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Summer (1) Newsletter 2024

What a great half term it has been!

We are all ready for a well-earned rest over the May half-term break.

We finish on **Thursday 23rd May 2024** and return to school on

Monday 3rd June 2024.

What have we been up to this half term?

The focus this half term has been on Religious Education.

Our KS1 pupils focussed on exploring their personal experiences of celebrations and began to understand how the church is considered to be a family. Next, they reflected on the concept of an extended family and then considered how and why Christians pray.

To begin the half-term our KS2 pupils, considered the story of Jesus and explored why this is important to Christians. Next our pupils understood that Jesus called on his disciples to accompany him in his work. At the end of the term our pupils researched some of the recorded miracles performed by Jesus.

In KS3, our pupils considered religion and science. They identified the difference between facts and beliefs and then moved on to consider what is meant by truth. Towards the end of the half term, they considered Christian views and the theory of evolution.

The pupils in KS4 explored whether, within different religions, discrimination and prejudice can be replaced with understanding. Towards the end of the term, pupils considered the global issues of peace and conflict.



Inter-school competitions

This half term, our KS3 and KS2 pupils have enjoyed taking part in inter-school football inter-school competitions. The pupils displayed great team work skills and sportsmanship throughout.

Next half term we have planned a mini-Olympics, ultimate frisbee contest and cricket tournament - so watch this space!



Enrichment Days this half term:

During our Staffordshire day Celebration our pupils designed their own pottery, made and ate their own Staffordshire oatcakes and created collages of Staffordshire. The collages included things that Staffordshire is famous for and what pupils enjoy about where they live.

For VE Day, our pupils held discussions around the importance of VE Day and why we celebrate it, they completed VE Day questions and answers and crafted their own VE flags. Our older pupils discussed who the Prime Minister of England was at the time and what role he played to help with Europe's success during World War 2.

For our LGBTIQ+ Gender awareness Diversity Day, our pupils designed their own Pride Emoji, they also considered a series of scenarios and discussed stereotypes and prejudice. Some of our pupils researched and discussed various LGBTIQ+ meanings.



A message from our Head of School:

What a way to begin our Summer term with our family IEP day! It was lovely to see so many attend – giving parents and carers an opportunity to meet with their pupils' class teachers as well as our therapy team and have the chance to see some of the fabulous work our pupils have been doing.

Have a lovely half term.

Vicky