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ISSUE 9

## VALUE OF THE MONTH: FORGIVENESS

This week, we invite you to talk to your child about the following Bible passage: *'Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us'* Luke 11 verse 4



## WELCOME

A warm Lady Boswell's welcome to Mr Stuart Brown who has, this week, joined the School as a Teaching Assistant and an After School Club Practitioner.

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX APPEAL—DELIVERY EXTENSION

Very many thanks to those of you who have already dropped in your Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes. We very much hope that more will arrive and have extended the delivery date in the hope that more people will take part!

Please follow the link below to find out more about how to pack a shoe box and how to make the donation to cover the cost of transport. If you wish to take part, please bring your packed boxes to School; we have extended the cut off to **Friday, 15th November**.

**Please note that this year, Samaritan's Purse are specifying no edible products please, including toothpaste.**

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-Christmas-child/how-to-pack-a-shoebox/>





## PARENT CONSULTATION APPOINTMENTS

Thank you for booking your Parent Consultation meetings for next Friday, 15th November. You will on that day be given a Data Collection sheet outlining the data that we hold for you and would ask for your help in checking it before you leave. Please remember that, should you bring your child with you on the 15th, that they remain your responsibility, and will need to sit outside the classroom for the duration of the meeting. Please ensure that they bring something to keep them occupied!

## GOLDEN BOOK—1 NOVEMBER 2019

### ACORN:

Nathan N  
Ethan N-F

### MAPLE:

Charlotte T  
Abigail M  
Isla-Rose F

### SILVER BIRCH:

Bailey W  
Arthur H-B

### HAWTHORN:

Esme L  
Theo A

### CHESTNUT:

James K-T  
Louisa R

### MULBERRY:

James A  
Molly B  
Peter A

### HOLLY:

Daniel G  
Harry D

### CEDAR:

Erin F  
Hannah B

### WILLOW:

Matthew B  
Beatrice G

### COPPER BEECH:

Saskia M  
Lola S

### SYCAMORE:

Hannah T  
Penelope Y  
Sam G

### ELM:

Olivia O  
Vince R-W

### OAK:

Rose A  
Isabella LBS



## YEAR 6—REMEMBRANCE

Year 6 benefited from Mr Hounsome's expertise on the First World War when he visited both classes on Monday. Through the true stories of four people, the children learnt about life on the front and at home during that period. The children were able to look at various artefacts including seeing how gas masks changed during the war through necessity, and to explore some of the differences between the lives of soldiers then and now. We would like to thank Mr Hounsome for spending time with us as part of our Remembrance topic.





## MOON WATCH

Thankfully, Monday's weather was kind and allowed us to host the long-awaited 'Lady Boswell's Moon Watch' evening - and it was well worth the wait! Orpington Astronomical Society brought their telescopes, passion and expertise and led a fantastic evening for us!

The pupils, parents, siblings and other family members that attended were treated to a huge number of telescopes, set up by their owners on the school playground. Some allowed us to see incredibly detailed sights of the moon, whilst others were pointed at Saturn; we even got to see its rings!

It was fantastic to see so many pupils and family members completely immersed and inspired by the scientific area of astronomy! The pupils were able to learn so much about the moon and planets from the society members and see everything they were learning about for themselves! So many valuable discussions were had, questions asked and answered, and so much knowledge was gained.

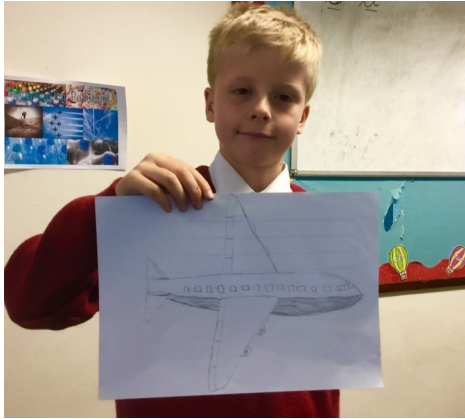
After the 'Moon Watch' (and numerous hot chocolates), we were also treated to a 'Moon Talk'. This covered a huge amount of information and a number of interesting facts for us all to take away.

We'd like to say a HUGE thank you to the Orpington Astronomical Society, and their volunteers, for leading such a brilliant evening for us. Their passion for astronomy was infectious and will have undoubtedly inspired a number of our pupils! Thank you to those of you who attended - we hope that you all had an enjoyable evening!



Photo taken on Monday through one of the telescopes





## ARTISTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulation to last week's Artists of the Week;

Ethan S (Year 5), Marcus F (Year 2), Scarlett W and Zoe J (Year 2).



## OUTDOOR CLASSROOM DAY



On Thursday 7th November, we joined in with almost 3 million schools worldwide to take part in Outdoor Classroom Day. All children throughout the school undertook an aspect of their learning in our wonderful outdoor environment. This year there was a special STEM focus, resulting in many Maths and Science lessons taking place outdoors. Some of the activities included measuring trees, creating bug hotels, exploring WW1 trenches as well as writing prayers.



We were lucky with the weather; it truly was heart-warming to see so many of our pupils outside enjoying the Autumn sunshine!



## REMEMBRANCE SERVICE



Year 6 led a very reflective and moving Remembrance service for the pupils, staff and parents this morning. The words spoken and sung helped remind us of the sacrifice that many men and women have made, and bravery they have shown, whilst fighting for their country.

The pupils worked extremely hard to prepare the service; they each spoke with confidence and sang beautifully. Thank you to all the Year 6 parents who were able to attend and share the moment of reflection with us.





## CHICKEN POX

Please be aware that we have, this week, had a confirmed case of chicken pox in Year 6.

## AUTISM INFORMATION

Please find below, a link to a very simple and helpful animated explanation of what individuals with autism may face, which SENCo, Mrs Michener felt that parents might be interested to see.

<https://www.facebook.com/350447368976065/videos/637405090116913?sfns=mo>

## DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

Following last week's Newsletter report on the recent District Cross Country Tournament, we have, this week, been informed that the Lady Boswell's Boys Team came in 3rd place.

## KIT RETURNS

Please would School cross country and netball kits be returned to the School Office, cleaned, dried and in a named bag.

## CHRISTMAS TREES

Stonepitts Farm has again this year generously offered to contribute £2.00 to our PTA funds for every Christmas tree purchased from them. This contribution is in addition to funds that they are raising for Help the Heroes.

Please take a copy of this Newsletter with you when you go to make your purchase. For further details please visit <http://www.stonepitts.com/christmas-trees.htm>





## CHRISTMAS CARDS

The deadline for paper orders has passed so the school office can no longer accept these. You can still order online directly with My Art Project but for free school delivery, you need to order by 10<sup>th</sup> November. Every personalised pack or product will raise at least £1 for the school, so please take a look at what's available at [www.myartproject.co.uk](http://www.myartproject.co.uk)



## QUIZ NIGHT

We are looking forward to seeing lots of you this evening at the Quiz night. A quick reminder that the bar opens at 7.30 and the quiz will begin at 8.00 sharp! There will be no access from the top gate so please use the main school entrance.

## CHRISTMAS RAFFLE PRIZES & DONATIONS!

Thank you for all the donations to date, but we still need more!

The House Hamper raffle prizes can be left in the coloured crates in the school office and all other donations in the wooden PTA box by the wooden gate. Specifically we are looking for:

- \*Christmas jumpers and accessories
- \*Teddies/Soft Toys (clean and in good condition please)
- \*Gift donations for the secret present room (new/like new gifts that children can buy for their friends/family)

## FESTIVE FILM NIGHT (Yrs 1-6) Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 3.30-5.30pm

Tickets for both Arthur Christmas and Elf (Yr6 only) are selling fast on the website so if your child wants to attend, you'll need to book a place quickly.

## *Are you Christmas shopping online this year?*

If you haven't already discovered Easyfundraising, please could we ask that you take a moment and have a look and to support the PTA! It is a simple and cost-free way to support our School. Please visit [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) for more information on how you can access this scheme when shopping online. It won't cost you a penny but will raise valuable funds for our school.



Just go to [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk), access a retailer (like John Lewis or Amazon and thousands more) via the website and any purchases you make will raise a free donation for us. It's that simple!

Easyfundraising have already helped raise over £7million for charities and good causes across the UK. They work with the leading retailers including Amazon, John Lewis, Argos and Marks and Spencer, to name but a few. It takes just a couple of minutes to register for free and no payment details are needed.



# Lady Boswell's Newsletter



# C.E. School

	TERM 2—DIARY DATES
	Term 2 Swimming— Copper Beech, Cedar and Hawthorn (31/10/19 to 12/12/19 inclusive) Parent Prayer Group meet every Tuesday after drop off. Lost Property available for 'viewing' every Friday afternoon at pick up time in the KS1 Playground
15/11/19	Final day to bring Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes to School
15/11/19	Inset Day and Parent Consultation Meetings—details of how to book appointments with teachers to follow
27/11/19	Year 6 WW2 Museum of Kent Life Trip
28/11/19	Own Clothes Day for Bring a Bottle for PTA Fair
29/11/19	9.10am Advent Service led by Year 3. Year 3 parents welcome to attend
29/11/19	School Clubs end—Activities Extra dates may vary
30/11/19	PTA Christmas Fair—more information to follow
4/12/19	3.30pm Open Classroom
5/12/19	KS1 Nativity Performances—2.30pm and 5.30pm Details of how to book tickets will follow nearer the time
6/12/19	KS1 Nativity Performance—2.30pm Details of how to book tickets will follow nearer the time
13/12/19	School Christmas Lunch
13/12/19	PTA Festive Film Night—Year 1—5
16/12/19	6.30pm KS2 Carol Service—St Nicholas Church
18/12/19	Last day of Term 2

	TERM 3—DIARY DATES
	Term 3 Swimming— Silver Birch, Sycamore and Holly (9/1/20 to 13/2/20 inclusive) Parent Prayer Group meet every Tuesday after drop off. Lost Property available for 'viewing' every Friday afternoon at pick up time in the KS1 Playground
6/1/20	First Day of Term 3
10/1/20	Year R Trip to Drusilla's
15/1/20	Closing Date for Primary School Admissions Applications
15/1/20	3.30pm Open Classroom
17/1/20	Year 4 trip to Knole
22/1/20	Year 3 Egyptian Day
w/c 3/2/20	Creative Arts Week—more information to follow
14/2/20	Last Day of Term 3





The PTA invite you to celebrate  
the 12 Days of Christmas  
at the



# Lady Boswell's School Christmas Fair



Saturday 30th November 2019 1pm – 4pm  
Plymouth Drive, Sevenoaks

Santa's grotto\*, hot food and refreshments,  
games and prizes, gifts and festive fayre,  
tombolas, teddies, treats and much, much  
more....



Come and join us for an afternoon of festive family fun!



\*Grotto tickets must be booked in advance  
on the PTA website. Limited tickets  
available – book now to avoid  
disappointment.



## We need your help!

The PTA would really appreciate your help with the following stall donations:



A gift to donate towards the house Hampers in your child's House Colour. Items could include food, sweets, Christmas fayre (with best before dates at least end of December and no spirits please), small toys, books, bath and beauty products, Christmas decorations etc. would be welcomed - only new please rather than used or nearly new. These items will make up the prizes in the hampers which will be raffled off at the Christmas Fair.



A gift to donate to the secret present room. This will be a room where children can choose and buy a present for their "grownups", siblings and friends and have it wrapped up by one of our elves, ready to give at Christmas. These should be new or like new, unused items that you might like to receive or that children might like to receive! It's a great opportunity to re-gift those unwanted presents!



We are asking for great condition Christmas jumpers and accessories. Please donate last year's Christmas gear, both in adult and children's sizes.



We are keen to rehome your pre-loved teddies and soft toys. Please donate any clean, good condition soft toys for our teddy tombola.

Donations can be placed in the PTA collection box outside the main wooden gate before entering the KS1 playground.

House Hamper donations can be placed in the corresponding coloured crate in the school office.

We will also be running a Christmas craft competition which children can enter before the Fair and Santa will be flying in to visit us so please keep checking the newsletter for regular updates!

**\*\*To reduce unnecessary waste, we are asking you to bring your own travel mug/cup to the fair for any purchased drinks (the price will be cheaper for those that do!) and to use the recycling bins which will be clearly labelled.\*\***

**Many thanks for your continued support!**