

# Newsletter

## News from Mr Edwards-Grundy

This week in Collective Worship we thought some more about our Value for the Month, Forgiveness.

Following on from our thoughts last Monday, where we were racing to build bridges, we started our time together by thinking about Martin Luther King Jr and his famous statement -

*'Let's build bridges, not walls'*

We spent some time thinking about how forgiveness builds bridges between us, whereas not forgiving puts up barriers and makes it much harder for us to live as a community.

We then asked ourselves 'Who needs forgiveness?' It did not take us long to work out that we *all* need forgiveness, we have all made mistakes and got things wrong. The Bible puts it like this –

*'All have sinned and fallen short...'* Romans 3 verse 23

The Church of England sometimes uses a special prayer of confession, a way of saying sorry for the times we have fallen short. That prayer includes the words -

*'We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done'*

None of us can claim not to have made mistakes, never to have got it wrong, hurt someone or made a bad choice – we are all in the same boat! We have all fallen short, whether in things we have done, or things we have not done.

However, as we considered with sadness that we have *all* fallen short, so we were then encouraged by the good news that we *all* get forgiven.

Following the confession, there is always a great reminder of God's forgiveness. Those words of forgiveness remind those listening that the things we have got wrong, our shortcomings and mistakes are never the last word. We are all offered forgiveness and a fresh start.

That is a great thought with which to end any day...

## Comic Relief

Thank you to everyone who has today donated to Comic Relief. We have not yet looked at online donations, but in school we have raised an incredible £306.87.

This money will go towards helping support people struggling with the cost of living crisis and tackle issues such as homelessness, mental health problems and food poverty, both in the UK and around the world.

It was wonderful today to see the variety of things that bring people joy – there were quite a few people wearing pyjamas...! We also enjoyed seeing footballers, superheroes, princesses and even a werewolf! Thank you for supporting your children to celebrate joyfully today.

## News from Around the School

As part of their work on 'The Wind in the Willows', the children in Year 6 have produced some amazing writing this week. A massive well done to Toby, Kyle, Harvey and Alex – we hope you enjoy their writing as much as we did! Special thanks to Toby for his great illustration of Toad, to accompany his writing.

'Local police were led on a dangerous speed chase through the village, dodging people...

The red saloon car was stolen from behind The Red Lion, but somebody saw... "He was looking at it for a minute and then in the blink of an eye he was in it and turned the engine on before speeding off up the road."

Dearest Moley

Top of the morning to you Mole!

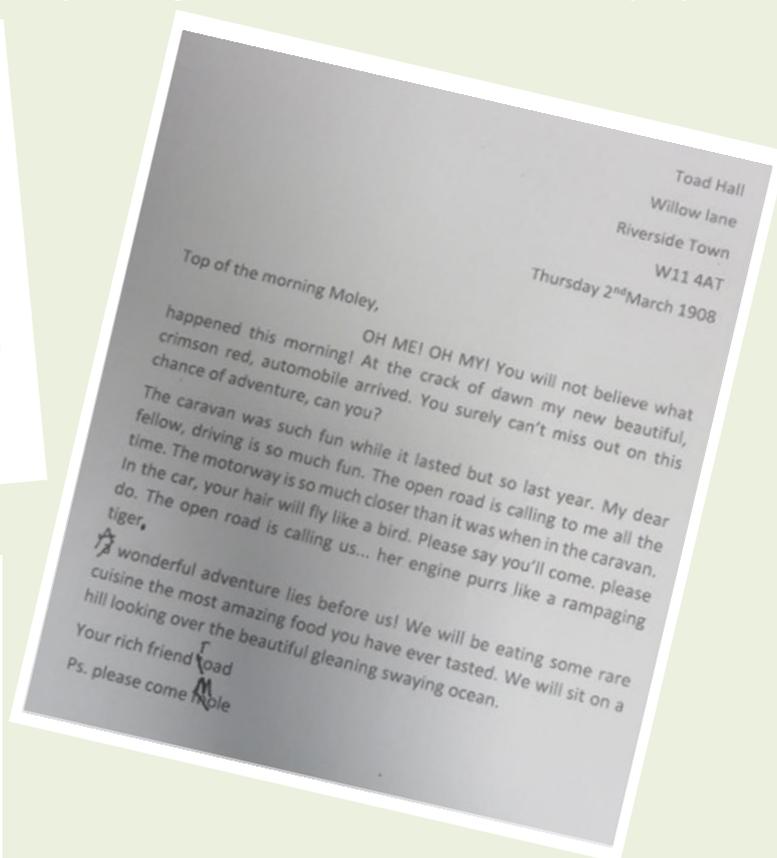
I am writing to you to tell you about my discovery that I came across today. It was a majestic, glamorous and heavenly piece of metal, with a hand-stitched leather interior. Can you guess it?

It was a heavenly motor car. If you liked the caravan, you will definitely love the motor car.

We can go on trips for hours at a time. We can go on trips to the beach, or anywhere you want.

I know you might be mad at me, but trust me, you will have such a glamorous time. Please come... please.

The one and only Toad

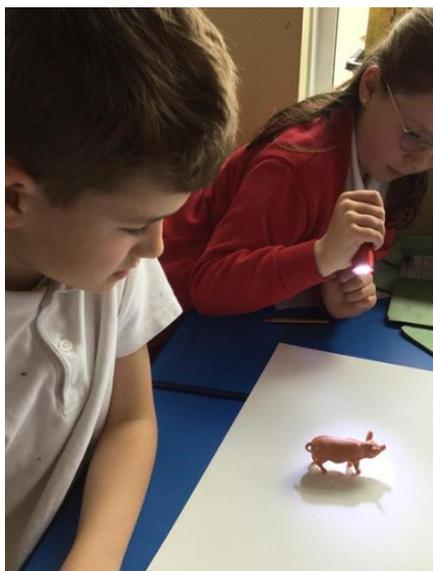


The downfall of a millionaire

Yesterday afternoon Mr Toad recklessly stole a cherry red motor car from the back of the local pub, The Red Lion. A local Otter spotted the criminal climbing into the scarlet red automobile and a local Beaver was nearly hit by it! Toad irresponsibly sped across the countryside. He was apprehended by Sheriff Toadstool and will be tried in court. If guilty he will spend 20 years in prison. Mr Toad's friend Mr Badger said 'We tried to stop his crazy obsession'.

## More News from Around the School

This week, the children in Year 3 have been investigating how and why shadows change and using torches to make shadows change length.



Loving, learning and flourishing in community