

## March 2023

This half term is already racing by and it has been a very busy one. Last week we were delighted to welcome St. Catherine's children to spend the morning with Reception and a storyteller. The children heard some familiar stories and then learnt how they could change them to make them their own.

This week Year 1 welcomed Mrs O who brought a range of old toys with her, the children had the opportunity to handle many of them and were surprised to discover one of the dolls was made of wax.

Yesterday you may have spotted the great big yellow mobile classroom in the carpark. Children in key stage 1 learnt about Fantastic **FRED**, and the importance of **F**ood, **R**est, **E**xercise and managing **D**evices.

There is still plenty left to do before the end of term and Reception, Year 1 and 2 look forward to sharing some of our Easter learning with you at our Easter service on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2.15pm at Holy Trinity Church.



### Values

Last half term our value was perseverance, the children have discussed what this means to them and have made a little video of some of the children sharing their ideas.

[Perseverance video](#)

This half term we are focusing on 'koinonia' which is a Greek word meaning Christian fellowship. At school we link it to the 'reach out' statement in our vision. And on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March** we will be reaching out and supporting other communities by raising money for comic relief, red nose day.

The theme this year is '**dress for joy**'. Children may come to school dressed in anything or as anything that brings them joy. (Please make sure it is suitable for a day a school including PE).

### World book day

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March we celebrated world book day, we had the most wonderful time. We almost had enough Harry Potter characters to start our own Hogwarts. Children listened to a range of stories across the day and shared what they like about their favourite stories.





### Sports comps

This term Year 1 and 2 have both had the opportunity to visit the Spectrum in Guildford and take part in the sports hall competition. They did fantastically well, with one of our Year 1 teams coming 2<sup>nd</sup> and one of the Year 2 teams coming 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### SATRO

To start this half term Year 1 and 2 has a visit from SATRO.



They spent the morning building Lego models and then used their coding skills to make them move.

### Sports awards

Coach Ben and Coach Katie are very pleased with the progress all the children made with their gymnastic skills last half term.

The half term's awards go to:

**Star performers**- Ned and Louisa (Yr2), Lana and Josh (Yr1), Freya and Monty (YrR).

**Most improved**- Archie and Paisley (Yr2), Evan and Bella (Yr1), Reggie and Ruby (YrR).

### Events for adults

A reminder of 2 upcoming events for the grown-ups

#### Becoming an academy: information evening

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023, 6.30pm in school hall- entry via Birtley Road gate

Please see letter sent 3/3/23 for further details

#### PTFA quiz night

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm in the school hall- entry via Birtley Road gate

Tickets £15