



## The Richard Whittington Primary School

### Magpies, Owls and Robins - visit St James'

On Wednesday 18th October, KS1 children visited St. James Church in Thorley.

The children were excited to meet Ruth again, who is the curate of the parish.

As the children settled into their seats; which they later found out were pews, Ruth explained all the features of the building. We all found out the church is 800 years old.

Ruth explained how she belongs to

the Christian faith, as the children this term have been learning about how different faiths have a sense of belonging. The first activity was to find all of the Christian symbols of the cross. Some children counted up to eighteen!

The second activity was to find out what Ruth wears at different festivals and services. She chose Olivia and Alex to dress up. They looked very grown-up.

Next the children were shown the

font where Christians are welcomed into the faith with a ceremony called a Christening. Some of the children had previously shared photographs of their own naming ceremony. The last activity involved the children closing their eyes and visualising what they think belonging means to Christians so they would be able to draw a picture anywhere they liked in the Church, this was a great opportunity to discover new parts of the building.

Finally after exploring the grounds

of St James', the children made their way to the Barnabus Centre to see where other services are performed.

The children had many questions to ask Ruth about Justin Welby as they had already completed a fact-file about him. KS1 would like to thank Ruth for finding time in her busy schedule to show us around the Church

and help the children understand what belonging means to Christians.

The last activity was to close our eyes and think about what belonging means to Christians, allowed to draw any picture about the church.



# NOVEMBER 2017

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
30 PFA Happy school bag		1	2 PFA Cake bake	3 PFA Cake bake	4	5
6 Flu immunisation YR-4	7 Parents evening	8	9 EYFS/YR drama workshop Parents	10	11	12
13	14 Parents evening	15	16 Herons class assembly Parents evening	17	18	19
20 parents forum 09:30	21	22	23 Skylarks class assem-	24	25 PFA set-up	26 PFA Xmas Bazaar
27	28	29 Doves class assem-	30 Penguin class assem-			

# DECEMBER 2017

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				1	2	3
4	5 KS1 performance 10am	6 EYFS performance 10am KS1 performance 2pm	7 EYFS performance 10am	8	9	10
11	12 KS2 xmas rehearsal Production 5:45	13 KS2 xmas production 5:45	14 Kngfishers class assembly	15	16	17
18	19 Last day of term	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

## Events

PFA meeting Monday 9th October 7pm in staff room please come along to support. And suggest ways to improve the events the PFA run.

## What's new?

Class assemblies start again after half term. Key Stage 2 will be this term whilst Key Stage 1 concentrate on their Christmas production. Please check the date and time on the calendar for your class.

## Well done

Over the last two weeks we have been looking for children who have shown continued improvement or excellence in the presentation of their work Well done to you all.

### Attendance:

Classes with the highest attendance receive a trophy and certificate for the week.

w/e 13/10/17 Doves with 100% and excellent achievement well done.

w/e 20/10/17 Herons 98.7%

Overall this half term attendance is 97% with Doves being the highest at 98.6%

## Reminders

Please remember to send children to school with a coat. If it is light rain we will still send children out at break and lunch time.

Please return parents' evening slips as soon as possible.

We have a number of items of lost property. If your child has lost something please come and have a look in Reception. Please check that all clothing is named before returning for next half term.

## School Council

We are voting in our school council after half term. Please have a talk to your child about what makes a good school councillor and whether it is something they are interested in doing.

We are exploring the potential of having a parent council. Several parents have suggested having class representatives and we have therefore explored this and spoken to other schools about their experiences and the benefits. We are looking at how we could construct a parent council making it open to all and effective in representing the views of as many parents as possible. Look out for more on this next term.