



# Newsletter No. 3



*Jesus said 'As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples'.*

**Our Value this Half Term is to show RESPECT**

## November



Dear Parent/ Carers,

I hope you are well. At long last we have a hall floor and we are so looking forward to having lunches, PE lessons, Acts of Worship and lots of wonderful events in our hall again! We had our first Act of Worship in person as a whole school on Tuesday last week and it was so wonderful to all be together again and beautiful singing filling our hall! This week is the start of Advent and this year we shall be following the Calm and Bright programme with the community as we explore this important period of the Christian calendar. You can find more information about Calm and Bright on the News and Events page on the website. As we move through the last three weeks of term, there will be many events in school in the lead up to Christmas to look forward to- we have a surprise treat for the whole school on Wednesday afternoon (4<sup>th</sup>), the Arts Trophy Final on Friday (6<sup>th</sup>), the Santa Dash on the 17<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner on the 18<sup>th</sup>, our EYFS Nativity on the 19<sup>th</sup> and our Christmas Service on the 20<sup>th</sup> at Jesus Church. Please don't forget all children come to school in PE kits on the 17<sup>th</sup> December and we finish school at 3pm on this day for the Santa Dash - if your child is taking part- you will need to collect them and take them to the meadow where this will take place. If your child is at After School Club- they will be taken to the meadow by the playleaders but please ensure you let Mrs Sofroniou (who will be on the meadow) if you are taking your child during this event. Finally, please join us for a moment of quiet, calm and reflection at Community Prayer on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 8:25 am in the school Prayer Garden.

With my very best wishes,  
Ms Izard- Head teacher

## Our New Vision and Values

### Our Vision



Jesus said "As I have loved you, so you must love one another.  
By this everyone will know that you are my disciples." John 13:34 -35

Following Jesus's example, we treat each other, our community, and God's amazing world with love, respect and compassion. We aspire to ignite curious minds, nurture a passion for learning and enable everyone to experience and share **faith**, **hope** and **service**.

Learning and living in Faith, Hope and Service

### Our Values



To develop **confidence** and **respect**,  
to show **compassion**,  
to learn to be **reflective** and **responsible**,  
to grow **resilience**.

Learning and living in Faith, Hope and Service

## Nursery – Miss Bissett, Mrs Golebiowska and Mrs Courtney



Our nursery children have had an exciting and productive November, filled with engaging activities and the start of festive cheer! We've been focusing on learning our numbers to 5 in different ways, helping the children understand how numbers link to quantities through practical, hands-on experiences. From counting objects to exploring quantities in creative play, their understanding is growing wonderfully. Creativity has continued to be at the forefront as the children experimented with bicarbonate powder and shimmery-coloured powder to create their magical potions. This sensory activity not only sparked their imaginations but also provided opportunities to explore



measurement and problem-solving in a playful setting. In our RE sessions, we've been learning all about the nativity story and the true meaning of Christmas. The children have shown great enthusiasm and curiosity during these sessions. Adding to the festive spirit, we've been practising our nativity songs, filling the nursery with joyful melodies as we prepare for our big performance! The children have also been working hard in the Finger Gym, tackling activities designed to strengthen their fine motor skills. From threading to manipulating small objects, these



exercises help to build strong hands and fingers, which are essential for early writing skills. To tie in with one of our nursery rhymes, the children had a wonderful time crafting their very own sheep this week. These adorable creations allowed them to develop their artistic skills while reinforcing their learning in a fun and meaningful way. It's been a fantastic month of learning, creativity, and festive fun in the nursery—we can't wait for what the rest of the term will bring!

## Reception – Mrs Munt, Miss Barnfield and Mrs Toumazou



Reception have been working hard with their phonics and are busy trying to apply it to their class text *Owl Babies* using both their decoding, blending and writing skills. We have also enjoyed sharing some non-fiction texts and the children have loved creating life cycle zigzag books alongside learning about animals. We have enjoyed learning, and talking, about different festivals being celebrated and how we connect with them. In



provision we have really enjoyed paint play, in particular printing with different objects, sometimes just for fun and at other times to create certain images such as owls or angels! We are busy rehearsing songs for our Nativity production, and this has enabled us to access our RE unit of learning with increased confidence around vocabulary. The children always enjoy our practical approach to Maths but this term



has seen a real development in them being able to access more abstract tasks too. We have revisited the language of more and less and used familiar songs such as Five Currant Buns, Five Little Speckled Frogs and Five green bottles to support this. The children are subitising really well and are now beginning to use their number recall to approach making five in different ways. What a busy, but brilliant, November!

## Year 1 -Miss Campion and Ms Bowery

Year 1 have started their new class text, "London Calls!" by Gabby Dawnay which they have absolutely loved! They began by going on a tour of London where they got to see all of London's famous landmarks in our capital city. The children enjoyed talking about their own experiences of going to London and what they did there. We discussed Tower Bridge in depth and even watched a video of the bridge lifting, it was amazing! We will continue to explore non-fiction



texts and will be writing to inform later in the term. In Science, the children have been learning about "Everyday Materials" and have explored a range of materials and grouped them according to what they



were made from. The children were encouraged to use their senses to help them determine which material they had. Well done Year 1!

## Year 2 – Miss Wisbey, Mrs Sofroniou and Ms Darby

What an exciting month it's been in Year 2, filled with exploration, creativity, and lots of adventure!

In Forest School, the class have been making the most of the crisp autumn air by diving into the wonders of the outdoors. From spotting wriggly worms and bugs to building imaginative stick shelters, the children have been loving their time exploring nature. I'm sure they would love to tell you more about it!



Meanwhile, in Geography, class 2 have been exploring maps of the world and even local maps of Forty Hill. In many lessons they have been heading outdoors to practice using compasses and have been navigating our playground and field. They have even had a go at creating their own maps - Well

Done Year 2 for all your hard work in topic. This half term the children have been discovering the features



of poetry writing and have been editing and adapting a class story map to construct their very own underwater poem.

From repeating lines to alliteration phrases, the Year 2 team are so proud of what they have produced. An amazing month of lots of fun and dedication to learning - Keep it up Year 2.



## Year 3 – Mrs Fernandes and Ms Bishop

We are nearing the end of what can only be described as a fantastic term for Year 3. All the children have shown great determination to succeed and progress in their learning. This half term the children have continued with their music lessons and every week, Wendy is impressed by their understanding and ability to read the music notes. The children have also been learning about road safety and have created their own posters to be



displayed around our school to support our school community. In Science they are currently learning about the topic of 'Forces' and the children carried out an investigation on how objects move on different surfaces. Mrs Fernandes and Ms Bishop are incredibly proud of the class as they are working incredibly hard. Keep up the hard work Year 3!

## Year 4 – Mr Kansara and Mrs Buller



This month in Year 4 has been both challenging and rewarding. Despite the pressures of assessment week, the children demonstrated remarkable resilience, tackling their tasks with determination and positivity. Their hard work paid off, leaving them feeling immensely proud as they completed their assessments and earned a well-deserved treat for reaching their 20 stars in the jar. Science has been a particular highlight, with exciting experiments investigating the relationship between the weight of fizzy drinks

with and without carbon dioxide. In R.E., our focus has been on the core concept of Incarnation, exploring how



Jesus is seen as the Prince of Peace. The children have shared thoughtful ideas about internal and external peace, reflecting on Bible quotes and discussing how Jesus' teachings inspire us to cultivate peace in our own lives. As we look ahead to next month, we are eagerly anticipating the joy of celebrating Christmas together as a class.



## Year 5 – Miss Hills and Mrs Watson

The weeks have been flying by but Year 5 have been throwing themselves into their work with amazing enthusiasm and Miss Hills and Mrs Watson are so proud of the determination and resilience they have shown this half term already. In Computing, the class have been learning about how to create 'concept maps' as a way to represent and organise information or ideas related to a topic. To begin their unit, they used wool to create a real life concept map and this showed the ways in which ideas can be linked and patterns can be found when we present our ideas in a visual way. In Science, the children have been learning about



Forces and have learnt all about gravity, friction and air resistance. The class worked in groups to carry out an investigation answering the question: Does the size of a parachute affect the speed at which it falls? Miss Hills was so impressed by the children's team work and it was lovely to see such excited scientists! In Music, the children have started to look at music that is produced to accompany

films. They used different instruments to create different sounds and convey different moods and then used these to create a whole class soundtrack. We are looking forward to the run up to Christmas and all the jolly activities that will be taking place, including our Reaching Out Project where we will be singing carols to the residents at Elsyng House!

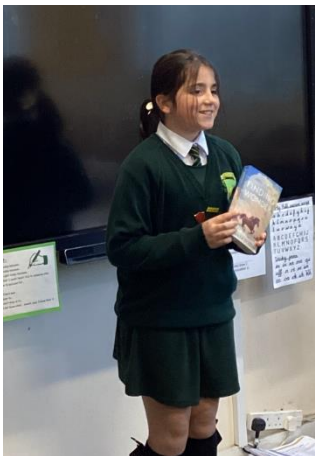


## Year 6 – Miss Dale and Mrs Brewer

Year 6 have had a brilliant month's learning and been very busy across the curriculum. In Literacy, they are really enjoying their new text, Floodland, which is a dystopian tale set in the future about a young girl struggling for survival in a country disappearing under rising sea water. In their lessons, they have been exploring the different characters and their relationships and will be writing diary entries in role to show their understanding of them. This book links to our



Global Neighbours project which explores the idea of Climate Injustice. The children have been learning about how those in the poorest countries are most impacted by climate change, including devastating floods. They are beginning to understand this is unfair since these countries contribute to global warming the least. In science, the children have been getting to grips with their unit on light. They have been learning about how light travels in straight lines and how we see things. Our RE unit this half term looks at how the Church advertises the true meaning of Christmas today and as part of this, the children enjoyed researching Ely Cathedral, the setting of our book Floodland, and how they invite all people into their community at Christmas time to share the good news of Jesus' birth



# Our New Deputy Headteacher- Mr Pennock

I am delighted to announce the appointment of our new Deputy Headteacher, Mr Pennock, who will be joining Forty Hill CE School after the Christmas break. He will be popping into school over the new few weeks to have handover time with Mrs Saunders and start to get to know our children and staff.



*Hello Forty Hill, my name is Mr Pennock, and I have been a teacher for over ten years. I have worked across several schools in Enfield with a variety of different roles and responsibilities.*

*In recent years, I have: led in KS2, raising attainment and improving progress; led Science and Humanities in two different schools, bringing in new approaches to teaching and learning whilst keeping the children's engagement at the core of the learning; helped to develop new policies to ensure that all children are treated equally and fairly and developed other members of staff through coaching and mentoring. I have worked hard in my schools to develop the children's understanding of the values they should show in school and how this can prepare them for the rest of their lives.*

*I attained my Law Degree and Diploma in Professional Practice, both from Nottingham Law School. After spending some time travelling, I attended the University of East London, attaining a PGCE and working in schools in different settings across North London. I spend my free time*

*with my family and friends, travelling, reading books, collecting vinyl, exercising and watching sport. I am really looking forward to joining the Forty Hill community- see you in January!*

## After School Club News

So far this term we have been making use of our autumn resources. We have made lovely tree pictures using leaves and twigs collected by the children. Some of the children made pizzas and we also decorated biscuits.

We have also been creative and used re cycling for junk modelling, which the children enjoyed making their little creations! I'm sure all the parents love having them on display 😊



homework.

We are hoping to take up permanent residency in the studio for breakfast/den and we will also have access to the hall on some days to play sports like volleyball and bench ball etc.

I will update you all again soon with our Christmas creations 🎅 🌲



This term we will be getting Christmas ready! We have lots of craft-making to keep us busy and get in the festive spirit 🎅

We are still encouraging the children to log into Emile/purple mash and TTRS so they have the opportunity to catch up/do



## Information

Whilst we will continue to email lots of information, don't forget that our calendar and curriculum information can all be found on website, [www.fortyhill.com](http://www.fortyhill.com). The information from the meet the teacher meetings, as well as spelling lists and extra information as it comes available can all be found here.

**Curriculum Booklets (Nursery- Year 6) and Homework Grids** (for Years 2-6) can be found in the Class News section of the website. These include a variety of different learning activities for your child to complete over the next half term.

As part of our ongoing commitment to **Online Safety**, the children will be talking about staying safe online. It is such an important life skill to understand the impact their digital footprint has and also the ways to keep themselves safe whilst experiencing all of the wonderful opportunities the internet can provide. If you haven't already seen the online video, please do click on one of the picture links below:



**Reception, Year 1 and 2  
(Grab the Banana)**



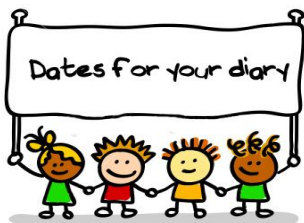
**Year 3 and Year 4  
(Band Runner)**



**Year 5 and Year 6  
(Jigsaw)**



For more information on Online Safety, click here: <https://www.fortyhill.com/page/?title=Online+Safety&pid=51>



Forest School Sessions	
Year 1	Autumn 1
Year 2	Autumn 2
Year 3	Spring 2
Year 4	Spring 1
Year 5	Summer 1
Year 6	Summer 2

### Forthcoming Dates

- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December- Flu Vaccinations R-Y6
- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – Y3/4 Gymnastics Team at Competition at Southbury Leisure Centre
- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December- Piano Concert for Parents 9 am
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December- Year 5 Carols at Elsyng House
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December – Y5/6 Gymnastics Team at Competition at Southbury Leisure Centre
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December- Y6 Class Assembly
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December- Enfield Music Service Virtual Sing Together
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December- Arts Trophy Final
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December- Zones of Regulation Parent Workshop 9 am
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December- Community Prayer 8:30 am
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December- Rocksteady Concert to whole school and parents
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December- **School finishes at 3pm for Santa Fun Run on school meadow- please come to school in PE kits for this day.**
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December- Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas Dinner and Community Carols at 3:30
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December- ETFS Nativity to parents 9:15
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December- Christmas Service at Jesus Church at 12:30, **school finishes at 1:30 pm.**