



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 was "gratitude"

As we continue to reflect on "E" for ENJOY in our values this week

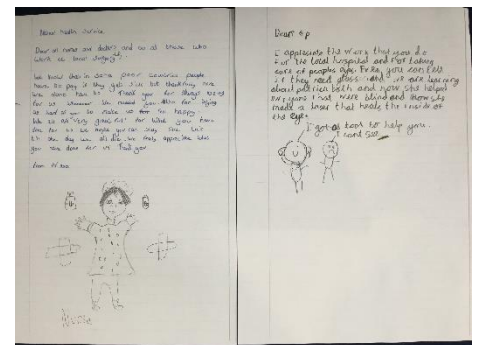
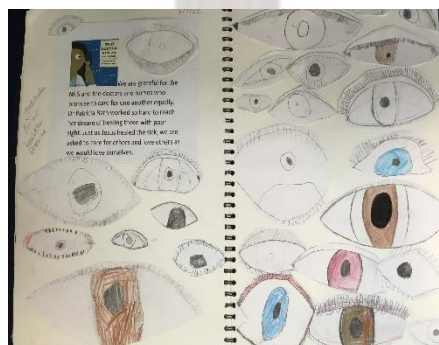
In our worship, we have reflected on gratitude for those who heal us. On Monday, Vicar Dave told us the story of the healing of the blind man. Jesus was able to heal a man from blindness and this enabled him to know Jesus as the healer of hearts and minds, as well as eyes. We reflected on the joy which comes from helping others who need healing and we learned more about those who work in health care. Doctors take an oath to heal all people equally and we should celebrate this value which is present in our National Health Service.

During the week, we also learned about Dr. Patricia Bath who overcame obstacles to become a key medical practitioner. She worked to restore sight to the blind using laser treatment. It is great to learn of people with real dedication and determination. You can read her story here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8p3HI4H4aTM>



After we reflected on the values within our health service, some children wrote letters to say 'thank you' to health practitioners. Did you know it was the anniversary of the NHS on 5th July? We would like to say a huge thank you to those in our community who work in health care and we felt gratitude for living in a country with free health care for all. Year 3's thank you letters were delivered to our local GP practice on Fishergate Hill and we hope it gave all who work there much joy.



Jubilee Fair and Community Fun!





The staff and stall holders at last night's fair wish to say a huge 'thank you' to all who came to support the Jubilee fair last night. We were so pleased to welcome Deputy Lieutenant Gulab Singh to open the fair. He emailed last night to say, "it was a very enjoyable event and I met some lovely people doing some wonderful work".

The amazing contributions from our community have raised £1000 in funds for school and additional monies to local charities. The cake stall was able to raise funds for the new community centre next to the Masjid E Saliheen on Grafton Street. There were funds raised for the Carmelite India Fund and we also supported the charity "Sparkle Bean".

It was a truly wonderful evening and we hope that those who attended felt much blessed by the event. Special thanks to Mrs Goodwin and Mrs Holloway for co-ordinating stalls and the highly successful cash-free token system. We hope families found this new way to pay easier than carrying around notes and coins at the event.

Monies raised for school will go to subsidise trips and experiences for children in school and to enrich the wider curriculum. Thank you for all contributions, smiles and kind comments on the day!



Sparkle Day

Thank you for supporting our “sparkle day” and for purchasing wrist bands for the charity Sparkle Bean. We have been able to raise £153 for the charity.



Sports News

Our EYFS children enjoyed their Sports Day, after much waiting for good weather. Thank you to families for attending and we hope the children enjoyed their first experience of a school sports day.

We were able to take a group of children to watch the very first game of the Women's Football Euros in Manchester. Staff commented on how wonderful it was to watch the opening of the event and to see an England win too! We hope the children enjoyed this experience which promotes women's football.



Nursery Induction

On Tuesday, at 5 p.m., there will be an induction meeting for prospective Nursery parents. Mrs Goodwin has sent the Zoom link for this meeting and we have an open afternoon on Tuesday 19th July. We look forward to meeting new families soon!

Jubilee Book For Pupils

All children in the main school will receive a beautiful book as a celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee today. This gift has been awarded to children in schools and is a rich retelling of the amazing life and times of our Queen. We hope that the children can keep this as a keepsake and memory of this very special year and incredible monarch.



School Reports and Staff News

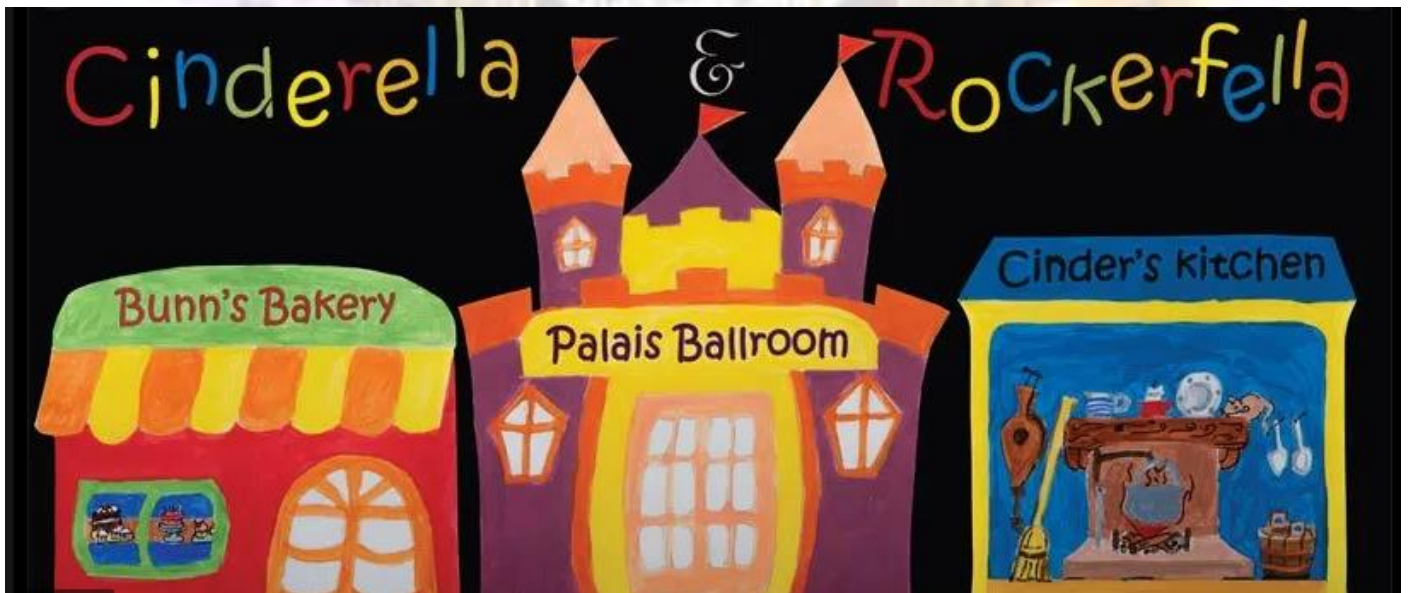
Children will receive their school reports in an envelope on Monday. Please look out for this envelope as it also contains information about the organisation of classes for next year.

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to Mr Hadjigeorgiou as he takes up a new position in another school. Year 3 have enjoyed their year in his class and will, no doubt, find their special way of saying goodbye. Miss Adams is also leaving us next week. Miss Adams has worked in the Year 3/4 class as a teaching assistant. We wish her well as she moves on from our school.

We will be welcoming two new members of staff in September. Mr Wood will be joining our school as a teacher and Miss Pickervance will be employed as a class teaching assistant. We know that our school community will soon make them feel very welcome. Mr Wood will meet his new class on 19th July and he is very much looking forward to joining our school team.

Year 6 Production

Our Year 6 children have been working hard learning lines and songs as they prepare to present, "Cinderella Rockafella" at the end of term. Families are invited to watch this great performance on Thursday 14th July at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. There is no charge for attendance but please bring handkerchiefs as you may be crying with laughter or get rather emotional at this last chance to see your child perform in school!



Trips and Experiences

There are a few trips planned before the end of term. KS1 are having a Victorian funfair experience on the school field next week. Nursery visited the farm today and the lower juniors are going to the Lake District as part of their work in Geography and History. Reception class will be visiting Roots to Branches for a forest schools activity day during the last week of term too. Thank you to families for supporting these trips and enabling children to receive an enriched curriculum.

Dates for your Diaries

Monday 11th July – School Reports to go home to parents

Tuesday 12th July – KS1 Victorian Funfair event at school

Tuesday 12th July – Nursery induction on “zoom” at 5 p.m.

Wednesday 13th July – Y3 trip to the Lake District

Thursday 14th July – Y6 Production of “Cinderella Rockafella”

Friday 15th July – Y4 trip to the Lake District

Monday 18th July – Reception Class trip to Roots to Branches

Tuesday 19th July – children move up to meet their new class teacher

Thursday 21st July – Year 6 Leavers’ Assembly at 1 p.m.

School closes at **2p.m.** for the holiday

