

Tockwith

CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY



Our Reception children are settling in really well after their first half term at school. They have already been on an autumn walk, visited Tockwith church to look around, started sessions at Forest school and have been incredible in class with their learning – wow!



At the start of November we had our grandparent lunch – it was lovely to see over 80 grandparents joining us for a fish and chip lunch – the children loved spending time with their relatives and they enjoyed it too. One of our parents commented:

XX's grandparents were delighted to be able to come, and they had a lovely time! As XX's Grandad has mobility difficulties and is also quite hard of hearing, we particularly appreciated your sensitivity in keeping this event for grandparents only, to reduce the number of people attending.

We hope to bring another grandparent lunch next year, as this one was such a success – thank you to everyone for supporting us with this.

Our GS crew did a wonderful job representing Tockwith School at Long Marston church's Remembrance Service. They joined children from Long Marston and Askham Bryan schools in reading out the names of those from the parish who gave their lives. We reflected on the meaning of sacrifice - doing something you don't want to do for someone you will never know. Well done GS crew in helping us to think about this message. We also held a Remembrance service in school and observed the 2 minute silence.



Several children across year 3 and 4 travelled to Rufforth primary school to take part in a dodgeball competition. The children travelled to Rufforth with school staff at the end of the

school day and had a great time playing dodgeball with other schools. Many thanks to Mrs Curry for chauffeuring the children around and managing the event!



Children in year 5 were invited to Wetherby High School to take part in a Have a go Hockey event! The children travelled across to Wetherby by coach and when they got there were able to try various hockey related activities – shooting, dribbling and stopping the (tennis) ball! I believe they were also asked to do some push ups and sit ups! A great time was had by all and many thanks to Wetherby High School for inviting us!



We had our first PTFA disco of the year in November – what a success that was with 215 children attending, which is almost the whole school! Our school council organised the event and came up with music ideas after speaking to each class and getting their input. We had the Reception and KS1 start their disco at 3pm and the KS2 children joined them at 3.45. The younger children were then collected at 4.15 whilst the older children danced the night away for another 45 minutes. Many thanks to the PTFA and school council for organising the event and all of the school staff for supervising the disco.



Tockwith Primary supported Children in Need through a dress down day, with a donation of £1 per child, and a bake sale. We supported 'Make Life Lighter for Children' through speaking to the children about their worries and writing these down. We then placed all of these worries into a rucksack with Pudsey and gave it to staff for them to carry it around all day. This helped to show the children that when we share our worries, the load is lifted and we can start to feel

better. Year 4 children took part in a guided meditation session to help them slow down and calm any worries they might have.

We raised an incredible £328.38 from the dress down donations and the bake sale. Wow! Thank you so much to everyone for supporting us through donating cakes for us to sell, allowing your children to dress down and bring in a donation and generally being there for us and your children. Many thanks to Mrs Poole and Mrs Dutton and the school council for organising this event



Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 visited Tockwith Church where Reverend Otter and some volunteers from the parish helped the children experience church. The theme was Harvest and there were four 'stations' that the children took turns visiting. The stations were Humility, Generosity, Peace and Faithfulness. In each section, the children learnt different stories from the bible. For Humility the children looked at sheep and the production of wool. The section 'Generosity' looked at the bread and where it comes from and the feeding of the 5000. Children tasted bread and learnt about how to make bread. The story of Peter and the Fishermen was covered in 'Peace' - children created origami boats and discussed the difficult decision Peter faced. Finally, Faithfulness looked at Sukkot and the hanging of fruit on the shelter





We have many events coming up over the Christmas period, including:

2 Dec	Teacher Training Day – School Closed to Children
6 Dec	Dress Down Day
10 Dec	Nativity at Tockwith Church 2pm & 6pm
11 Dec	Mr Crilley Band Assembly – 9am
11 Dec	Student Christmas Lunch
11 Dec	Nativity at Tockwith Church – 2pm
12 Dec	KS2 Christmas Songs in School
13 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
13 Dec	PTFA Christmas Fair & Santa's Grotto
18 Dec	Whole School Pantomime – Beauty & the Beast
19 Dec	Reception & KS1 Christmas Party
19 Dec	Year 3 & 4 Christmas Party
20 Dec	House Song Competition
20 Dec	School Closes for Christmas