MONKEN HADLEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Seek what is good, treasure what is true, do what is right

This month's value is Peace

Dear Families,

What a wonderful first week back we've had. It's been full of learning, laughter and new experiences for your children. There has been 2D shape sorting in Willow, Counting in tens and ones in Chestnut, Woolly Mammoth washing in Beech, Woodland Adventures for Cedar and tricky long division for Oak!

Chestnut's Class trip to Mountfitchet Castle was absolutely fabulous and a brilliant way to launch this term's thematic learning in true Norman style. The children explored many different aspects of castle life, and you can read more about their adventures later in the newsletter from our very own Chestnut reporters!

Forest School continues at Monken Hadley with the children building on their skills each year, from shelter building and tree recognition to some superb purpose-led challenges. It's wonderful to see their confidence and teamwork developing in the great outdoors.

We also had two very successful parent consultation evenings this week. I hope you found them helpful in gaining more insight into your child's learning and progress.

I've spent some time in every class this week, seeing writing in action and our new Key Stage 2 reading approach, Hooked on Books, really taking off. Next week, we're looking forward t**o our Maths Afternoon,** where you'll have the chance to see how maths is taught today. We hope you can all join us**.**

Parents and carers who want to meet to pray for the children (and families) attending Monken Hadley, the staff and the community are invited to come along to the new prayer group that has just started. The group meets after drop off (roughly 8.45am) at the church on Thursday morning and pray until 9.30am. Please feel to free to come whenever you are free on a Thursday morning.

On Tuesday 11th, we'll be commemorating Remembrance Day in the front playground from 10:45 a.m. We'll observe the minute's silence at 11 a.m., and our Year 6 pupils will be laying the school wreath at the memorial on Chestnut Walk. If anyone wishes to join us for our service please feel free.

A few reminders for next week. It's Anti-Bullying Week, and we'll be reminding the children how important it is to speak up and out against bullying. On Monday 10th, to launch the week will be Odd Socks Day – children are encouraged to wear odd socks to celebrate the fact that we are all different and unique.
Oak Class assembly on Friday at 9:00 a.m. Oak Class parents are warmly invited to come along and be wowed by their performance.

Have a great weekend and I will see you all at the gate on Monday.

Ms. Eyres

Mountfitchet Castle

We went to Mountfitchet on Tuesday. We saw animals and it was amazing. We saw how people lived in the castle in the past. Everyone had a lot of fun. Thank you Ms. Barker for arranging and for the parent helpers who came along. We hope you enjoyed it too!

By Amelia and Ehiabor