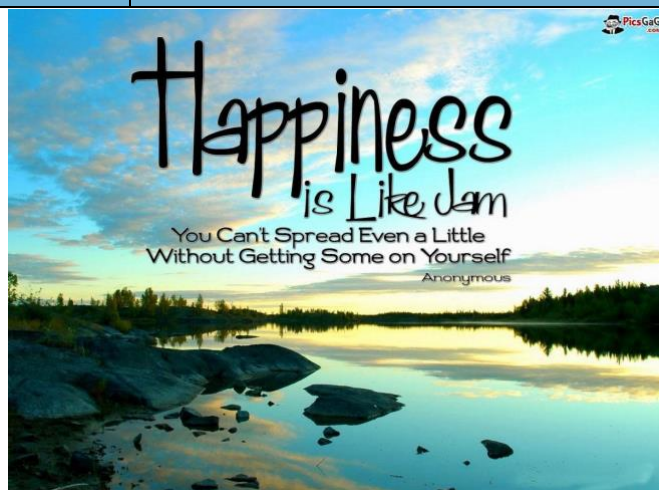


We have made it to half term! It has been a busy and productive half term and we are so pleased with how hard the children have worked and adapted to their new year groups. This week parent/teacher phone calls have taken place and we look forward to seeing parents at school based appointments after half term. These meeting times are a crucial opportunity for school and families to work together. It is a very important chance for you to ask any questions or share any worries or concerns. Thank you also to all those parents who have completed a Parent Questionnaire. We always use your feedback to improve the things we do in school. If you have not yet completed this questionnaire, please do. It has been sent via Parentmail to your emails.

Now it is time for a short rest, and I hope you all enjoy and have a lovely half term. We realise that many families will be out and about during the last weekend of the half term break with Halloween celebrations. Please speak to the children about keeping themselves safe and warm. In the early hours of Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> October at 2:00 a.m., the clocks also go back by one hour so take full advantage of that extra hour in bed before returning to school on Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> November at the usual drop off times!



**Thank you for all the donations towards the foodbank; they are extremely grateful for your wonderful generosity and will go to help many, many families in need.**

**2022/2023 School Applications - If your child is in Year 6 and due to start secondary school in September 2022, you must apply for your preferred secondary school place by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021.**

**If your child is due to start Reception in September 2022, the application window is also open. You must apply by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022. If anyone would like support with these applications, please let us know as soon as possible.**

**Year 5** went to the Wirral School Games Tag Rugby tournament and won all their games. They were incredible and showed amazing bravery, teamwork, determination and lots of enthusiasm. We are very proud of them.



Well done to our School Council who helped us prepare for today. It was great to see the sea of red for the amazing cause 'Show Racism the Red Card'.



**Keeping Everyone Safe/Parking/Congestion - Please be extra vigilant when entering and exiting the church carpark. It is becoming extremely busy and compact. Please be mindful that children are crossing in front and behind cars as they come into school and be considerate to other drivers when parking and entering and exiting the carpark.**

**Queens Jubilee** - You will be aware that the Queen will be celebrating her Platinum Jubilee in June 2022 and to celebrate this special anniversary, an extra bank holiday has been granted. The Governors have agreed that this extra day's holiday for St Michael's will be taken after the May half term on Monday 6th June. I have updated the Term Dates on the website and all INSET dates have been agreed.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

F1- 83.8% F2- 92.3 %  
Y1 - 96.9% Y2 - 95.1%  
Y3 - 94.1% Y4- 96.9%.  
Y5 - 98.2%  
Y6 - 95.5%

**Maths Week – 11th to 15th Nov.** Miss Shutt is encouraging Years 3 to 6 to join in with this movement to share the joy of mathematics. We will be promoting maths through the annual &TTRockStars Competition – England Rocks. The winning class will be rewarded with their very own Rockstar Party!



**DATES FOR THE DIARY**  
**Friday 22nd October**  
**Break Up for Half Term**  
**Monday 1st November**  
**Return to School**  
**Tuesday 2nd November**  
**Parents Meetings**

It has been another productive week in school. Below are just a few examples of what has been going on.

**We are so lucky to have Mrs Lloyd not only leading fun and exciting Forest School sessions every week in EYFS, but also for creating this beautiful display in F1 showcasing all of the children's work.**

**In Foundation 2, the children have been very busy this week. They have loved reading 'The Something' and have used lots of story language and descriptive vocabulary when retelling their own version of the story.**

**'Little Angels' enjoyed a wonderful trip out Pumpkin Picking and then carving these ready for Halloween in school. They very creatively used the scooped out pumpkin to make Pumpkin curry!**

**Year 3 are really enjoying reading 'The Iron Man'. This week they had to work very hard to research and design traps to capture him when they learnt he had escaped!**

**Y5 have been learning about Michelangelo's paintings depicting aspects of Genesis. We have been**



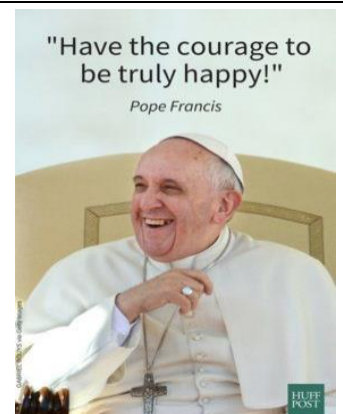
**inspired by his work to create sculptures illustrating the creation story.**

**Year 6's soldier sculptures are incredible. The children worked well together to produce the sculptures of World War I soldiers.**



**Thought for the week... ..**In this Sunday's Gospel Jesus heals Bartimaeus who is blind. Bartimaeus displayed great courage when he continued to shout for Jesus even when others tried to silence him. The word 'courage' comes from the Latin word for 'heart' and it basically means that you are brave. Courage is a gift of the Holy Spirit – it makes us strong. Putting our faith in Jesus and his teachings gives us the courage to do the right thing. We can try to remember this Sunday's Gospel and ask Jesus to help us whenever we need courage.

**"Be Brave. Let us learn to face moments of difficulty with courage, certain that the Lord never fails to give his support." Pope Francis**



**I hope you have a wonderful half term break and stay safe, Mrs Ralph**