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Dear Parents and Friends,

Thank you to those of you who managed to come along and see the children process to the Church and then the Castle as part of the Richard III procession. The children looked absolutely fabulous and our grateful thanks go to Mr. Dave Manning at Bolton Castle for lending us the costumes free of charge!



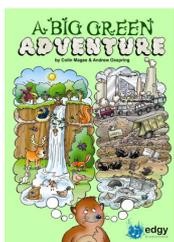
Many of you will know that the West Witton Play Group is closing at the end of the summer term. In celebration of all of those who have ever been involved or helped or supported them, they are holding an Afternoon Tea **tomorrow** from 2-4pm on West Witton Playing Fields. If you would like to come along, please email westwittonpreschool@gmail.com or phone Linda Dent on (01969) 640608. I'm sure it will be a fabulous atmosphere and a good chance to have a trip down memory lane.

This week, the children have been working on our end-of-year tests. Whilst it has to be said, that not many people actually **enjoy** tests, it has been really good for us as teachers to see just how much progress the children have made since we started teaching them in September. They can be rightly proud of themselves.



On Tuesday, Class 1 had an exciting visit to the Church to see baby James (a doll!) being christened by Mrs. Lawton. Jensen said "I liked it when he had the cross on his head" and Josh thought "it's all about remembering Jesus." Chloe learnt a lot - "when you get christened you are in God's family, and I didn't really know that so I found it interesting." "We had to promise the baby we would care for him and look after him well" said Ellie, who was one of the godparents.

On Thursday, we had another super puppet assembly with Mr. Phillips. We looked at the story of the Good Samaritan, both from the biblical retelling and from a modern perspective. The children are getting to be quite skilled at operating the puppets and really enjoy his visits.



Class 2 have been busy practicing their play which will be performed next week on Wednesday afternoon at 1.30pm and Thursday evening at 6.30pm. We are all walking round school humming the tunes and Mrs. Lawton has made the most wonderful masks. I do hope that you will be able to come along and support the children - they (and Mrs. Monaghan) have been working really hard to make it a success.

Next Thursday and Friday morning, Mrs. Sykes will be in school visiting. If any of you haven't yet had the opportunity to meet her, please feel free to pop in - I'm sure she will be only too glad to have a chat to you!

Many of you will have been made aware that the Grove Nursery will be closing in September. Next Friday, Mrs. Sykes and I will be meeting Mrs. Sedgewick and Mr. Kettlewell from NYCC to see if there is a way we could address this provision within school. When we have any news, we will let you know.



 Our Value for Collective Worship this half term is Trust and our thought for this week is from Mother Theresa. She says, "I know God will not give me anything I can't handle, I just wish God wouldn't trust me so much." What do you suppose she meant by this? I wonder if any of you can find a good answer!

I hope that you all have a good weekend!

Jo Dobbs,
Headteacher

Diary dates



Tuesday 12 th July	KS2 Cross Country @ Askrigg	CANCELLED
Wednesday 13 th July	KS2 Play 1.30pm	Letter has gone home
Thursday 14 th July	KS2 Play 6pm	Letter has gone home
Monday 18 th July	Sports Day	
Wednesday 20 th July	Spare Sports Day	
Wednesday 20 th July	Class 1 'Sleepover'	More details to follow
Thursday 21 st July	Leavers Service 2pm	At St. Alkeldas Church
Friday 22 nd July	End of Term	
Monday 5 th September	Staff Training Day	
Tuesday 6 th September	School opens	

CLUBS

The following clubs will be running this term:

After school multiskills with Mr Bullock - Monday 3.15-4.30pm - FREE

Dance Club - Miss Seymour 3.15-4.15pm - FREE

Trust

What does this mean to you?



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God will not
give me
anything
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I just wish God
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so much."**

~ Mother Teresa
of Calcutta

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School Meals for next week:-

Monday	Bacon & Pea Pasta / Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Carrots & Peas, Tomato Bread Arctic Roll & Pineapple Yoghurt & Fresh fruit
Tuesday	Cottage Pie / Vegetable Curry & Rice Green Beans & Cauliflower, Oaty Brown Bread Peach Melba Square Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit
Wednesday	Roast Pork Loin, Apple Sauce & Gravy / Tuna Baguette with Wedges & Salad, Carrots & Summer Cabbage, Parsley Potatoes, Pitta Bread Fruity Paris Sandwich & Custard Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit
Thursday	Honey-glazed Chicken Wrap / Jacket Potato with Vegetable Chilli, Mixed Salad, Coleslaw, Saute Potatoes Chocolate Cornflake Pudding Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit
Friday	Breaded Salmon Fillet / Tomato & Vegetable Pasta, Grated Carrot & Peas, Chipped Potatoes Wholemeal Bread Fresh Fruit Salad & Yoghurt Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit