Wednesday 28th February 2024
Monday 4th March 2024
Wednesday 13th March 2024
Wednesday 20th March 2024
Wednesday 27th March 2024

Year 1 – Every Tuesday w/b 19.02.24

Year 3 – Every Wednesday w/b 19.02.24

Year 4 – Every Wednesday w/b 19.02.24

Year 5 – Every Monday w/b 19.02.24

Year 6 – Every Tuesday w/b 19.02.24

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Diary Dates

Half Term – Monday 12th to Friday 16th February

Children Return to School – Monday 19th February 8.30am

U11 Boys Football @ Jeffrey Humble – Tuesday 20th February 3pm

Y4 First Holy Communion Sessions @ CTK – Tuesday 20th February at 4.15pm & 6pm

Y1 Trip to Safari Park – Thursday 22nd February

U11 Boys Football @ Heron Eccles – Tuesday 22nd February 3pm

Cross Country Race 5 @ Sefton Park – Monday 26th February 4pm

U11 Girls Football @ Heron Eccles – Thursday 29th February 3pm

Mass at SPB – Monday 4th March @ 9.15am

School Photograph Day – Tuesday 5th March

Cross Country Race 6 @ Wavertree – Thursday 7th March 4pm

Own Clothes Day – Donations of Easter Eggs – Friday 15th March

Easter Bingo KS1 – Wednesday 20th March

Own Clothes Day – Donations of Easter Eggs – Friday 22nd March

Easter Bingo KS2 – Wednesday 27th March

School closes for Easter break – Thursday 28th March @ 1.30pm

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Activities – Spring Term

Day	Club/Activity	Year Group	Time
Monday	Jay Woods Football From 19.02.24 for 6 weeks	Y1	3.05pm – 4.05pm
Monday	Choir	KS2	3pm – 4pm
Tuesday	Jay Woods Football From 20.02.24 for 6 weeks	Y5 & Y6	7.45am – 8.30am
Tuesday	LLS Multi-sports From w/b 08.01.24 to 28.03.24	Y3 & Y4	3pm – 4pm
Tuesday	Debate Academy 30.01.24 to 26.04.24	Y4, Y5 & Y6	3.05pm-4.05pm
Wednesday	Jay Woods Football From 21.02.24 for 6 weeks	Y2	3.05pm – 4.05pm
Wednesday	Wellbeing Club		3pm – 4pm
Thursday	Jay Woods Football From 22.02.24 for 5 weeks	Y3 & Y4	7.45am – 8.30am
Thursday	LLS Multi-sports From w/b 08.01.24 to 28.03.24	Y1 & Y2	3pm – 4pm
Thursday	ReAction Group	Y4, Y5 & Y6	3pm – 4pm
Thursday	Dot Art	Y5	3pm – 4pm
Friday	Jay Woods Football From 23.02.24 for 5 weeks	EYFS	3.05pm-4.05pm

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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

Reminder – Dogs on School Premises

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

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK?

EYFS:

Kung Hei Fat Choi! This week we have been learning all about Chinese New Year! We listened to the Zodiac Story and used our phonic knowledge to sound out and write a list of the animals in the story. We also watched videos and read books to learn how and what people do to celebrate. We turned our home corner into a Chinese restaurant and the children loved dressing up and role playing. We have been practising to write Chinese numbers, we also made cards and lanterns! In Maths, we have continued to explore whole part diagrams. We used counters and numbers to show number bonds to 10. We also represented number stories too. In RE, we have listened to a range of Bible stories about Jesus and the miracles he performed. We have also listened to and learned about The Glory Be prayer. We have taken part in a range of activities to highlight 'Children's Mental Health Week'. We listened to a story called 'Speak Up' which reminded us that we all have the right to an opinion and that our opinions should be listened to and taken seriously. We can't believe we have completed another half term. We hope you all enjoy your break, get some rest and have some fun! We look forward to welcoming you back for another busy and fun filled half term! Thank you for your continued support.

YEAR ONE:

It has been a very week in Year 1! In English, we have been planning and writing a set of instructions on 'How to catch a witch' for Rapunzel, so she can go out and catch that horrible witch! In Maths, we have explored how to compare length and height using words such as 'longer' 'shorter' and 'taller'. In Geography, we wrote amazing fact files all about Wales. We have really enjoyed celebrating Children's Mental Health week, this week. We learnt about how to boost our own wellbeing, respect each-others right to be listened to and celebrated how proud we can be of ourselves. We also had a great time flipping and eating pancakes to start the Lenten season.

YEAR TWO:

Year 2 have had a very busy last week of this half term. This week has been Children's Mental Health Week and we have participated in lots of workshops and activities promoting our mental health. The theme this year is 'My Voice Matters' and we enjoyed listening to a story about how a child uses her voice to raise awareness of her local library closing down. Each day we have completed a mental health diary, highlighting something that we are proud of. In English, we have focused on our grammar skills and have been practising using apostrophes for contractions as well as adding -ed to change words into the past tense. In Maths, we have learned how to measure temperature using a thermometer and we know that this is measured using Degrees Celsius. We finished our Art unit by evaluating our sculptures; talking about what we liked about our work and how we might improve it next time. In Music, we used the glockenspiels to play a given tune! It was lots of fun! We ended our week with a very fun Friday! We had an assembly from Incredible Edibles who told us all about the work they do in the community. We are looking forward to working with them after half term in Court Hey Park. Please remember to return your permission slips if you haven't already done so. We also enjoyed our Pancake Flip Relay and celebrated by eating our pancakes back in class.

Please remember that Y2 children will have PE on the first Monday back so need PE kits.

YEAR THREE:

This week has had a rather different look to it, with it being Children's Mental Health Week. The theme for this year is '*Your Voice Matters*' and we began the week with an in-class assembly, discussing what we could do to improve our school. On Thursday, the Year 3 classes participated in a live lesson with the theme being '*You are amazing!*' and the children learned a range of helpful techniques to use, for when they are feeling angry or frustrated. Both classes also discussed the '*things that matter*' to them, with answers varying from family to KFC! In Maths, we began the unit '*Money*', in which the children have looked at making different amounts of money. After half-term, both classes will begin to look at adding money and calculating change. The final English lesson saw the children finish the unit '*Fables*' by completing an innovated version of '*The Tortoise and the Eagle*'. The highlight of the week came on Friday, in the annual '*SPB Pancake Race*'! We hope that the children have an enjoyable and relaxing week off!

YEAR FOUR:

As part of 'Children's Mental Health Week', Year 4 enjoyed the livestream event, where they talked about the importance of looking after our well-being and expressing ourselves in a positive way.

In English, the children finished their persuasive adverts unit, by writing their own advert for a product of their choice. We were very impressed with their use of persuasive techniques, particularly their ability to exaggerate the truth!

In Maths, Year 4 have been finding equivalent fractions, using a fraction wall and their times table knowledge. They have also been simplifying mixed numbers, and we've been delighted with the progress they have made this week. Well done, Year 4!

In Design and Technology, the children used their research from last week to help them design a decorative purse. They thought about how they could make their purse secure and look aesthetically pleasing. The children are very eager to make their designs come to life after half term.

We hope you all have a well-deserved rest next week!

YEAR FIVE:

In RE this week, Year 5 learned about our diocese and imagined we were new Bishops, designing our own coat of arms. We also learned about the different Christian denominations and created a Google Slide to teach the rest of the class about our chosen denomination. We explored thermal insulators in Science. We set up an investigation involving cups of tea wrapped up in layers of paper towels. We found that the cup which had the most layers cooled the slowest. In History, we finished our topic about Baghdad, learning and recounting how the Islamic Golden Age came to an end. Following on from fractions, we have begun to learn about decimals in Maths. It's been a bit tricky to get our heads around it but using the equipment has helped us and we're making progress with them. We've loved experimenting with colours in Art lessons in preparation for our dragon eyes. We looked at different techniques and shades on the colour wheel and decided which style of eye we would like to recreate. We also enjoyed our activities for Children's Mental Health Week and the live streams. It's been a busy but enjoyable half term: enjoy a well-earned break!

YEAR SIX:

This week, Year 6 have taken part in a range of fun and creative activities to celebrate Children's Mental Health week. We participated in some live lessons as well as creating posters to show the various things that we are proud of about ourselves. In History, we have written a balanced argument about Vikings, using all of the facts that we have learnt during this topic. Our title was: Vikings-invaders or traders? Our teachers were very impressed at how many facts we were able to recall and at how we had kept our arguments unbiased. In Science, we enjoyed taking part in a classification activity involving sweets! We were given a task by the British Confectioner's Association to create a classification system for a range of different sweets, using the knowledge we had acquired from our previous lesson on Carl Linnaeus- we did a great job! We are now looking forward to a week of rest after a very busy half term!

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