

# Newsletter

## News from Mr Edwards-Grundy

It was a real joy to welcome Rev Simon Kirby and the team from St Mary's Cogges to lead our Collective Worship on Monday. It was our first Collective Worship looking at our new Value of Thoughtfulness.

The team began by telling jokes! The best jokes were told by Chris, it was his first day working as part of the Cogges team. It was a noisy start to our time together!

The team helped us think about what it means to be thoughtful. In particular we were reminded that thoughtfulness is more than just thinking, it is thinking for a purpose, thinking with an intent to do something.

It was a really helpful reminder for children and adults alike. In school we are all used to thinking, but thoughtfulness requires us to not just think, it is not a fleeting moment, it is something that leads us into action. I am looking forward to continuing to explore what thoughtfulness might mean for each of us in the coming days.

It has been a great joy to welcome so many of our school community on to the school site this afternoon for Blake Fest. A massive well done to all the children who planned and ran stalls, whether individually, or as part of their class. And a huge thank you to all the members of The Friends and the staff who have put in so much work behind the scenes to make sure that the event has gone so well.

And finally a well done to all our Values Awards winners this week, each of whom has consistently shown our Values. A special well done to those who have demonstrated Thoughtfulness in their friendships.



## News from Round and About

This week, 26 of our children from the Choir, went to Chatterbox at the Corn Exchange to sing and entertain. The children performed with enthusiasm and great joy – well done to them all. We hope many of you will have enjoyed listening to the choir perform as part of the fete entertainment this afternoon – we know you will agree that they make a wonderful and heart-lifting sound.



## Diary dates for the remainder of the academic year

The weather forecast for next week looks very changeable and so a decision about the lower school sports has not yet been made.

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July – Year 1 wedding at St Mary's Cogges / Year 3 History trail

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July - 5.45pm EYFS presentation to parents

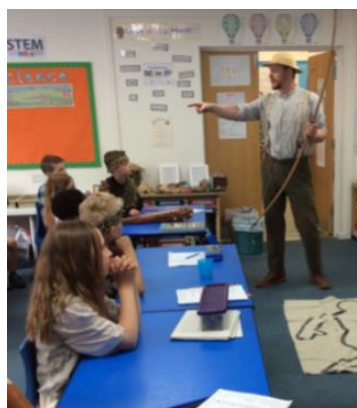
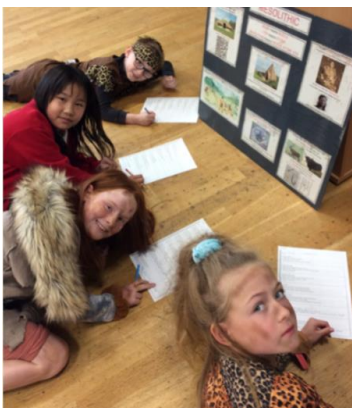
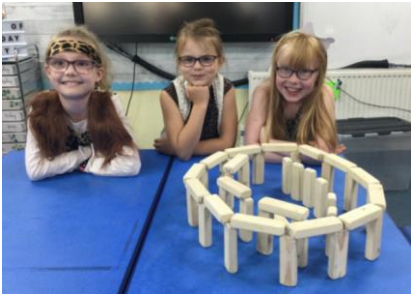
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July – EYFS trip / 2pm Leavers' service / 6pm Year 6 Leavers' Party

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July – School closes for everyone at 1:30pm



## News from Around the School

Earlier this week our Year 4 children enjoyed a fantastic Stone Age Day. They spent the day learning about Stone Age life and culture, including handling artefacts and playing games.





## More News from Around the School

This morning the children in Year 1 were very excited to welcome Harry the Shetland Pony to The Blake School. Everyone enjoyed saying hello and stroking a very well behaved Harry.



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