



## Faith Courage Love

Faith to move forward in confidence and succeed.  
Courage to make a difference in the world every day.  
Love one another as God loves us.

### Weekly Bulletin 3rd October 2019

#### **Christmas Cards**

Children have brought home tonight a sample of the Christmas Card they have designed along with an order form. Please can any orders be returned to the school office before **Friday 11th October**.

#### **Faith Committee Competition**

Many thanks and a huge well done to all our children and their families who worked hard to produce wonderful masterpieces for the Daniel and the Lions' Den competition!

We have proudly displayed the children's competition entries on our 'Faith Courage Love' values display in the hall, so please come and take a look next time you are in school.

Rev Karen came in to school to judge the entries with the Faith Committee and it was a very tough decision. Congratulations to our winners Lucy (Class 2), Max, (Class 1) and Beatrice (Class 4.)

#### **Come and meet our wonderful new vicar!**

We feel sure that you must have heard lots about Rev Karen and her Collective Worships! Rev Karen visits our school very regularly to see the children and she is very keen to meet our parents too. Rev Karen will be in school to see you all during the Friday afternoon Learning Together session - please come and say hello!

#### **Hive refurbishment**

The Hive is starting to take shape as it was decorated this week in preparation for new bookcases and furniture in the autumn half-term holiday. We are so excited to be curled up with a book or a chromebook in our new space next half-term!

#### **Donations to Ripon Food Bank at Harvest Festival**

Please bring donations into school for Ripon food bank during the week beginning 14th October. Donations should be tinned meals (such as beef stew, chilli con carne, Irish stew, curried meals, rice pudding, beans and soup), or packets of cereal, tea, coffee, toothpaste and other toiletries.

#### **Shoebox donations for Prayer Boxes please!**

Each class would like to make their own class prayer box in to which personal prayers or class prayers can be posted. Our prayers may be read by Rev Karen and tied on to our Prayer Tree in the hall. If you have a spare shoe box which is not being used for the Rotary Shoe Box Appeal, we would very much appreciate your donations.

### **World Mental Health Day (10th October)**

We are learning about the five ways to develop and maintain positive mental wellbeing - Connect with others, Be active, Keep learning, Give to others and Be mindful. We will be celebrating the importance of mental wellbeing during the week of 7th October.

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/campaigns/world-mental-health-day>

Many thanks to Kim of Zen Warriors for providing us with an afternoon of mindfulness on Tuesday 8th Oct and Rebecca from Compass Buzz who will be developing our understanding of mental wellbeing on Wednesday 9th Oct.

### **Young Voices - Sheffield Arena**

We are very excited to announce that our school choir will be participating in the Young Voices choir event at Sheffield Arena on Friday 10th January. The school choir has performed some of the songs in Collective Worship this week so other children may hear them. We are always looking for new members for our growing choir, so if your child is in Class 2, 3 or 4 and wishes to join and practise with us at school on Wednesdays at 3.30-4.30pm with Mrs Briggs, please email Mrs Jones as soon as possible so we can add you to our list. New choir members can start attending practices from next Wednesday. Unfortunately the Young Voices event is open to children in Key Stage 2 so if your child joins the choir, they would need to be in Class 3 or 4 to participate in the Young Voices event in January.

<https://www.youngvoices.co.uk/>

### **Rotary Christmas Shoe Box Appeal**

Please see the bottom of this bulletin for details of the Rotary Shoe Box appeal that we will be supporting again this year

### **Bags2School**

Start de-cluttering your wardrobes and collecting unwanted clothing for Bag2school at Rocliffe! Pupils will be bringing home empty Bag2school bags soon and the collection date is Friday 8th November.

**Unfortunately due to space restrictions in school we are unable to accept bags before this date.**

### **Learning Together sessions**

Learning Together drop-in sessions will take place in all of our classes on:- **Tuesday 8th 9am - 10am Friday 11th October 2.30-3.30pm.** We understand that it can be tricky for working parents to attend events in school during the school day, but we hope that with sufficient notice and the choice of attending during the morning or afternoon, that you may be able to join us.

### **Reception 2020 Open Sessions**

The school will be open to visitors and prospective parents of children who will be due to start our Reception class in 2020. Please spread the word that we are opening our doors to show off our wonderful school on the following dates where there will be a short meeting in the school hall followed by a tour of the school.

**Monday 4th November 9.15am, Tuesday 5th November 1.15pm, Wednesday 13th November 9.15am and Thursday 14th November 1.15pm.**

### **Diary Dates -**

The remaining training day dates for Rocliffe for 2019-20 academic year are :-  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Jan, Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June and Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July.

**Tuesday 8th Oct 9-10am Learning Together drop-in session**

**Friday 11th Oct** 2.30-3.30pm Learning Together drop-in session  
**Friday 11th Oct** Christmas Card order deadline  
**Friday 18th Oct** flu immunisations  
**Tuesday 22nd Oct** 2.15 - 3.15pm Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church \*change of time\*  
**Monday 4th November** 9.15am Reception 2020 Open Session  
**Tuesday 5th November** 1.15pm Reception 2020 Open Session  
**Wednesday 13th November** 9.15am Reception 2020 Open Session  
**Thursday 14th November** 1.15pm Reception 2020 Open Session  
**Wednesday 13th November** Parent consultations  
**Thursday 14th November** Parent consultations  
**Tuesday 10th December** 9am-2pm Whole school visit to Fountains Abbey ('Christmas Now and Then')  
**Wednesday 11th December** Christmas Dinner  
**Thursday 12th December** 2pm Reception and Class 2 nativity  
**Friday 13th December** 9am Christmas carols round the tree  
**Thursday 16th July - Evening** Class 4 Production - Bishop Monkton Village Hall