

2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024

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## A Loving Place, Where we CARE, Learn and Grow Together`

Hasn't it been lovely to see the mornings getting lighter, as we move towards Springtime? It is hard to believe that we only have two weeks left until half term. The weeks are just flying by. School continues to be very busy, with hard working staff and children.

Last week, myself and the SLT, held Pupil progress meetings with all teachers to discuss the progress and attainment of all children. I have to say that our children really are thriving, making strong progress and growing through CARE. Your children are in the safest of hands with our teaching team, who all know your children and care about them so well.

This week we were visited by our 'Challenge Partner' Rob Halls from the ODBST. He spent the day with Senior Leaders, reviewing our progress against the School Development Plan. He was very impressed at the work that we are doing in school, to ensure that our school is as good as it possibly can be for our children.

"Strong progress is being made towards the school's SDP priorities. The behaviour policy is implemented well. This is seen in the calm and purposeful manner that the school runs. Pupils know what is expected of them. Pupils with individual needs and/or vulnerabilities (and/or their parents/carers) are well supported in a proactive, personalised way." **Rob Halls Feb 24**

Wishing everyone a lovely week!

**Mel Nugent**  
Headteacher

## Children's Mental Health Week



This week is Children's Mental Health Week and the theme this year is **My Voice Matters**. Every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views considered and taken seriously. To launch the week in school, we will be taking part in the national (virtual) assembly on Monday morning.

Miss Jacobs has planned a series of reflection tasks for children to complete in class each day, in order for them to focus on, and discuss the importance of expressing their views and feelings.

**It would be fantastic if you could support your child to take part, by bringing in the following items each day:**

**Tuesday: Wear a Scarf Day!** This is to represent that there is always someone around us to talk to, help and keep us safe.

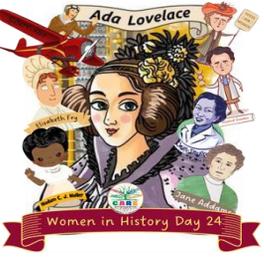
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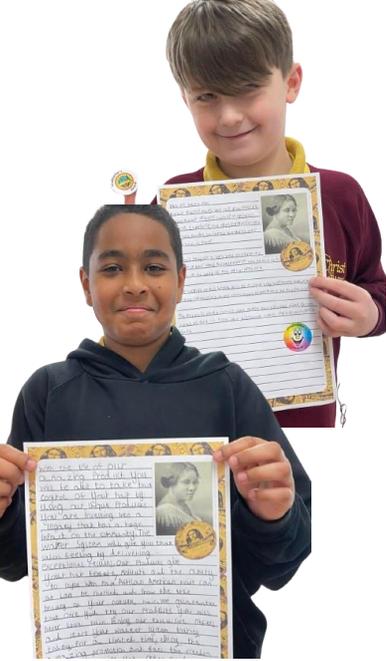
**Friday: EXPRESS YOURSELF DAY!** Bring in your favourite story to share and wear your favourite clothes – Wear something that makes them feel great and that will show off their personality.

This week at CTS we had the amazing opportunity to explore some incredible role models on 'Women in History Day'.

# Women In History Day



Each year group looked at their own inspirational woman, researching her impact and legacy. In Poppy class, they investigated Amelia Earhart, they learnt all about her amazing feats before creating their own planes and writing about where they would travel.



In Year 6 they learned about Madame C.J Walker and her phenomenal business and entrepreneurial work; before creating their own product packaging and biographies.

The children across school had a fantastic time learning about such inspirational women in History who lived through our CARE Values. We really hope that you enjoyed looking at our social media posts about the day.

**A huge thank you to the whole of #TEAMCTS who really got behind the day and planned such amazing enrichment opportunities for our children!**



# Number Day

We celebrated NSPCC Number day on Friday, which is an annual opportunity for children to explore Maths and number in lots of creative and fun ways whilst also helping to raise vital monies for the NSPCC!

We had some highly creative number-themed costumes – and it was so lovely to see everyone celebrating maths! Thank you to Miss Christian for organizing such a special day for us all.



# Number Day 2024



All the year groups, completed problem solving tasks in maths – including 'Buddy's Key challenge' It is a wonderful opportunity for children to see maths in a fun, collaborative and exciting light!  
**Thank you to everyone who donated money we were able to raise over £200 for the NSPCC.**

# Our School Rewards

## The Golden Book

We are very proud of all our children at CtS, a special well done to those that received Golden Book certificates this week!

### This Week's KS2 Winners

 Mustard	Ella
 Rosehip	Ben
 Catkin	Chloe
 Barley	Lacey
 Wheat	Manuela

### This Week's KS1 Winners

 Daisy	Fife
 Poppy	Eesa
 Pumpkin	Ranvir
 Acorn	Toby

This week the theme was:

\_\_\_ Persistent Worker \_\_\_

The CARE Value Achieved was:

\_\_\_ Aspiration \_\_\_

## Attendance Bear

KS1— Pumpkin 97%  
KS2—Catkin 97%  
Well done!!

## Times Tables Rock Stars



TT Rockstars Year 3 – Daniel  
Year 4 – Abigail, Year 5 – Torres  
Year 6 – Christos and Jayden



## The House Cup

The team that have earned the most points this week is the RED Team  
WELL DONE RED TEAM!

## Why not try out one of our handy eco tips this week to help make the world a better place?



1. Try adding an extra piece of fruit or veg to your daily diet.



*(Did you know that eating a plant based diet has a hugely positive impact on the environment)*



2. Try to conserve energy where you can. Make sure to turn off appliances at the walls when you aren't using them and switch lights off when you leave the room!



3. Why not try to make a kitchen compost bin?



## How to Compost Kitchen waste easily?

1. Take edible waste (vegetable peels, fruit peels, small amounts of wasted cooked food) in a container

Dates

2. Collect dry organic matter (dried leaves, sawdust) in a small container.

3. Take a large terracotta pot with 4 – 5 holes around the container at different levels to let air inside. Line the bottom with a layer of soil.

4. Now start adding food waste in layers alternating wet waste (food scraps, vegetable and fruit peels) with dry waste (straw, sawdust, dried leaves).

5. Cover this container with a plastic sheet or a plank of wood to help retain moisture and heat. Within 2 - 3 months, your pile should start forming compost.

# Spring Term 2024

## February

### Tuesday 6 February 2024

Wear a Scarf Day  
Year 6 Holdenby House Trip

### Wednesday 7 February

Bring in a small teddy / object

### Thursday 8 February

Bring in a photo

### Friday 9 February

EXPRESS YOURSELF DAY!

### Friday 16 February

Spring Disco

### Thursday 29 February

Little City Interactive session for  
EYFS and KS1

### Thursday 29 February

Year 4 Caldecotte Information  
Evening at 6pm

## March

### 25 / 26 March 2024

Year 4 Caldecotte residential

### Tuesday 26 March 2024

Rocksteady Easter Concert at  
09.30am

## April

### Friday 19 April 2024

Year 1 / 2 Whipsnade Zoo Trip

### Thursday 25 April

Year 5 Space centre Trip

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CHILDREN'S  
MENTAL HEALTH  
WEEK

5-11  
FEB  
2024

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Photo Booth

Tattoos

Sweets

Drinks

Glow Sticks

(extra costs apply)

**Friday 16th**

**February**

**EYFS/KS1: 3.30 - 4.30**

**KS2: 5.00 - 6.30**

£3 per person  
includes a drink  
of squash and  
a biscuit

# Friendship Disco

