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*1 John 4:7 Let us love one another, for love is from God.
Learning together and worshipping together*

Dear Parents/Carers,

This is a short but very busy half term!

We are very proud of our glowing report from the SIAMS inspection which celebrates how our golden thread of loving one another is lived out in school in so many ways, enabling our children to flourish. It is well worth a cup of tea and a read.

<https://www.tushingham.cheshire.sch.uk/page/ofsted-siams/69940>

I am thrilled that our councillor – Rachel Williams – has donated £500 to our school which to fund an online safety programme for our year 5 and 6 children, including a book which will be brought home to refer to. It also funded a trip to a mindfulness roadshow for our Year 5, who spent a day learning about how to look after their mental health, and the importance of good mental health as well as good physical health. There were a huge range of stalls with information and freebies for them to explore and enjoy as well as some inspiring workshops from Chester Zoo, Chester FC and AmaSing among others. Even the mayor – Sheila Little - came along to celebrate the event.



A huge thank you to one of our parents - Rachael Blades – and her parent helpers for running Toddlers on a Tuesday morning for us since September. It has been thriving and 0-5 year olds from the local community have enjoyed getting together and getting to know our Class 1 staff and children. We look forward to welcoming a new intake of nursery children after Easter, who have attended Toddlers and excited to start, and the next new intake in September. Rachael cannot continue Toddlers after Easter so if there is anyone that would like to take over this, please do get



in touch. It doesn't have to be a parent, it can be a grandparent or member of our local community.

We have also been fortunate to forge a link with Emma Lightfoot from Cheshire Young Carers who delivered workshops to each class in school. The children were really interested and learnt a lot. Emma will continue to visit school to check in with our children.

Find out how young carers across Cheshire are supported: <https://www.cheshireyoungcarers.org/>

Our luck was in when we won a competition and received a pack of craft and dressing up resources which our wraparound care 'The Honey Pot' are enjoying using as well as Class 2 developing their art skills.



World Book Day was a success. We are very grateful to Magpie bookshop in Malpas who provided books so that every child could exchange their world book day voucher. Activities on the day included recommending favourite books, the extreme reading challenge, a World Book Day assembly, a bookmark competition and a scavenger hunt for each class. And, of course, everyone looked wonderful in their World Book Day attire.



Success is sweet: Coming joint second with Shocklach in the Year 5 and 6 netball competition at Bishop Heber showed our skill and love of this sport. There were also some amazing wins in the Year 3 and 4 indoor sportshall athletics 😊. Go Team Tushingham! It is fabulous that the local primary schools work so closely with Bishop Heber to jointly enable so many competitions to take place. Coaches from a local tennis club also came in to teach some tennis lessons to Class 2 which they thoroughly enjoyed.

Dressing Red to Toe on Comic Relief Day shows that we are also skilled at embracing the silly to 'Do Something Funny for Money'. Learning about how we can all take action to impact the world in a positive way and love one another across our country and world is a life skill that we hope all our children will retain through their lives.



The spectacle of Gotta Dance was truly memorable. This year, throughout this term, we enabled *all* year 5 and 6 to be trained in a dance by Strictly Come Dancing professional Chloe Hewitt. They then performed their version of 'We will Rock You' in full costume at Crewe Lyceum Theatre. The recording of this will be shared in Celebration Worship.



Amidst all this excitement, every class is busy learning – I am sure you will agree from seeing books at parents evening, the standard of work in every class is impressive. Class 2 have been exploring our local area through direct observations and Google maps, learning that Tushingham is a rural village. They then researched Uganda and I loved being in class to answer their questions about life in Uganda. The children did a fantastic job making comparisons between the landscape, lifestyles, food, schools, weather and shops.



Class 3 have started a litter picking rota to keep school clean and tidy and to protect the environment. They have also been learning about extreme earth in geography so they built volcanoes in forest schools to extend their learning in geography about how volcanoes and how they are formed. They will be learning about earthquakes, tornados and tsunamis next.



Finally, please like and follow Tushingham Primary School on Facebook to increase our exposure to our local communities.



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Being deeply Christian and for the common good, Chester Diocesan Board of Education and our schools will be communities which are:



LOVING
in relationships



AMBITIOUS
in aspirations



BOLD
in actions

