



Headteacher's Update – 1.5.26

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your kind words and best wishes over the past week. The way the school community has come together and been a support to one another has helped us all.

Please continue to keep Esha's family in your prayers.

Types of prayer – Visio Davina

Your child may have come home this week talking about how they prayed during their visit to the chapel. You may remember that sometimes we use Visio Davina as a way to prayer – using an image to stimulate our thoughts, feelings and responses. This week we looked at an image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd. Here is a copy of the image and some of the prompts we used in case you would like to pray with your child this way at home.

- What can you see?
- What details might others miss?
- What colours or shapes stand out?



- What is Jesus doing?
- How are the sheep behaving? Why might that be?
- What kind of place is this? Peaceful? Dangerous? Safe?
- What might have just happened before this moment?

- Where are you in the picture?
- Are you one of the sheep? What are you doing?
- Can you hear Jesus calling? What does his voice sound like?
- How do you feel being near him?

Parent Survey

We would love to hear your feedback on our school – what we do well and how we can continue to improve. Please follow the link to the STCAT parent survey. We really want to hear from as many as you as possible so we get a well-rounded picture of your views.

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Do remember that this tool is to help us to understand your views so that we can constructively consider our next steps in our school improvement journey. **It is not the place for personal comments about members of staff or specific issues you may have about your child.** Always speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance if you have a concern, or if you really feel that is not possible, then the next step is to make an appointment with the key stage leader. Thank you.

Maths Workshops for Parents

Thank you to everyone who attended the maths workshops. I know that many of you found it helpful to understand how calculations are taught in school as this may be very different from how you learnt. I know several parents commented on now being able to understand why we keep saying how important it is for children to know their times tables!

Thank you to each of the staff members who led the workshops. You all did a great job.

Football News

Yesterday afternoon the year 6 girl's football team finished their season with a 1-0 win over Kingsbrook Primary School. It was a tough game because of the hot weather and giant pitch but the girls never gave up and got the goal that they fully deserved in the second half.

This season has been a real success for the girl's team and it has been wonderful to see so many girls interested. I really hope they continue playing in secondary school and I wish them all the best for the future now that the season is over. I would like to say a big thank you to all the parents who have helped transport the children and cheer them on at the games and to the office staff who work tirelessly to make sure that these games go ahead.

Lockdown practice

Just as we have fire drills to practice our fire evacuation process, we are also required to hold lockdown drills too. We are aware that some of our children are sensitive to hearing the alarms or undergoing such practices and adults are on hand to support these pupils. The drills do not take long and it is important that we have robust procedures in place should we ever need them. For more information about lockdowns, please see the letter attached.

Leave of Absence Requests

We have received a high volume of leave of absence requests recently. Please be reminded that leave during term time can only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. Requests for holidays, trips, or events that could take place outside of school time will not be approved. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in ensuring that children attend school regularly and make the most of their learning time



Outside school achievements

Congratulations to Alexia from 3S who was chosen for the 4th time to be the Player of the Match for the Aylesbury Corinthians Football Team. She is very proud to say she is the only girl in her team! I know we have several girls who love to play football and you are great role models for each other and our younger pupils. Well done.

Dates for your diary

St Louis Day picnic: Friday 19th June

Sports Day: Thursday 25th June – Reception & KS1 morning, KS2 afternoon.

Nursery Sports Day: Friday 26th June.

More information will follow about all events. We hope to see as many of your as possible on these occasions.

Have a wonderful weekend, Mrs Machin



We have revisited nursery rhymes we have been learning and are encouraging the children to sing them independently.

You can help at home by: singing nursery rhymes together, make it fun by adding actions and movements.

Reception

We have been learning: about different vegetables. We enjoyed our tasting session.

You can help at home by: asking your child what their favourite vegetable was.

Year 1

We have been learning: to share amounts equally.

You can help at home by: practising sharing amounts into equal groups.

Year 2

We have been learning: to find $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{3}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ of numbers under 30.

You can help at home by: dividing a circle into halves, thirds or quarters to help your child count/share out a number.

Year 3

We have been learning: how to find fractions of amounts.

You can help at home by: asking your child how they find fractions of different amounts e.g. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 40, $\frac{3}{5}$ of 25.

Year 4

We have been learning: about money in maths and how to write money using two decimal places.

You can help at home by: getting your child to collect and count any coins at home and writing out the amount as a decimal.

Year 5

We have been learning: about the signs and symbols linked to the Sacraments of Confirmation.

You can help at home by: asking your child to tell you about the story of Pentecost and how the Apostles were changed.

Year 6

We have been learning: to write a Gothic story in English.

You can help at home by: asking your child to tell you about the protagonist and antagonist in their version.