



Worship Together

This week has been our final one on the theme of Generosity. We have considered how we care for creation and how we can all be 'earthkeepers.' Our scripture came from Genesis 2:15 'The Lord God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to tend and look after it.' We will be focussing on Compassion after Half Term. Kathy's Thursday service for school can be found by following this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IL540R8A3SM>

My Future

What will be

Left for me

When I grow up?

Will blue whales sing

Will elephants

And rhinos still survive?

Will there be

Pure air to breathe

Will the sea be clean?

Will you have left

Us anything

Healthy and alive?

Will tarmac

Cover all the fields

Will they still be green?

When I grow up

And I'm in charge

What will it be worth?

Milk from cows

Meat, veg and fruit

Will they be fit to eat?

If you have used

The goodness up

And destroyed the earth?

Will sunlight hurt

Will fumes from cars

Clog up a crowded street?

By David Harmer

Pick Ups and Drop Offs

We will continue with the staggered timings after Half Term. It would be helpful if you do not enter the playground until it is time for your drop off or pick up. This should ease the crowd of people in the playground and make it easier for everyone to maintain their 2 metre social distance. The advice is still that you should wear a face covering during drop off and pick up and also if you are invited into the school building. School staff have also now been advised to wear face coverings when mixing with parents on the playground.

We have been notified that some parents are walking up Temple Drive on the way to school. I have explained that we are operating a one way system but we obviously need to

be on the footpath that runs from church up to school as soon as you can access it. This keeps you all safe from oncoming cars.

Parent Consultations

Many thanks for working with us to facilitate telephone or video meetings. We understand that this is different to usual, but teachers have reported really positive and useful conversations, which were better to have had at a distance, than not at all. If you have missed or not been able to have an appointment for whatever reason, please contact your child's teacher and they will be able to arrange a time.

Uniform

Our school uniform is available online from Top Form (<http://www.top-form.co.uk/Find-Your-School/Lady-Katherine/>) and from Palmers on Knowle High Street. Prices may differ so it is always worth checking.

Half Term

We break up for Half Term on Friday 23rd October and children return on Tuesday 3rd November, as the Monday is an INSET day. If your child or a family member tests positive for Covid over this period, you must contact our school office at 76office@ladyk.solihull.sch.uk to inform us.

Contact Information

It is important that we hold correct and current contact information for you in school. Please complete and return the data collection forms which your child will be bringing home today. (Nursery children will receive these forms on Tuesday 3rd November). Our main communication system is School Comms (Gateway), we therefore need all parents to have access to this where possible. Please consider who you give as priority number 1 – it can be more than one person, e.g. a parent who doesn't live in your family home. This means that they will receive the school newsletter and other school related information to keep them informed about their child's progress and school life.

Survey

Everyone is getting good at completing our online forms. I'd appreciate some quick feedback on how this Half Term has gone for you and your child. The survey should only take a couple of minutes and can be accessed by following this link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScGonigoWDaPyDAg3y2-u7_1ly8Oso7_oB6FBq2ix38TUzFkw/viewform?usp=sf_link

I'll close the survey after this weekend. Thanks in advance for your responses.

Celebration Assembly

Winners of star awards were:

Reception: Darcy & Edie

Year 1: Bella & Adam

Year 2: Deen & Eadie

Year 3: Riley & Dexter

Year 4: Harry

Year 5: Harry & Blake

Year 6: Elias & Rocco



Winners of gold awards were:

Year 1

Immie

Theo

Year 2

Megan

Keir

Year 4

Grace

Kaycee

Effie

Year 6

Emma

Henrij

Leila

KIRF Champions. Most progress made:

Year 1: Henry

Year 2: Eleanor

Year 4: Sophie

Year 5: Jessica

Year 6: Tilly

Thanks to our PTA for buying the Amazon vouchers to reward and encourage our children to learn their Maths Key Instant Recall Facts.

Black History Month

Our children have been researching, discussing and celebrating a range of black history heroes and heroines during Black History Month.

Katherine Johnson, a NASA employee, was a brilliant mathematician, helped to send astronauts to the moon by calculating and analysing flight paths.



Serena and Venus Williams are tennis sensations, winning 30 grand-slam titles and 4 Olympic gold medals between them so far, plus a host of other titles. They took the women's game to a whole new level.

Bessie Coleman was an early American aviator. She wasn't allowed to learn to fly in America so travelled to France to gain her licence. She was the first African-American woman, and also the first Native-American, to hold a pilot license.



Martin Luther King Jr. was an American Christian minister and activist who became the most visible spokesperson and leader in the civil rights movement. He was the youngest person to receive the Nobel Peace prize. His 'I have a dream...' speech is still an inspiration for a

world of equality and unity.

Mary Seacole is a fantastic role model. Her values of good citizenship (she always wanted to help the sick and wounded), entrepreneurship (her drive took her to the Crimea under her own steam) and achievement all hold true today.





Mae Jemison is an American engineer, physician, and former NASA astronaut. She became the first black woman to travel into space when she served as a mission specialist aboard the Space Shuttle Endeavour.

Rosa Parks, called "the mother of the civil rights movement" highlighted the struggle for racial equality when she refused to give up her bus seat to a white man in Montgomery, Alabama.



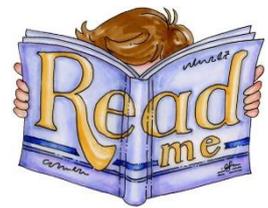
Twitter and Website

Please follow us on @LadyKSch

Our school website can be located at www.ladykprimaryschool.co.uk

Exciting Reading News

Mrs Anderson is delighted to announce that we have purchased a new reading scheme for EYFS and KS1. As we are a 'Letters and Sounds' phonic school, it is vital that our reading scheme matches our systematic, synthetic, phonic programme. The Collins Big Cat books are fully decodable and will be matched to your child's current phonic phase. This approach ensures that your child will be successful when they apply existing phonic knowledge to the text.



After half term, your child will be sent home each week with two books: one Collins Big Cat decodable text and another, which is meant to be read for pleasure. It is important that the Collins Big Cat book is 95% decodable so that your child can practise fluency when reading at home. Your child should be encouraged to read this book each night so that they can practise the sounds and tricky words that have been taught in class.

Pupil Safety and Dark Nights

This Sunday we will be setting the clocks back an hour and summertime ends. Road traffic collisions increase by 20% in the fortnight after the time change. Sadly, some of those collisions will involve child pedestrians and cyclists. Children under-16 are one of the most vulnerable groups of road users. The latest available government statistics (2015)* show that 58% of children who die or are seriously injured in a road collision are involved in incidents between 3 and 7pm. From this Sunday, much of those will happen in darkness. We have attached some resources for parents about keeping your child safe. We will also be reinforcing this at school.

Remembrance Day

Although we will not be able to have our usual Remembrance Service in church, we will be taking each bubble up to the memorial, where Kathy will deliver her service. Unfortunately, parents will not be able to join with us this year.

Christmas

Similar to Remembrance, we will not be able to invite you to join us for Christmas celebrations. However, we are planning to put together a whole school Nativity in 4 parts (bubbles), which we hope to record and share with you.

DATES

Key dates coming up:

- Half Term (school closed): Monday 26th – Friday 30th October
- INSET Day 1 (school closed): Monday 2nd November
- Children return to school: Tuesday 3rd November
- End of term: Friday 18th December
- Christmas Holiday (school closed): Monday 21st December – Friday 1st January
- INSET Day 2 (school closed): Tuesday 4th January
- Children return to school: Wednesday 5th January

Wishing you all a happy and safe half term

Simon Russell

Head Teacher

Lady Katherine Leveson CE Primary School