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Thank you to the School's Parent Partnership Representatives who met with me on Wednesday. It was pleasing to receive very positive feedback about the many learning experiences the children are receiving, and also to make plans and work together on ways to make our school the best it can be. The minutes of the meeting are available from your class representative.

A reminder that the school website is regularly up-dated and contains lots of useful information about the activities going on in individual classes. Each class now has a Twitter account which is up-dated regularly and the feed for this is on the website. For all Twitter users please 'like' us regularly and add us as a favourite!

Y5 TTA Science Lesson

Year 5 visited TTA this week for a science lesson. This provided an opportunity for the class to experience a secondary school first hand, to use the secondary school science facilities and to work with an expert science teacher. The children thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon and got a taste of things to come!

On Monday Y5 went on a school trip to TTA where we learnt about acids and alkalis. The teacher taught us about the difference between alkalis and acids, and their purposes. We then conducted an experiment. We used indicator strips to test which liquids were acid, alkali or neutral. The indicator changed colour depending upon whether it was an acid or an alkali. We all enjoyed the trip!

Nuala and Awena, Y5



Y6 visit Tring Natural History Museum

The Year 6 children have been learning about Darwin and visited the Natural history museum to supplement their studies. Mrs Goodwin had prepared an interesting and valuable array of activities and the children had a good time.

"We had a workshop about evolution and adaptation. We then walked around the museum learning how different animals have adapted to their surroundings." *Isla, Y6*



School Council trip to City Hall

Today some of our School Councillors visited City Hall in London. It was a great experience. They learnt extraordinary facts about the building itself, the history of London and the role of the Mayor of London and the London Assembly. The day flew by. We were proud to represent our school. It was nice that we were complimented on all the questions we asked!



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Y3 Artwork

The Y3 children have been busy learning about the artist Paul Klee and have produced this fabulous display which is sited in the Junior corridor. Please feel free to pop in to look at their hard work. It is definitely worth doing so!



Y2 Outdoor Learning - Constable Landscapes

In Year 2 we have been looking at the paintings of John Constable. We were inspired by our own beautiful environment to go outside and paint the landscape. We looked at the arrangement of the grass, trees and sky. We learnt how to build up our paintings using a wash first then adding the details on top to show the branches of the trees and the objects we saw around us in the landscape.



Coding

Every Wednesday we are joined by pupils from QE Boys' School for Coding lessons in Years 3 and 4. The boys have outstanding ICT knowledge (as do the teachers!) which they are using to support the children to produce their own high level games. The children are able to programme using advanced programming skills.

"I made a ping-pong game where you move a pad so the ball can bounce on and off, scoring points. My friends have enjoyed playing my game." Zoe, Y4

Girls' Football -v- Livingstone

The girls played really good football on Monday against Livingstone School. Although it was their first game of the year, they remembered all the key skills. Although they didn't win, they showed great sportsmanship at the end of the game and gave Livingstone three cheers!

Eco Committee

Our newly formed Eco Committee have undertaken an Environmental Review to identify the good things the school is already doing for the environment and to gain ideas of the areas on which we can work to improve. They interviewed pupils for their ideas and are now ready to produce an action plan to identify how to move forward.



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Nursery

The Nursery have been busy this week working outside. They have been learning how important it is to care for our world every day. They talked about making a home for insects, feeding the birds and then they went outside to pick litter using litter-pickers.

"God created everything and everything he created is special to him, even slugs and wasps and ants!" Nursery pupil



Cake Sale

Well done to Alexis, Hannah, Lydia and Lucienne, Y5, who organised a cake sale last Friday and raised an amazing £193.01. The money raised went to help farmers in Australia who have suffered losses and aren't able to feed their animals. The money was sent to Brad, a link we have through Tolmers (our Y4 School Journey venue). Brad has been organising convoys of feed to be taken to areas devastated by the fires. He and his team are very grateful for the support they have received as it has gone directly to help those in need. He wrote:-



"Hi Lidia, Alexis, Luci and Hannah. I hear you all have been working hard to raise some money for the awful bushfires we have been having in Australia recently. Thank you very much for all your effort to help some Aussies during this awful time. That is extremely kind and thoughtful of you all and any money raised goes a long way at the moment. Many farmers have lost everything. All paddocks have been burnt out and any feed (hay and grain) they had stored up to feed their stock they have also been lost. So we are putting the money raised towards feed to help keep the stock alive while they are trying to get back on

their feed. Your efforts are really appreciated and some farmers are very thankful for your help. Here are some pictures to show you what has been going on. Thanks again"

Watch this space for an up-coming Chocolate milk sale organised by children in Y3.

Weekly Superstars!

Congratulations to the following children who received a school certificate in our Celebration Assembly today:-

- Y1 Christian - for his growing resilience
Otis - for his great contributions and his determination to learn
- Y2 Daniel - for his perseverance in Maths
- Y3 Kaden - for your well organised and creative piece of writing inspired by our book, The Pebble In My Pocket
Plum - for your contributions and engagement in our science lessons and for the creative presentation of your work
- Y4 Charlie - excellent all round effort across the curriculum.
- Y5 Alexis - for being a fantastic role model, always trying your best and working hard
Tishe - for your fantastic attitude towards Maths and working hard on a range of strategies.

Well done to them all.

Weekly Attendance

Class	%
Y1	97.87
Y2	98.26
Y3	97.29
Y4	97.05
Y5	97.61
Y6	97.47

Our school target is set at 97% and this week our overall average was 97.59%.

Debate & Discussion - This week's Big Question:

Can you ever trust what you view online?



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Online Safety

Safer Internet Day will be taking place on Tuesday, 11 February 2020, when schools join forces across the globe to work "Together for a better internet". In the meantime, for online safety tips and advice, visit the Better internet for kids (BIK) portal at <https://www.betterinternetforkids.eu/>

Feb Half Term - The Elms Multi Sports Camp
Early Bird prices expire on **Friday, 31st January** for the Feb Half Term Camp at **Christ Church CofE Primary School,**

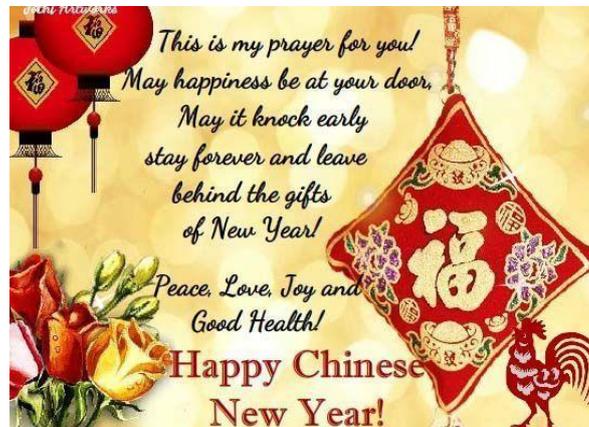
Child Protection

We take children's safety very seriously and all information regarding safeguarding is on our website and also available from the school office.

Please contact Mrs Print or Mrs Harry immediately should you have any concerns regarding children or adults at school.

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*Wishing you a
happy weekend and a
Happy Lunar New Year
to our Chinese families.
Mrs Print and Mrs Harry*



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DIARY DATES

Tuesday 28 th January	Y3 visit to Barnet Environmental Centre
Thursday 30 th January	Y5/Y6 Powerleague (12-3pm) Y6 Boys' football -v- All Saints (home fixture)
Monday 3 rd February	Girls' football -v- Whittings Hill (3.30 ko / home fixture)
Tuesday 4 th February	Maths Workshop (9am) YR Vision and Hearing
Thursday 6 th February	Y6 Boys' football -v- Northside (home fixture)
Friday 7 th February	Number Day Pantomime for whole school (funded by The Friends) Happy School Bag collection
Tuesday 11 th February	Safer Internet Day Y6 Boys' football away @ Old Elizabethans (leave at 3pm for 3.30 ko) SATs meeting for Y6 parents (6pm)
Thursday 13 th February	Last day of half term
Friday 14 th February	INSET Day (no school)
Monday 17 th - Friday 21 st Feb	HALF TERM
Monday 24 th February	Children back to school - British Values Week
Wednesday 26 th February	Y4 trip to London Transport Museum (competition prize)
Friday 13 th March	Christ Church Talent Show