



The Westleigh Word

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Rejoice, He is Risen! Matthew 28:6

By Gabrielle and Marcus Y5

During Spring 2, the whole school have been preparing for Easter. We have been learning about the Easter Story in lots of different ways.

Year 1 have sequenced the Easter Story and created some beautiful stained glass windows; Year 3 have been exploring the story of The Last Supper and thinking carefully about why Jesus washed the Disciples feet and Year 5 have been looking at the similarities and differences between the rising of Aslan in the novel 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' and the rising of Jesus after he has been crucified.

Children and their families have made generous chocolate donations for our non-uniform day, children took part in an egg decorating competition and all children donated 50p to participate in an Easter games day in their classrooms.

Lucky winners took home a delicious, chocolate prize. All children created beautiful Easter cards to take home and share with their families.

All proceeds will go towards funding our sponsor children Tracy and Nelson who we introduced you to in the last issue of Westleigh Word.

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Faith in Action

Strength in Numbers

By Bobby and Kayla Y6

The Ethos Committee have made the exciting decision to double its members in the Summer Term.

Children from Y2—Y6 were given the opportunity to become a member of the Ethos Committee team. The Ethos Committee received over one hundred applications from children who would like to become part of the Ethos Team. The existing Ethos Committee then had the mammoth task of shortlisting applicants and interviewing successful candidates. Once the interviews were complete, 12 new members were given the exciting news that their journey on the Ethos Committee had begun. We were overwhelmed by the sheer number of pupils that wished to join us and want to say a huge congratulations to all successful applicants!

Rhys from Year 4 explained, 'I am so happy to have been chosen. I'm excited to face some new challenges, especially getting up on stage for the next *'Open the Book'* worship!'



Top left- Oscar, Leo, Hunter and Neili

Middle Left– Jack, Rhys, Milo, Kyla and Libby-Kate

Bottom left—Jeffrey, Mia, Zara

Time to Say Goodbye

by William and Poppy Y3

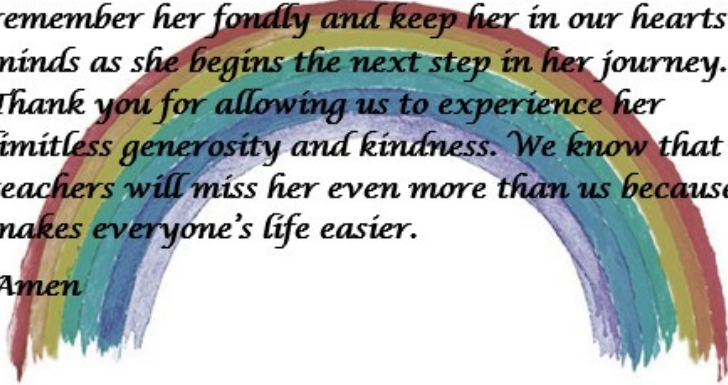
In the Spring Term we said our final goodbyes to our Office Manager Mrs Clarke.

Mrs Clarke has been part of the Westleigh family for many years. She has fulfilled numerous different roles in this time and it was very sad to say goodbye to her. The Ethos Committee wrote a prayer for Mrs Clarke to tell her how much she means to us. Goodbye and good luck Mrs Clarke from everyone at Westleigh.

Dear Lord,

Please bless Mrs Clarke to have a good retirement. Fill her days with love and endless peace. We will remember her fondly and keep her in our hearts and minds as she begins the next step in her journey. Thank you for allowing us to experience her limitless generosity and kindness. We know that our teachers will miss her even more than us because she makes everyone's life easier.

Amen



Praise Jesus

By Kyla Year 3

During our RE lessons this half term, we thought about the sacrifice that Jesus made for us at Easter time.

Here is a prayer of thanks

Dear Lord,

Lead me not into temptation and please forgive me for my sins. Show me ways to be kind to all of my peers, teachers and everyone that I meet. For the body is weak and the spirit is strong. Just like when Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane for strength.

Amen



The Dreadful Day



By Alexis and James Y4

Our Open the Book Bible story this half term focussed on the Easter Story.

On Thursday 30th March, Vicky Tyrell and the Methodist Circuit volunteers came into school to retell the Easter Story.

As usual, this was a resounding success. Pupils really enjoyed the worship and will take time to reflect upon this in their classroom learning



Pupils and members of the Methodist circuit in their enactment of *'The Dreadful Day'*

The Easter Story retold by the Ethos Committee

The Easter story begins in Roman times where nobody was treated equally. Then Jesus was born and the world began to change. As a young man, Jesus told stories that taught people about important Christian values, he healed the sick and performed miracles. Soon Jesus gained some dedicated followers called the Disciples. His following began to grow and people started to gather in huge crowds to listen to his stories wherever he went. Christianity grew. However, Roman leaders did not like Jesus' teachings and they began to grow angrier and angrier at all Christian followers.

Eventually, Judas (one of Jesus' Disciples) betrayed him by kissing Jesus on the cheek to identify him to the Roman soldiers. The Romans seized him and forced him to wear a crown made of thorns. They ordered him to carry his own cross through large crowds of angry Romans who threw rotten food and stones at him whilst jeering and screaming at him. Throughout this ordeal, Jesus remained silent and calm. He was prepared to sacrifice his life to save everyone and knew that this was a challenge from God that he had to face with love and peace.

Today Christians celebrate Jesus and the sacrifice he made for us.