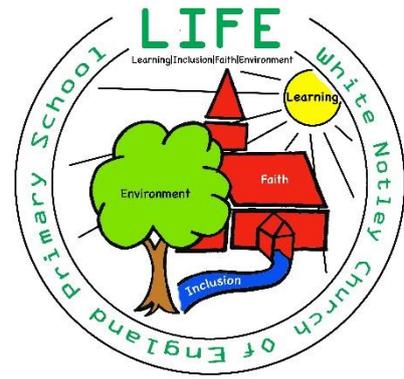


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Our school vision is: LIFE in all its fullness - now and in the future.
John 10.10 Jesus said, "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full".

12th January 2024

Dear Parents,

The children have worked really hard in our first full week back.

Christingle Service

Next Wednesday (17th January) at 2:30pm, we will be having a Christingle service in church. All families are welcome to attend. The children will be singing Christingle songs and some will be saying readings and prayers in the service, led by Rev. Jonathan. Can the children please bring an orange to school on Tuesday 16th January to make their Christingle - the rest will be provided.

Spirituality

In Collective Worship, we have been learning about spirituality, which is quite hard to understand, as it is *what is beyond us*. Spirituality is about connectedness and helps us to be a better person.

The children have learned about the Japanese art of Kintsugi, where broken pottery is fixed by applying golden glue, making it more beautiful than it was originally. The Bible says that God is a potter and Christians believe that God fixes us, just like the golden glue does.

In life, we have wows (things that are wonderful and surprising), nows (appreciation of the everyday things in life and being present) and ows (the things life throws at us that can hurt us). These moments can 'put a crack' in us and spirituality is the 'golden glue' that mends us and makes us more beautiful. This can be done in many ways, such as going for a walk; spending time in nature; listening to music; talking to someone or praying. How do you mend the cracks that life sends?

School Dinners and Clubs

Thank you for your support in booking school dinners, despite the app not working last Sunday. Remember you can access schoolmoney via the Internet. Thank you to everyone who has already paid for this term's clubs, it is much appreciated.

Goodbye to Mrs Barnard

Last Friday we said goodbye to our lovely Mrs Barnard. She has been working in our school since March 2018 (in the dinner hall) and we appreciate all the hard work she has done over the past 6 years. We wish her well in her new job.

Congratulations to the children who received certificates in Celebration Collective Worship this week



Class One:

Harriet - for trying really hard to learn her sounds

Class Two:

Amalia - for your exceptional problem solving and communication skills in computing
Spencer- for taking responsibility for your learning and working through problems with a smile!

Class Three:

Ava-Bluebell -for being a very helpful member of Class 3 and supporting her teachers daily!
Fred - for super improvement in focus and contributions to lessons. Well done!
Jack E - for going above and beyond with your learning about electricity and circuits
Aiden - for showing such enthusiasm for our circuits and electricity work and making extra models at home too!

Class Four:

Niall - for being a super helpful member of Class 4 and thinking deeply during class discussions
Neve - for taking on advice to improve learning and always being a positive role model

Congratulations on your achievements

- Loula-Belle and Olivia, for achieving your bronze level in gymnastics
- Elijah, for being man of the match in your first ever rugby game
- Niall, for achieving gold level in life-saving
- Mrs Everitt, for your half marathon on New Year's Eve



Tribe Points

This week's tribe points

- Kamba - 124 points
- Meru - 92 points
- Kikuyu - 94 points
- Embu - 93 points

Well done to tribe Kamba! They enjoyed their prize of extra playtime.

Diary dates the week beginning 15th January:

Monday 15 th January:	Multi-sports Club
Tuesday 16 th January:	Mindfulness club 12:30pm Gymnastics club 3:15pm Book Club 3:15pm
Wednesday 17 th January:	Netball Club 3:15pm Mr Timms in for music lessons Christingle Service in church 2:30pm
Thursday 18 th January:	Board games club 3:15pm Karate 3:15pm Year 5/6 boys football match away at Bocking 3:30pm
Friday 19 th January:	Tennis Club 8am Tennis lessons Football club 3:15pm Braintree Sings Workshop for 16 year 5/6 pupils 10am

Have a wonderful week,

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Patsy Fitzpatrick
Head of School

