



20th October 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Matthew 22:15-21

Paying the Imperial Tax to Caesar

15 Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. 16 They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. "Teacher," they said, "we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. 17 Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax[a] to Caesar or not?"

18 But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, "You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? 19 Show me the coin used for paying the tax." They brought him a denarius, 20 and he asked them, "Whose image is this? And whose inscription?"

21 "Caesar's," they replied.

Then he said to them, "So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."

We bear God's image, and so it is appropriate to give ourselves back to God—all that we have and all that we are—because God created us and we are an integral part of God's kingdom. Jesus' answer acknowledges our obligation to the state, but affirms our larger obligation to God. Coins bearing Caesar's image may belong to Caesar, but all things (coins, Caesar, Rome, the planet earth, the universe) come from the mind of God and are under God's dominion. Caesar's realm is but a speck within God's realm.

RE newsletter

Please see attached the RE newsletter with the topics that are covered in Religious Education for the Autumn term and suggestions of activities to support your child at home.

Google Classroom and Reading Eggs Guide

A step by step guide was emailed this week with instructions on how to access Reading Eggs and Google Classroom. Please ensure that you are using Reading Eggs for your child's reading at home and are checking Google Classroom each week for homework activities for your child.

Coronavirus Update

London has moved to the tier 2 level. We will be reviewing our school's risk assessment over the next few days and will notify parents/carers of any changes to our Covid secure procedures.

Half Term Break

The school will be closed for the October half term break is from Monday, 26th October to Friday, 30th October. School will re-open as normal on Monday, 2nd November.

CAFOD Harvest Family Fast

Thank you to all the parents who supported the CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day we raised a total of **£105.50**.

Individual Pupil Photos

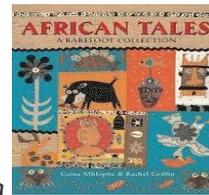
The individual photos for this academic year will be taken on **Friday, 6th November**. Please ensure that your child is dressed in full school winter uniform. In light of the current Covid-19 restrictions, we will not be taking sibling group photos this year.

Black History Celebration

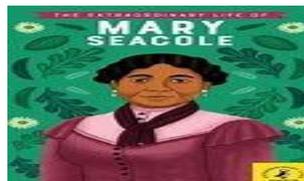
We began our annual black history celebration on Monday, 28th September. The theme this year is **Journeys**:

- ✚ Journeys of progress
- ✚ Journeys of migration
- ✚ Journeys of endurance

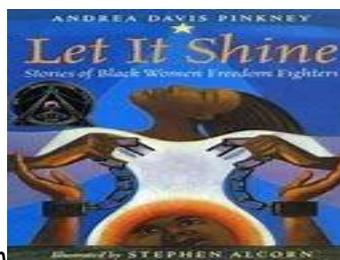
Each year group will focus on a different journey:



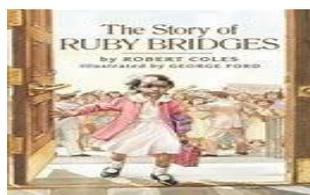
Nursery, Reception and Year 1 - The Journey of Story Telling



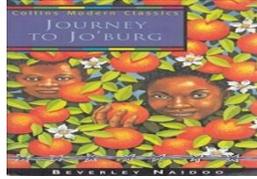
Year 2 - The journey of Mary Seacole



Year 3 - The Journey to Freedom



Year 4 - The Journey to Equality



Year 5 - The Journey of Nelson Mandela



Year 6 - The Journey to Britain

The children will be making recordings of their learning that we hope to share on the school's website.

Sick Children

If your child is unwell we would recommend that you keep them at home. If your child has cold symptoms (runny/blocked nose, sore throat) or has had sickness or diarrhea, they need to stay at home for 48 hours.

God Bless.

N. Scott
Head Teacher