

Endsleigh Holy Child VC Academy



Headteacher Mrs. E Barrs
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Dear parents and carers,

This week it is children's mental health week and staff have been supporting children in a range of activities related to this. Mrs Knight led a whole school assembly yesterday based on the theme Know Yourself, Grow Yourself. The Place to Be, the official charity of children's mental health week, uses the Disney characters from the film Inside Out to support this work. We talked to the children about our mental health being as important as our physical health, and ways in which we can look after our mental health.

On Tuesday Mr Guthrie led a reflective worship with the whole school, on our first Jubilee theme of Forgiveness. Together they talked about the forgiveness tree on display in class 2 and how forgiveness bears the positive fruit of reconciliation, which impacts on our day to day life. Each week we will look at a different Jubilee theme as a way to increase our understanding of how we can impact more positively on the world around us.

We are also beginning a very exciting heritage project to learn as much as possible about the history of Endsleigh, the convent and the local area. I know many of you are ex-pupils or have relatives who came to our school, and we will be reaching out to you over the coming weeks to share memories and images to enhance our project. We are really enjoying uncovering even more reasons to show that Endsleigh Holy Child is a very special place!

Wishing you a lovely weekend with your families,

Mrs Barrs



Family Story Books

We are very excited to launch our 'Family Story Books' in Key Stage 1 this week! At Endsleigh Holy Child we firmly believe in teaching pupils the value in reading for pleasure, as well as the academic benefits. Alongside learning to read using phonics, we want our children to develop a life-long love of reading. The 'Family Story Books' are to be shared with family members to develop a love of reading and shared experiences. Books will be swapped weekly. Parents in Key Stage 1, look out for your letters containing further information.

Classroom Reading Areas

Recently, we have been fortunate to welcome three members of staff from the Hull Library Service who worked in school to support each class to re-model and organise our classroom reading areas. Reading is the core of our curriculum and we want to make sure that this is reflected in all areas of our school building. The Library Service have loaned us a collection of new books for each classroom and the children are very excited to explore them!

Pupil Voice

In writing this week we have been looking at the features of instructions, next week we will be making our own astronaut helmets and writing instructions on how to make them. We also had a very exciting day today it was explorer day! We had lots of different explorers from safari explorers to pirates and astronauts! We had lots of fun learning about different explorers, having a treasure hunt and planning our own exploration!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 7th February – KS1 Explorer Day
Stay and Pray – Wednesday 12th February – Class 1/2
Spring Disco – Thursday 13th February
Half term - school closes on Friday 14th February and re-opens on Monday 24th February
Easter Holiday - school closes on Friday 4th April and re-opens on Tuesday 22nd April
May day - Monday 5th May
Half term - school closes on Friday 24th May and re-opens on Monday 2nd June
School closes for the summer break on Friday 18th July
School opens for the Autumn Term on Wednesday 3rd September

World Book Day – Thursday 6th March

This year we are inviting everyone to Read Your Way. Our research shows that children feel reading is something they have to do, rather than something they choose to do.

Read Your Way encourages everyone to let go of reading pressures and expectations, and empowers children and young people to have fun discovering reading on their own terms. (World Book Day Ltd)

As a school, we will be concentrating on a whole-school picture book. Each class will complete activities linked to the shared book, with a focus on discovery and having fun.

Children are invited to either wear something with flowers on, or wear pyjamas, for a cosy feel to the day.

Designated Roles

SENCO/Safeguarding Lead – Mr. J Fox

Assistant Head – Mr. J. Guthrie

EYSF Lead – Mrs. J Leach