The Redeemer
Church of England Primary School
Headteacher: Mr M Power

October Monthly Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today marks the end of the first half of the Autumn Term. While it is traditional to say how quickly the weeks have gone (which they have), it is also only by stopping and reflecting on everything happening at school that we realise just how much has taken place.

Many children enthusiastically took part in Democracy Week, Year 6 have enjoyed their residential to Condover Hall and school trips have already begun with visitors coming in to school as well. A particular highlight for myself this term was on the Year 3 trip to Jaame Mosque, where the Imam commented that our school was the most knowledgeable school on Islam he had welcomed to the Mosque. What a fantastic way of representing our school and spreading our vision in the community!

Given my personal news, I have also been reflecting on new beginnings and an Autumn term reflection would not be complete without looking at our EYFS children.





It has been a pleasure to welcome 60 new children and their parents/carers to school this year. Seeing the children embracing the school routines, getting to know their buddies and enthusiastically taking part in all aspects of school life has been a pleasure. And, we cannot wait for the many more milestones that the children will be enjoying this year.

Our worship focus this term has been 1 Corinthians 13:13 *"And now these three remain: faith, hope and love."* These values have been shown by our staff in abundance this term and, after a well-earned rest this week, we are already looking forward to many more opportunities and experiences in the coming year.

Mr Sam Smallridge
Assistant Headteacher



New Arrivals



Baby Phoebe

We are delighted to share some lovely news as our school family continues to grow!
A huge congratulations to Mr Smallridge and his wife Emma on the arrival of baby Phoebe, born on 18th August, and to Mrs Prescott and her husband Adam, who welcomed baby Charlie in July!
We are pleased to hear that both families are doing really well, and rumour has it that they are even managing to get plenty of sleep!
Sending lots of love and congratulations to both families from everyone at The Redeemer!



Baby Charlie

Reception & Year 6 Buddies

This half term, our new EYFS children have enjoyed getting to know their Year 6 Buddies through some lovely 'Stay and Play' sessions.
Our Year 6 pupils have visited the EYFS unit to spend time playing, chatting and having fun with their younger buddies. It has been wonderful to see the friendships between our oldest and youngest children grow, with our Year 6 pupils showing kindness, care and responsibility.
We are incredibly proud of how our Year 6 children have embraced their roles as buddies and look forward to planning more exciting activities for them to enjoy together throughout the year!







Year 3 - Church & Mosque Visit

This week, Year 3 went on their school trip to Jaame Mosque and Blackburn Cathedral. The children were shown around the mosque and the Imam, Salim, showed the children how muslims wash and pray. The children then went to Blackburn Cathedral to learn about the history of the building and complete a treasure hunt finding the key parts of the building.
The children represented school brilliantly with adults from both places complimenting the children on their behaviour and knowledge throughout the day.





Wacky Hair Day

What an amazing day! It was wonderful to see so many fantastic and creative hairstyles around school, with some incredible efforts from our children!
This year's Wacky Hair Day was organised by our School Council, who identified the need for additional outdoor seating to improve our breaktimes and lunchtimes.
We are delighted to announce that Wacky Hair Day raised a fantastic £310! All money raised will go towards purchasing new outdoor seating for everyone to enjoy.
A huge thank you to all our families for your generosity and support, and well done to our School Council for organising such a brilliant event!





Key Dates - Autumn 2

Please note that all dates are subject to change

Monday 2nd November - School reopens for Autumn 2
Flu Vaccinations

Tuesday 10th November - EYFS Phonics Meeting 3:30pm - 4:30pm

Wednesday 18th November - Parent's Evening: 1:00pm to 7:00pm

Tuesday 1st December - EYFS - Advent Stay & Play - 1:30pm - 3:30pm

Tuesday 8th December - EYFS Nativity: 4:00pm

Wednesday 9th December - Year 1 Nativity: 2:00pm and 5:00pm

Thursday 10th December - Year 2 Nativity: 2:00pm and 5:00pm

Friday 11th December - EYFS Nativity: 2:00pm

Wednesday 16th December - Year 3 and 4 Pantomime, Empire Theatre (Afternoon)

Thursday 17th December - Christmas Lunch and Christmas Non-Uniform Day

Friday 18th December - Christmas Service: 9:00am
Whole School 'Pantivity' (Afternoon)
School closes for Christmas Holiday: 3:20pm