**Newsletter 29th March 2021**

A very Happy Easter to you all when it arrives at the end of the week. Our last day of term is **Thursday 1st April** and we return to school on **Tuesday 20th April**, as Monday 19th April is an INSET day.

**Logo**

**Consultation for new Logo and how current Logo would still be a part of the school**

We have been in discussion about our school logo and how it fits into our school Vision and Ethos. The children were consulted as a whole class group and given time for discussion and reflection. It was agreed that an Owl for our logo would fit in with our school much better. However, it was also agreed that the current logo needed to be part of our school and children were keen to rename our Houses to ‘School House’ using the picture of the school on the current logo; ‘Church House’ using the picture of the school on the current logo; ‘Pit House’ using the picture of the pit tower from the current school logo.

The reasons given for a change were:

Every one of our lessons begins with an OWL (Our Wonderful Learning) to tell us wht we are going to learn about

The end of our lessons looks at the NEST (Now Embed Success Together) to see if we have achieved the OWL. The Owl then ‘flies’ into the nest in class.

Our classes are named after Owls.

We have our OWL AWARDS for when we have done something Amazing!

The Owls that our classes are named after tell the story of our journey through school. We begin as Little Owls and gain wisdom year after year until we become Wise Owls in Year 6.

Owls are wise, just like us!

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When we realised that an Owl would be a perfect logo the children thought about it in class and then 2 children from each class were randomly chosen to work together to find a suitable Owl. These are things that the children specifically said:

“The Owl needs a heart shaped face to fit with the ‘heart’ from the Bible.”

“The Owl should have a heart shaped body too.”

“The Owl needs googly eyes that stand out.”

“There needs to be a cross to show Jesus.”

“The cross could be where the Owls heart is.”

“We need to put Amaze, Achieve, Aspire in a rainbow shape over the Owls’s head because that shows a sign of Peace.”

“The Owl could be flying and looking over us.”

“The Owl could sit on a branch.”

Three different sketches were made from the ideas – a flying Owl, a sitting Owl and a heart shaped Owl. The children decided that with the flying Owl it didn’t look enough like an Owl, it could have been an eagle or a different kind of bird. They decided that the sitting Owl was not interesting enough and even looked a bit like a penguin. They liked the heart shaped Owl and so added in the cross and the words Amaze, Achieve, Aspire.

The three drawings were then shown to all of the children in their class groups and the general consensus was for the Owl shown below:



We are now asking for consultation from parents about changing the logo to the one shown above. Please note that if the logo is changed the school will purchase a new jumper/cardigan for every child and of course, children will still wear the one that they already have until they have outgrown them!

**Please send any comments to the Office email by 12 noon on Thursday 1st April 2021. Thank you.**

**Test and Trace during the Easter break**

School will be closed to all children and staff for 2 weeks from 3pm on Thursday 1st April and therefore the usual emails and telephone will not be in use. However, to enable NHS Test and Trace the email that has been set up for families to inform if their child has symptoms within 48 hours of being in school and then tests positive, will again be in use.

If your child tests positive with COVID-19 after developing symptoms within 48 hours of being in school please inform this email address so that the rest of their bubble/class can be informed that they need to self-isolate and not leave the house for 10 days.

The email address for parents to contact should their child test positive after developing symptoms within 48 hours of being in school is: parentcomms@harworth.snmat.org.uk

This email address will be checked once each day (the lastest time of checking will be 3pm, which is the end of the school day) until Wednesday 7th April. After this date it will then be checked on Monday 19th April, which is an INSET day, in case there are any positive cases during the rest of the half term. Please note that this is a no reply email address and you may not receive a reply after you have sent the email, as your email may just be retained for information. You will only be contacted if deemed necessary. Please be aware, if you are contacted it may be from a ‘Withheld’ or ‘No caller ID’ number.

The main symptoms of COVID-19 are: a high temperature, a persistent cough, a change in taste or smell.

We are taking part in NHS Test and Trace.