

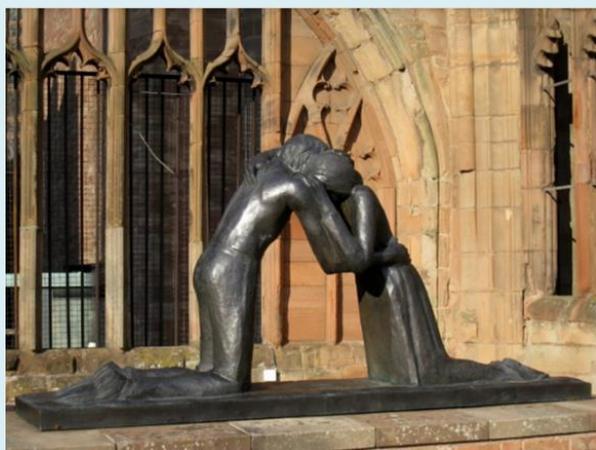
# Newsletter

## News from Mr Edwards-Grundy

This week it was our great pleasure to welcome members of the team from St Mary's Cogges to our Collective Worship. Ruth, Rachel and Simon led us in thinking about our new Value of the Month, Forgiveness and we had lots of fun!

We started by thinking about the parable of the Unforgiving Servant. In this story that Jesus told, a man is forgiven a huge debt, one that he would never be able to pay. That forgiven man however then refuses to forgive a much smaller debt that is owed to him.

Together we thought about what it means to be forgiven and to forgive others and we each had time to remember occasions where we have been forgiven and also where we have been slow to forgive. Simon showed us a powerful image of a sculpture outside of Coventry Cathedral. The sculpture is a good visual example of what it means to forgive and to put something right when it has gone wrong. Like a bridge, the sculpture would collapse if one person or the other did not play their part.



That sculpture led us into a wonderful bridge building race of children against staff as we thought about how forgiveness builds bridges.



Whilst the game was **a lot** of fun, it helped us all think about something quite difficult – how forgiveness can be hard work and requires all of us to play our part. Do ask your children about Collective Worship and who they were supporting in the bridge building race!

It has been wonderful to welcome many of you into school this week to buy books from the travelling book fair. I am delighted that your children have such a passion for reading. Your purchases will result in us being given more books for our school library – thank-you.

## Values Awards

A huge congratulations to all the children who won a Values Award this week.

Awards were given this week for courage, kindness, joy, responsibility, enthusiasm and patience.

It was a particular pleasure this week to give awards to children who had shown care and thoughtfulness in their friendships and generosity with time.



Well done to the children whose bookmarks won the prize in our Book Week competition – great designs!

## New menu choices

It has been an exciting three weeks in the lunch hall as children have experimented with our new menu choices.

Lots of children have really enjoyed the different meals, but some children have not been so happy with their choice.

Please do talk to your children about what they have liked and what they have not. Even if you have ordered ahead, you can make changes to the meal choices.

## Comic Relief

We are looking forward to celebrating Red Nose Day on Friday of next week – 17<sup>th</sup> March.

The theme of the day will be joy! Children should wear something to school that brings them joy. You can find more details on the posters around the school.

We are asking that children bring in a donation to Comic Relief on the day, or you can make a donation using this link - <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rednoseday23-the-blake-ce-primary-school>, or you can scan the QR code on the posters on display in school.

## Congratulations Mrs Powell

I am delighted to share with you that Mrs Nicola Powell and her husband are expecting their second child.

Mrs Powell's baby is due in the summer holidays and so she is intending to continue in her teaching role for the remainder of the academic year.

## Parents' evenings

For children in Years 1 – 6, parents' evenings are taking place during the last two weeks of term. Children in the Early Years are having meetings as part of their children's focus weeks.

You can book your appointment on e-schools at any time during the coming week. All bookings should be made by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March.

All appointments will be face to face in school.

If you experience any problems booking your appointment, please contact the school office.

## Snow!

We are not expecting any more snow... If however there was to be any significant snowfall, please check your email, or the front page of the school website for news on school opening.

Please make sure your child comes to school appropriately dressed for the weather conditions.

## News from Around the School

It was a very cold and wet week at Forest School this week, but that did not deter the children from having a great time! Our thanks to all the volunteers who help make Forest School happen – even in the snow and rain!



It has been wonderful this week to hear the choir's final rehearsals for their performance at the Chipping Norton Music Festival tomorrow. We hope the children enjoy performing – they sound great!

Also this week, the stage has gone up in the hall as the Year 3 children enter the final stages of their preparation for their performance of 'Adventures in Neverland'. There is no shortage of enthusiasm from the children – we are all looking forward to seeing their performance in a couple of weeks.

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