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Dear Parents and Carers,

Four day weeks always seem to fly by, and this one has been no different. There has been much going on in school, and we have had the added addition of the **Church Choir Trip to Bishopsgate on Ascension Day**. As is tradition on Ascension Day that choirs sing in tall towers, our children performed with Winchester College choir in one of the tallest buildings in London; quite possibly one of the highest singing choirs in London yesterday. As one child put it, 'we are so high up, I think we might see Jesus'. After their performance, the children went to St Michael's Church, Cornhill to complete the day. A wonderful experience for all involved.



Next week the children in Year Six will be sitting the **Key Stage Two SATS tests**. I know that you will join me in wishing them the very best of luck, and I ask that you hold a special place for them in your prayers over the coming days. The children have worked hard in preparation for the test and I know that they will give their best; we are and will continue to be very proud of them all. All of the tests are in the morning so next week, Year Six will be replying on every one to help them ensure that each day starts calmly and that there are no distractions; I will be administering the tests and as such, I am unlikely to be on the gate at the beginning of the day. Should you wish to see me for any reason, do please leave a message with Ms Farruggio in the front office.

Below is a summary of the learning that has taken place across the school this week.

Early Years

The children in Early Years enjoyed spending time in the garden this week, finding out more about min-beasts. Nursery loved reading 'Superworm' and Reception enjoyed reading 'Yucky Worms'. We also enjoyed creating worms out of sticks and pipe cleaners.

Year One

This week in Year One we have been rewriting the story of 'Little Red Riding Hood' in our own words. In Maths we have moved onto learning about quarters and finding a quarter of an object or a quantity. We completed a class survey to find out Year One's favourite Kenyan animal and the giraffe received the highest number of votes!

Year Two

This week, Year Two have been learning about time; we started our learning journey by recapping o'clock, quarter past, and quarter to; over the coming weeks, we will consolidate our learning on telling and writing the time to five minutes, including quarter past / to the hour and drawing the hands on a clock to show these times.

Year Three

This week in maths, we learned to find a fraction of an amount by using our division facts. In English, we made imagination boards of our very own Ancient Greek myths, complete with our original heroes or heroines, and a mythical beast of our own imagining. Several Year Three children sang in the choir at St Michael's Church. And of course, we began our cricket lessons.

Year Four

This week in Year Four we have been super busy. In English, we have learnt about explanation texts. We have learnt that they explain how something happens or why something happens. We have begun planning our explanation text, in which, we will explain how to train a dragon. In maths, we have started learning about money. We have used our knowledge of decimals to use a decimal point when displaying pounds and pence. Finally, we have started to learn about basketball. The children have developed some basic ball skills and the ability to dribble and shoot.

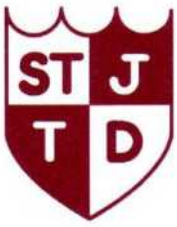
Year Five

This week in Year Five we have been analysing different types of poetry and comparing a poem to a prose. The children have also moved on to looking at shapes in Maths. Additionally, in PE we have learnt the basic rules of our new 'alternative sport' handball.

Year Six

This week, Year Six have continued to prepare for their SATs. This included working through reasoning and arithmetic papers, marking





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papers and creating revision tools in Grammar and Spelling. Year Six have had a fantastic week and have worked hard and studiously in preparation for their exams next week. We wish them the best of luck!

Head Teacher awards were presented to the following children in this week's celebration assembly.

EYFS	Maliyah Rose for her bravery when joining a new school. She has been so kind and friendly to her new classmates and has been working so hard. Well done Maliyah Rose!
	Vincent has been working so hard on his reading this week. All of his hard work at home has helped him to read so well in school. Well done Vincent!
Year One	Isaiah for his great participation during our English lessons and his creative writing skills. Jayla for working to the best of her ability during our Maths lessons and her great listening skills.
Year Two	Kayley for her contribution to music this week; Kayley showed resilience as she volunteered to sing a solo Astrid for working exceptionally hard in maths challenging herself and completing grey challenges.
Year Three	Ysys for working on her fielding skills and then making a brilliant save at first base in our rounders game. Valentino for paying close attention when stories are read aloud so that he can enjoy the text and answer questions.
Year Four	Adriel for not giving up when she found writing a discussion text challenging Vinnie for being tolerant and looking to include new members of our class
Year Five	Mariama for putting more effort into all areas of her work; especially her English and Guided Reading. Mariama is frequently proof reading her work and ensuring that she is adding evidence to support reasoning in Guided Reading. Tiwa for impressing Miss Short in her writing. Tiwa wrote a beautifully cohesive conclusion by using fronted adverbials and conjunctions when summarising her non-chronological report. Additionally, Tiwa has been focusing on her handwriting and presentation in all areas of her learning. Well done Tiwa, keep it up!
Year Six	Marley for showing a positive growth mindset and excellent listening skills when rehearsing reasoning in Maths. Daniella for being noticed by members of staff for being extra helpful around the school

The house point totals for this week are:

 GARRISON	35	 AUGUSTINE	31
 FRANKLIN	35	 DICKENS	52

On a final note, the PTA are meeting this evening to plan a fundraising event for the final Friday of the half term, Friday 24th May. They will be writing to you early next week with all of the details – do please check keep an eye open for the letter.

Kind regards

Mrs Warland
Head Teacher

