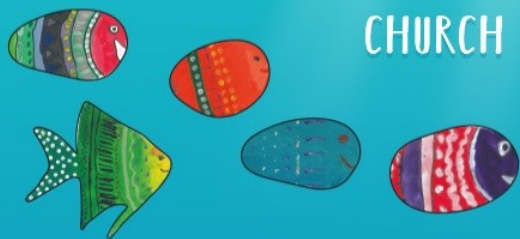




FISHBOURNE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



Only one you

Dear Parents,

As we come hurtling towards the end of another half term at Fishbourne Primary, it's good to take a moment to stop and reflect on some of the highlights! There has been so much super learning going on throughout our school and a real sense of our learning behaviours permeating classrooms throughout school. This week, one of our Elephant Class arrived at school with some writing he had done before school which included the words: 'It is Monday today and I am going to be reflective!'. Wow what a super attitude towards learning!



The snow on Friday brought with it a lovely opportunity to play in the snow. The children arrived wrapped up warm ready for a morning of snowman building competitions followed by hot chocolate and biscuits in the warm! A huge thank you to heroic Mr Stemp for taking such good care of our pathways around school over the last couple of weeks to make sure they are safe for us all. It was lovely to be able to share the excitement of the snow with your children and to see them playing with their friends. Snowy days are a lovely opportunity to make memories that will be talked about for a long time to come!

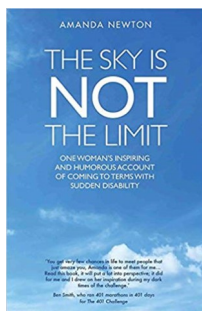


We were delighted to welcome Amanda Worne into school on Monday to help us HOOK the children into their 'reflective fortnight' spent contributing to their mid-year learning reports. You may have seen Amanda recently appearing on DIY SOS. Amanda was a marathon-running mum in the middle of

Ironman training when she had an accident which changed her life forever. Her outlook on life and the book she has written 'The Sky is Not the Limit' sees the values of courage, determination and positivity shine through her approach to everyday life. Amanda led an inspiring assembly during which she shared some of her experiences before leading workshops in Penguin, Tiger and Meerkats classes. Some of the principles by which she copes with the challenges in her life are:

- *No man is an island... ask for help!
- *Try new things and go out of your comfort zone.
- *Make new friends and put faith in those around you.
- *Value those who matter, especially family.
- *Consider the perspective of others, help those who are less fortunate.
- *We are all special!
- *Celebrate what you have. Live for today!

Amanda's book, The Sky is not the Limit, is in our entrance hall for the children to look at. Please do feel free to pop in and have a look too! The children are now hard at work on their reports and it's been lovely to hear some of their reflections on themselves as learners. If you are new to our school and unsure what to expect from this process, do have a look at some sample reports on our school website.



Safer Internet Day (SID) was marked this week with a whole-school learning experience in which each class explored a theme:

- Penguin class: Can I have fun online?
- Koala class: Do I need to be careful online?
- Panther class: Think before you share.
- Tiger class: Protect your stuff.
- Meerkat class: Respect each other online.
- Panda class: When in doubt, discuss.

Throughout the morning, the children were immersed in discussions and learning about their key area and during the

afternoon they wrote a PLEDGE, committing themselves to taking action in some way to keeping themselves safer online. These pledges are now on display in the ICT Suite and there as a visual reminder to children and adults of our commitment to making the Internet a safer place for everybody to be.



Safer Internet Day 2019 | Tuesday 5 February
Together for a better internet

Connect. Collaborate. Communicate.
We know that there are many challenges for families supporting young

people in their engagement with the internet and for those of you unable to make the parent meeting at Lancastrian on Tuesday evening, here is a guide that you may find interesting:

<https://www.esafety-adviser.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/Parental-Engagement-V1.pdf>

This link can also be found on our school website!

Our staff team have also had training this week in school to develop their understanding of supporting young people with accessing the internet safely. Teachers and governors from across our locality of schools met together at Bishop Luffa on Wednesday evening to hear the latest updates on the issues and challenges our young people face and how to educate them to make the right choices and discuss their worries when they need to.



Examples of SID Pledges from Fishbourne Primary:

- I can have fun online and I can stay safe by not telling strangers my name and age. (Year 1)
- I promise not to go on the internet without telling a grown up. I promise I won't go on the internet and talk to people who I don't know. (Year 2)
- I pledge to make a robust and locked password to keep my identity safe. It will also keep my private things safe. It will use symbols, letters and numbers. (Year 4)
- Online, I always try my best to maintain my pledge to be civil to other internet users and be positive, never-ever negative, towards other people. (Year 5)
- I pledge to always tell a trusted adult if I see any inappropriate content or language online (this could include cyber-bullying). I will notify an adult immediately. (Year 6)

In our January newsletter, we mentioned the work we are undertaking in our School Development Plan on maths. We greatly enjoyed the INSET training led by Sam Parkes from the University of Chichester and were really inspired by some of the ideas she shared. Our class teachers are currently experimenting with some of these ideas in the classroom. If you are interested to know more, we highly recommend watching these TED Talks which have inspired us to think differently. The first of these is by Jo Boaler, a Professor of Mathematics at Stanford School of Education and the second by Dan Meyer, a secondary maths teacher who holds similar views to Jo about the starting points to learning in maths!

https://www.ted.com/talks_dan_meyer_math_curriculum_makeover/transcript?language=en
<https://youtu.be/3icoSeGqQtY>

In our March newsletter we will let you know more about how these developments in the classroom are progressing.

Please do keep checking our website... we try to add new stories to the NEWS section of the website as often as we can so you are up to date with what is happening in school. From a few recent conversations with families, it's been clear that not everyone is aware that we are using the website for this purpose. You can also download our News and Events App which will notify you of news added to the website and events. Instructions to download can be found under Families - News and Events App. There is lots of interesting information on the website which has been designed with you all in mind, including our online calendar which can be a good place to double check dates! <http://www.fishbourneprimary.co.uk>

What's happening on the INSET day?

You may wonder what staff really get up to on INSET days and we always try to share with you our learning that has taken place. This time we will be meeting as a locality of schools to share approaches to developing writing with a particular focus on how we support some of our more able writers. Rebecca Webb who works with us every Thursday to support writing in classrooms is leading an input called 'Opportunity Knocks' before staff have the chance to share children's writing and ideas they have used to develop writing. In the afternoon we are heading back to school and teachers will have time to get cracking on writing their responses to the children's school reports. We hope these reports will be with you a couple of weeks before the Easter holidays!



We love celebrating the children's achievements outside school and hearing all about what they get up to! Treasure Chest time in our Monday celebration assembly is always fascinating. Recently, we were delighted to hear from Toby about his recent signing to Portsmouth Football Club. Toby's commitment to the club involves three evening training sessions a week as well as playing matches every Sunday. Toby lives and breathes football and we are hugely proud of him for achieving this and his attitude towards sport. Huge

congratulations to Toby on this achievement.

Thank you for your continued support of our learning community.

Kind regards, Naomi Day



A couple of dates you need on your calendar when we will be wearing something different to school!



World Book Day Dress Up Day will be on **MONDAY 4TH MARCH** this year. Please come to school as your favourite book character to join in the fun!



Wear something RED with your non-uniform on Friday 15th March Relief and bring in a minimum donation of £1.00 for Comic Relief!

COMIC RELIEF

...and other key dates:

Fri 8th Feb - Cuppa and Chat (2.30pm)
 Sun 10th Feb: Messy Church
 Thu 14th Feb: Y2 Dinosaur Museum (2.30pm)
 Tues 26th Feb: Y2 to the planetarium
 Fri 1st March: Y6 Skiing
 Mon 4th March: World Book Day Dress Up Day
 Thu 7th March: FOFS Meeting (7.30pm in the staff room)
 Fri 8th March: FOFS Film Night
 Fri 15th March: Red Nose Day
 Fri 5th April: Break up for the Easter Holidays
 Tue 23rd April: First day of the summer term
 Wed 24th April: Easter Bake Off
 Fri 26th April: Bags 4 Schools
 Sat 27th April: Fishbourne Fun Day (more information coming soon!)
 Sat 11th May—BIG TIDY UP morning

INSET Days for 2019

Friday 15th February
 and Friday 24th May



Please do pop in for a cuppa and chat on Friday 8th February from 2.30pm. This is an informal opportunity to talk about our school community and look for ways to make it better. We rarely have any kind of agenda for this event but on the 8th, our bullying leaflet will be available for you to look at and give feedback on while it is still in its draft form!

Lots of the children love taking part in Messy Church and the next date for Sunday 10th February at 4:30-6:00 pm at Fishbourne Church Hall. All children are very warmly welcome to attend!



BIG TIDY UP MORNING

Saturday 11th May 9am-midday
 Come and lend a hand to get the school looking super tidy in preparation for the summer term. We would love to see you supporting our school in this way! More information to follow!



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