

Headteacher's Message

Spring Term 1 was a fantastic term for our school community! We demonstrated how we are **united in fellowship** by celebrating and embracing the diversity of the communities from which our students come. During Mental Health Week our pupils learned to look after themselves and one another.

We finished the half term with our year 5 pupils taking part in our federation "Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion 'We Are One' event" at Saint Mary Magdalene Peninsula campus. This event brought together students from both the primary and secondary stages in a powerful display of unity and creativity. Our Year 5 pupil's artwork was proudly displayed at this event.

Over the half term break, we had new markings painted in our KS1 playground. The children are delighted with them and are enjoying using with them at breaktimes and lunchtimes.



This half term we have a very busy and exciting time ahead of us with lots of events, activities and trips planned for the children. Last week kicked all of this off with a visit from bestselling author and illustrator David Litchfield. He came into school to visit our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes. The children enjoyed listening to him read his book 'The Bear and the Piano.' He also led a workshop for the children showing them how he creates his illustrations. Please refer to our list of dates for more information about all the other activities we have planned this half term.



As we step into this chilly but bright term, the school is buzzing with enthusiasm. The children are deep into their spring topic learning, and we are all appreciating the lighter mornings and evenings. We encourage you to take time to appreciate changes in nature with your children, discussing the beauty around them and how it makes them feel. Look for early blooming flowers like crocuses and snowdrops, listen for the cheerful melodies of returning birds and watch for the activity of animals waking from their winter slumber.

Thank you for your continued support in making our school a place where children feel ready, respectful and safe, allowing them to flourish and thrive in their learning.

Best wishes and blessings for the term ahead,

Ms Reid
Headteacher



A message from the Federation Chaplain, Rev Dom

Love is patient and Kind. Love is a many splendid thing. Can't buy me love. Love is all around us.

Films, songs, books, paintings, photographs, and scripture are filled with stories and words of love.

This last week we have been thinking about REAL LOVE and what it would mean to show love for one another as Jesus commanded us to.

The story of St Valentine is one of courage and bravery – standing up for his faith and his devotion to the people he cared for in the 3rd century when he lived. He wrote letters of encouragement and signed them 'From your Valentine'. My question though is do we really know what real love is like and how can we show it in our thoughts, words and actions.

Paul says that Love is patient and kind, it is not rude, it isn't jealous and rejoices in the truth. Love goes on. There is faith and hope and love, and the greatest of these is love. (1 Corinthians 13)

What would our schools and homes and cities be like if everyone showed these things in the life?

There would be more peace, and everyone would be more at peace too.

Lord God, you gave your only son to show your love for the world.

Help us to be courageous in showing love for each other.

Help us to be more patient and kind and to think of others as people loved by God.

Help us to make a fresh start everyday so that we might make the world a better place.

Amen

Rev. Dominic Hubbuck

Federation Chaplain

Koinonia Federation Schools

Assistant Priest with East Greenwich Team Ministry

<p>SPRING 2 – Federation Value – Respect Theme: <u>Love</u> SMSC: Inclusion</p>	<p>1 Corinthians 13:13 And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.</p>
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UNIFORM

Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform. All clothing needs to be labelled with your child's name.

Clothing	Grey trousers or skirt or pinafore dress (other colours are not permitted); a white polo shirt/ blouse; royal blue sweatshirt/ cardigan/ jumper In summer pupils may wear grey shorts or a blue checked dress.
Footwear	Safe, flat sensible shoes or trainers – These must be black only
Jewellery	Small studs and a wrist watch if your child can tell the time. No necklaces.



Safety Reminder

For the safety of every one, please use the footpath that passes by Robert Owen when coming into school. Cars and delivery vehicles use the carpark throughout the day making it dangerous for pedestrians to be walking through the car park. We regularly remind the children of this. If your child walks to school by themselves, please support us by reminding your child to do this.

Parents and carers are also reminded that only staff cars and delivery vehicles are allowed into the school carpark. Please do not use the carpark to drop off or collect your child / children.

