



St. Stephen's C.E. Primary School

Aspire to Greatness



For we are the handiwork of God, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:10

This Week's Worship Value continues with "S" for Succeed

Happy New Half Term! This week, we launched worship with "S" for Succeed and this half term we are learning about wisdom and humility. Our curate Barbara spoke to the children on Monday about Creation. There are so many wonders in the natural world and our faiths teach us to respect the planet and to be caretakers for the world.

Our worship leaders launched "Fairtrade Fortnight" on Tuesday and they have a challenge for the classes. We are "going cocoa", they announced in assembly. You can watch the assembly here:

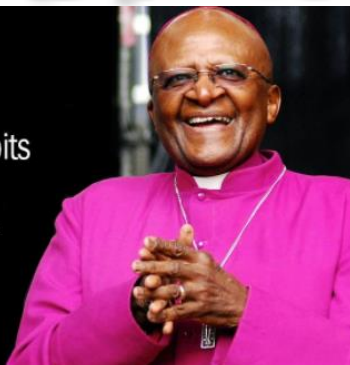
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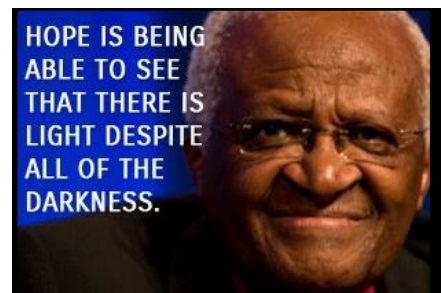
Classes will be making chocolate delights with some fairtrade powdered drinking chocolate and also learning about climate change and the impact on farming in disadvantaged communities. We will be considering how we can make "wiser" choices to help to reverse climate change and will be asking special visitors to hear our views. We are delighted that some school governors and our local MP, Mark Hendrick, will be visiting school next Friday to find out more about Fairtrade fortnight. Our children will be thinking of questions for our school and political leaders about how they too can impact on climate change from their leadership position. We can all make wiser choices in our daily living and every little change we make for the better can make a difference.

Do your **little bit of good**
where you are; its those little bits
of good put together
that **overwhelm the world.**

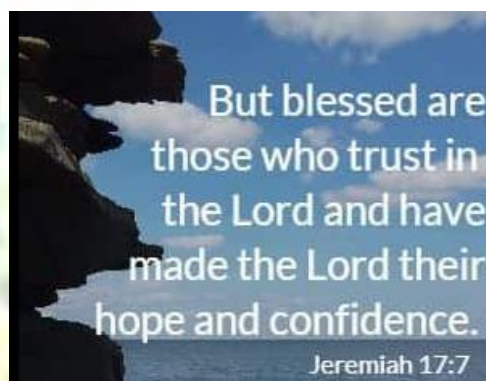
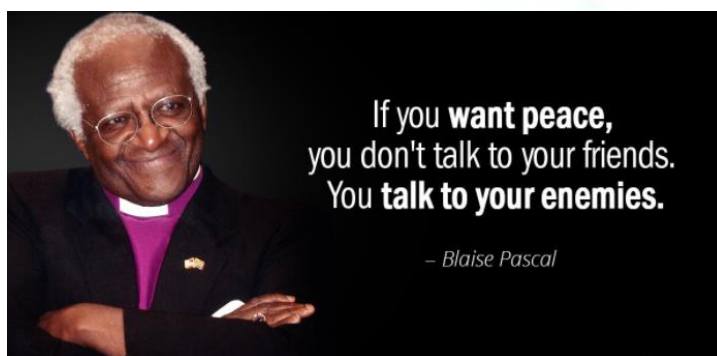
– Desmond Tutu



HOPE IS BEING
ABLE TO SEE
THAT THERE IS
LIGHT DESPITE
ALL OF THE
DARKNESS.



As the half term continues, we will try to support our children to reflect on their everyday choices and look to the examples of wise leaders who speak with truth and at the heart of God's message. As the world unites in conversations about the current conflict in Eastern Europe, we need much wisdom about how we choose to respond. Let us pray that peace can be guaranteed through a persistence to communicate with those who have opposing views. As a school, we will try to support any humanitarian crisis and we hope you will join with us to support those suffering in Ukraine. More details about collective action will be announced in due course.



World Book Day – Thursday 3rd March

This year's World Book Day takes place next week on Thursday 3rd March. Children may wear colourful non uniform to celebrate books with us. There are some exciting activities planned – all relating to the interesting texts we are reading in school. We also have a family activity for you to join in with and this will be revealed in due course.

Sharing books as a family is a really important activity and children gain hugely from developing language from texts. They also enjoy this special time with adults and it can be a great time to bond with your child. We want to continue to celebrate books over the next half term and are keen to support you with our approach to reading. Thank you to KS1 families for attending the recent phonics workshops. We hope to continue to support families with the strategies we use to teach children to read. The literacy trust is a great place to go to find out more about how you can support reading with your child: <https://literacytrust.org.uk/parents-and-families/>

My Place Community Project – Beginning 10th March

The Wildlife Trust are running sessions for adults using our environmental area. The date for this project has moved to the Spring due to the weather and current stage in the pandemic. There are lots of creative and crafty projects which are planned in the outdoors and can aid well-being. If you would like to access the My Space project then please contact us at school or contact Jenny Reddel. We are hoping to link this creative crafty group to our work with Forest Schools. Andy Pratt will also attend with Jenny.

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Robinwood – 16th - 18th March 2022

Families of children attended an online meeting this week. The powerpoint has been shared with families and emergency contact details will be sent out in due course. Please contact school if you have any questions about the trip.

School Visits

KS1 enjoyed a trip to the zoo this week and, thankfully, the weather was cold but kind! Thank you to families for supporting the trip.

Lower juniors will be visiting the Sikh Gurdwara on Bow Lane on 15th March. This will support their learning in R.E. There is no charge for the visit.

KS2 children will be invited to an Easter experience at St. Stephen's Church on 29th March. Year groups will visit separately to watch drama and carry out practical activities. We will forward more details to families in due course.

KS1 SATs meeting

A meeting for Year 2 parents has been organised on Monday, straight after school, so that families can learn more about the Y2 SATs. If you are unable to attend then please let the teachers know so that they can share the presentation with you after the meeting.

Dates for your Diaries

Monday 21st Feb: Fairtrade Fortnight begins – this year we are focusing on climate change whilst also having fun with chocolate!

Thursday 3rd March: World Book Day – we have some exciting ideas for reading on this day!

Monday 7th March: Film night for lower KS2. The film is Luca – payments to be made on ParentPay

Thursday 10th March: "My Space" Environmental Area Group begins.

Tuesday 15th March: Lower Junior Trip to the Gurdwara as part of their work on Sikhism.

Wednesday 16th – 18th March: Robinwood Residential

Wednesday 23rd March: Class Photos - A photographer will be taking photos (from 9am)

Friday 25th March: Interim reports will come home to parents.

Monday 28th March: Easter Enrichment begins

Tuesday 29th March: Easter Experience at St. Stephen's Church

Wednesday and Thursday 30th and 31st March: Parents' evenings after school

VIP Winners who have “Aspired to Greatness”

These children “Achieve Highly” and are wise when thinking about the need for equality for others



Aliyah Hussain - F. Inventors Alys Duckworth – F. Explorers

Luna Butland - Y1, Hajirah Feroz -Y1/2

Raymond Lund – Y2, Aminah Bahar – Y3 Kingsley Costello – Y3/4

Dhemica Parmar – Y4 Rylan Hall - Y5/6 Aminah Miah - Y6

Golden Book winners who have “Aspired to Greatness” in their Work

Mankirat Singh - F. Inventors Kiaan Chauhan – F. Explorers

Vincent Braco Diaz - Y1, Evangeline Taylor-Bilsborough -Y1/2

Ali Hussain – Y2, Pearl Gavin - Y 3 Sienna Turner Willis – Y3/4

Katie Hobson – Y4 Katie Kenworthy - in 5/6 Blake Holland - Y6

Lunchtime VIPs – who have “Aspired to Greatness” and excelled at lunchtimes in their behaviour

Inaaya Amar - F. Inventors Derek Jones - F. Explorers

Ellie Johnson - Y1, Hamdaan Kazee -Y1/2

Madara Strautina – Y2, Ahmad Abdullah - Y3 Jacob Livsey – Y3/4

Atiyyah Shaikh – Y4 Amelia Lyons - Y5/6 Mumtaaz Badat - Y6