

# St. James' Lanehead Church of England Primary School



*"All Special in God's Eyes"*

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*Psalm 92.13*

*John 10.10*

This month we have been learning about Service and have been doing this through the scripture 'You were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge; rather, serve one another humbly in love.' Galatians 5:13. We have and will be reflecting on Service throughout this term and will look at how we use our talents to serve or help others. We also have weekly worship with Father Peter, throughout April and May. We have also welcomed Father Paul into the school who has worked with classes and visited the KS1 worship led by Mrs Towriess.

The children worked with Father Paul to create a very informative Easter service for Years 5 and 6. We really enjoyed this service and enjoyed working with Father Paul. As part of our Easter celebrations, we also had our annual Easter Competition. This year the children had to create a flower at home and each component of the flower had to represent a part of the Easter story. We saw some wonderfully creative entries and there was a winner for each class. Easter eggs have been given as they represent new life and some people suggest that they resemble the stone at the entrance to Jesus' tomb. These prizes were kindly donated by the PTFA

Due to the Easter holidays, we have only had two Family Friday events this month; a Key Stage 1 Stay and Play and a St George's Day themed afternoon, along with a themed lunch. We have received some great feedback from parents recently and have displayed these on a wicker heart display in the school entrance to represent our mission statement.

The children in the school council are working hard to raise money for a school in Kenya. They have lots of ideas that they are wanting to share with everyone in their next newsletter.

Throughout the Spring Term our pupils have been competing against one another in their year groups in a Spelling Bee Competition. Then, 3 winners from each year group attended an inter-school's Times Table Competition and competed against children in their year groups from other schools. Our children performed brilliantly, their times table knowledge was brilliant. We didn't win unfortunately but the children had a fantastic time and showed their St James' spirit throughout.

This event was hosted through the school's SWAT (School's Working and Achieving Together) cluster and

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was a fantastic collaboration of local schools to help improve children's learning and provide additional events for curriculum enhancement.

As always, I am proud to be the Head Teacher of such a wonderful school, with highly skilled and a dedicated staff team, where everyone works hard together and as one team with the goal to inspire each individual to grow and learn with Jesus at the heart of all we do.

Yours faithfully,

Michelle Stott

Headteacher

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