

Ermine Street Church Academy Newsletter

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Dakota led our first Class Assembly on 2019. We loved it, especially your penguin dance.

Dear Parents,

With our first class assembly of 2019, the discovery of a bear's footprints and musicians joining Hercules, it has been a thoroughly enjoyable week. Next week has even more going on and now we have a very important event on Wednesday.

Because we are a Church Academy, we receive 2 formal inspections, one is by Ofsted and the other is called SIAMS—Statutory Inspection of Anglican & Methodist Schools. We have received notification of our SIAMS inspection and it will take place on Wednesday. Two inspectors will be with us for the entire day. They will be focusing on a range of areas that include: our vision and ethos, how we nurture dignity and respect, our care for the children, Collective Worship, RE learning and community. You may see the inspectors during the day as they are with us from 8am. The inspection will be explained to the children on Monday.

We are very much looking forward to sharing our school with the SIAMS team and celebrating your children's learning and attitudes with them. We won't know the outcome of the inspection for a few weeks but will let you know as soon as we can.

With best wishes,

Mr Adrian Shepherd
Headteacher

Messages from the School Office

Last week, you raised a fabulous £107 for Young Carers. Thank you! This money will be used locally to provide support, activities and trips for children who care for a parent who is unwell or has a disability.

Yesterday, the children in Years 1-6 were visited by Natalie from Huntingdon Theatre Academy who run our Drama group on a Wednesday to tell them all about the club and offer a short taster. If your child would like to attend a FREE trial class please email Natalie directly, natalie@huntingdontheatreacademy.com . To enrol for a the club regularly please complete the accompanying form.

From Revd. Rob

Who could you encourage this week?

It was Chinese new year this week which made me realise how the weeks seemed to have flown by already this year and there is a very busy week ahead leading up to half term. This got me thinking that it is perhaps time to pause in the busy-ness of life, look around and give someone some encouragement. So who could you encourage this week?

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."

VERSE FROM PAUL'S
FIRST LETTER TO THE
THESSALONIANS 5:11



Collective Worship

This term our theme is Fruits of the Spirit.

This week we have taken a break from our main theme to learn about and reflect on 'Chinese New Year. Next week we return to the Fruits of the Spirit and will be exploring 'Kindness'.

Thunderbolt

Attendance this week = 96.8% (last time = 98.2%)

As part of our focus on Celebrations, we have been exploring how people celebrate New Year, and comparing them with our own experiences. This week, we made the most of the expert knowledge and stories of Mrs Barnes and Mrs Marley; they both helped us to experience Chinese New Year in a very real and practical way, helping it to come alive. We now know why the colour red is so important and prominent! As part of our day, we tried dragon dancing (we were brilliant at moving with the music), tasted stir fry, painted letters and symbols in black, and received red packets (thank you very, very much Mrs Barnes)!

Life moves on quickly in Thunderbolt, and we have been very excited about the 'mystery' of the paw prints we found outside. At first we thought it was a Gruffalo, but we searched online and found that it didn't match; we also checked for tiger and rhino too, and eventually found it was from a bear. We have loved investigating and measuring, searching for more clues; some of us have written messages to the bear too so it knows we are friendly!



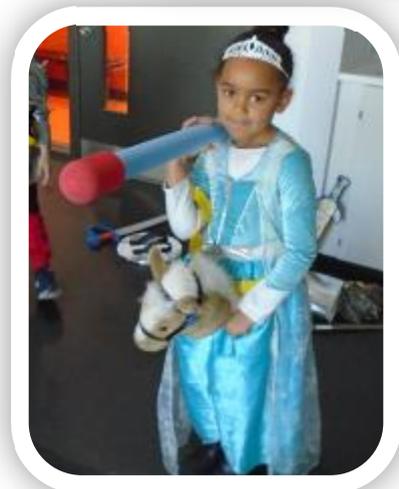
Dakota

Attendance this week = 98.3% (last time = 94.1%)

Tornado

Attendance this week = 100%! (last time = 97.8%)

We had such an amazing day on castle day! We began the day by being put into the noble families we would spend the day representing. Then it was on to the first training session. Some of us did jousting where we used our trusty hobby horse steeds to try and win the points. We also tested our invasion skills by creating castle destroying catapults. We really enjoyed testing how far they would shoot 'boulders.' The third test we had to complete was archery. First, we had to test our aim and get used to the bows and arrows. Then we tried to score as many points as we could before competing against Miss Roberts. Our lunch was fantastic! Mr Bridges created a whole banquet for us. We had long tables, decorations, candelabras, and a delicious lunch of chicken drumsticks, corn, homemade bread and sausages. For dessert we had pineapple upside cake and fresh fruit. We finished off the day by making our own bread rolls. We used a medieval recipe and shaped them by hand. The children were brilliant and gave their all for the whole day! Thank you for helping with costumes and resources!



Message from The Friends of ESCA

Last Friday we held our first Quiz Night. It was extremely well attended with both parents and local residents joining in the fun. Somehow, one of the staff teams was victorious! Best of all, the event raised £247 for new reading books; this should provide almost 50 of them.

Liberator

Attendance this week = 95.2% (last time = 96%)

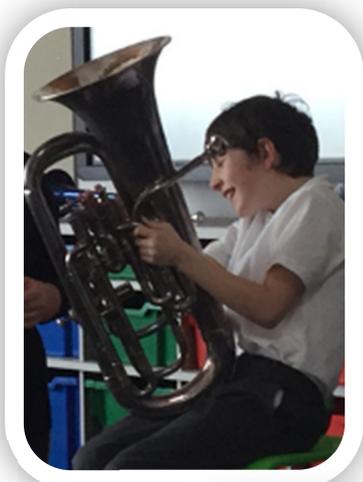
Over the last couple of weeks Liberator have been extremely busy doing all sorts of different things. Last week we looked at the pyramids in Egypt and how they were built. We practised being stones rolled along to get to the pyramid, which the children found great fun! We also had a go at building our own step pyramids from a variety of materials to understand that they would have been built in layers. We then started creating our clay Egyptian masks, which was very messy. We painted them today and they look rather good! We also had a visit from Reverend Rob yesterday in R.E. He came to talk about Maundy Thursday and all the different things that happen on this day and why it's important for Christians. The dressing up was particularly well received!



Hercules

Attendance this week = 96.8% (last time = 94.2%)

Hercule's journey through the instruments of the orchestra has continued this week with the kind help of both Tom, our drumming teacher, and Mrs Duedal, a parent who is also a brass teacher. The children have thoroughly enjoyed finding out about the different instruments and the opportunity to ask questions from professional musicians, but most of all, I think they have enjoyed having a go at playing the instruments themselves. Thank you to Tom and Mrs Duedal for giving up their time to share their knowledge with us – the sessions have been great!



The school day can be a busy one, full of learning and meeting people, playing together and challenging ourselves. But over the last few weeks Hercules have been thinking about the importance of having quiet, mindful times to just think or do something that makes us happy. Reading was a popular choice, as was listening to and playing music, sitting on our reading raft and our reflection area.



Dates For Your Diary

11th February	Hercules Titanic Experience Day.
12th February	Parents' Evening and mid-year reports.
13th February	SIAMS inspection of Ermine Street Church Academy.
14th February	Parents' Evening and mid-year reports.
15th February	Teacher training day. Hangar Club open.
18th—22nd February	Half-term.
28th February 8.50am	Prayer Group.
28th February 7pm	Rotary Quiz for Year 6 team.
5th March 8am	Big Pancake Breakfast.
8th March 9am	Hercules class assembly followed by Sharing Learning.
12th March 3pm	Football match v Alconbury C of E Primary
15th March 9am	Thunderbolt class assembly followed by Sharing Learning.
22nd March 9am	Liberator class assembly followed by Sharing Learning.
27th March 8.50am	Coffee morning—everyone welcome.
28th March 8.50am	Prayer Group.
29th March 9am	Tornado class assembly followed by Sharing Learning.
29th March 12.30pm	Mothers' Day Lunch.
5th April	Last day of Spring term.
23rd April	Teacher training day. Hangar Club open.
24th April	First day of the Summer term.
6th May	Bank Holiday.
13th—16th May	Year 6 SATs week

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