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Dear Families,

We are fast approaching the end of a very busy and productive half term of learning. I am very proud of how the children have settled into their new year groups and their attitudes to learning. The atmosphere in school is calm and focused and the children have been happily engaging in all aspects of the curriculum. Thank you for all you do to support your children at home.

Well-being Week/Environmental Mission Week

Next week the children will engage in many activities linked to the study of flowers. They will be contemplating on how God can be found in the beauty of nature and how nature impacts positively on well-being. They will be asked to consider how much time they spend each day noticing beauty in the world around them and about their responsibilities as stewards of God's creation. As part of this they will look at the work of artists from a diverse range of cultural backgrounds and produce artwork which will be displayed around the school.

This coincides with Environmental Mission Week. Bishop John has requested that schools conduct a prayerful climate walk around the school grounds. He is running a 'Nature Poetry Competition' looking for original poems of up to 24 lines about the natural world/wildlife and/or the environmental crisis. The closing date for this competition is Friday 12th November. All entries to be sent to:

laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk. Winners will receive £25 national book tokens.

If you don't already do so, please follow us on Twitter to see how we get on!

Twitter handle: @SJTW_Irlam.

Going Green for CAFOD/Harvest Appeal

Thank you to all the children (and staff) who came to school wearing green to raise money for CAFOD. The day was a great success, and we raised a grand total of £155.00. Thank you once again for your kind support and generosity.



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Diary Dates

Please find attached key dates for your diary. We have planned many enjoyable activities for the second half of the Autumn term which we hope to deliver for the children. Please do be mindful that rates of COVID infection are increasing in the local area and this may impact on some aspects of our plans. As previously communicated, plans would only be cancelled or rescheduled under the advice of Public Health Salford.

Diocesan Prayer for Our Common Home

Finally, I am sharing the special '*Prayer for Our Common Home*' below. It would be lovely if you could spend a moment each evening in prayer with your child(ren) next week. In this way we can work together to support the faith life of your children and the school.

Sincerely,



E Clayton
Headteacher

Prayer for Our Common Home

All powerful God, you created all things, and you are present throughout the universe and in every creature, You embrace with your tender love all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, so that we may have the strength and courage to protect all life and the beauty of our world, preserving it from pollution and destruction.

Fill us with your peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one,
And caring for the Earth, our common home.

Teach us to discover the worth of every creature on this earth,

Let us protect those at risk and in danger,

Encourage us as we seek justice, love and peace.

Stay with us each day, with the power of your grace.

Through Christ our Lord

Amen



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