

Tockwith

CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY



Before half term we were really excited to invite parents and carers of children in years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 to visit these classes to observe and experience a guided reading session. Following the class observation, Mrs Perry led a session in the school hall to share tips and ideas on encouraging and developing reading for children with opportunities to ask questions and share ideas with other parents. It was amazing to see so many parents in school keen to see how we teach reading. Mrs Perry shared a presentation with the parents covering how we teach reading and how to overcome barriers to reading. Many thanks to all of the parents / carers who came along to the session, it was lovely to see you all. Thank you also to Mrs Perry for leading the session.



The KS1 and EYFS team were pleased to be able to open the classroom doors and welcome parents in to watch phonics and reading in action. We appreciate how valuable these sessions are in sharing how we support your child in school and the importance of working in partnership. As you will have seen the sessions are pacy and interactive with sounds being introduced or revised, and then applied through reading and writing activities. It is an important partnership and the short, daily bursts you provide your child really does help them.



We were delighted to invite parents, carers and family members to Tockwith Church for our first Harvest Festival since Coronavirus. What an amazing turnout! Children in our Reception classes put on a fantastic performance of The Enormous Turnip – we had some excellent animals involved! Year 1 and 2 then became dingle dangle scarecrows and read out some poems about Harvest. Key Stage 2 taught us all about wheat, rice, barley and oats. They also sung beautifully. Thank you to Tockwith Church for hosting us. This was followed by our Harvest Lunch at Tockwith Primary where we had a staggering 146 adults join us for lunch, a new Tockwith record! Many thanks to Mrs Hobson and the kitchen staff for producing such an amazing lunch of Roast Turkey or Sweet Potato & Chick Pea curry



It was fantastic to have York Mix Radio join us this week to challenge Mr G on their Test the Teacher feature. Laura, one of the presenters, came into school with Mixie the Monster to hold an assembly. They involved the children in several challenges, including trying to complete 20 star jumps faster than York Sports in order to win a free swimming session and also managed to record the whole school cheering the York Mix logo. It was then time to Test the Teacher... Mr G was asked questions that included topics on music, tv and films, the solar system, fruit and vegetables, maths and the ancient Greeks! As if we expected anything else, Mr G did fantastically – he answered 12 questions correctly! With the 3 bonus points he earnt through the cup challenge, this score put him at the top of the leaderboard!! If he goes through to the live final and wins that, he wins a pool party for school.



We have several events coming up over the next few weeks, including:

2nd December – House Song Competition

6th December 2pm & 6pm – KS1 Nativity

7th December 2pm – KS1 Nativity

13th December – Christmas Lunch

14th December – Reception, Y1 & Y2 Christmas Party

14th December 2pm – KS2 Christmas Songs

15th December – Whole School Pantomime

16th December – Ks2 Christmas Parties

16th December – School Closes for Christmas Holidays

3rd January – School Opens for Spring Term