



## Walton and Lees Hill CE Primary School News

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We have had an action packed autumn term with many exciting experiences for all children in school. We have been thinking outside the box with our learning and making the most of the immediate local area to help us develop lots of skills.



This year, we had to make some changes to the usual way we celebrate Harvest. Since we weren't able to invite the community to us, we went to them. Our theme this year was 'Fruits of the Spirit', so we decided to employ our fruits of generosity, kindness and joy by donating food parcels to members of the community, to brighten up the long, lonely days that they may have had throughout lockdown. These gifts, along with our cards and prayers, were very well received and we have had lots of messages of thanks.

We made our own basket of fruit to keep in school, to remind us to be thankful.



Our Christian value for focus this half term is *Trust*. We are thinking about the ways in which we can trust God and how we can show trust towards our friends and those who we love. As we prepare for Christmas, we will be thinking more about the significance of trust within the Christmas story.



Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September to Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October was 'Healthy Eating Week'. Each day of the week had a different challenge and rather than focus on one thing each day, we incorporated each challenge into the whole week. Each day our snack shop featured a whole grain choice, some children designed a healthy packed lunch following the shared story of 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch', fruit kebabs featured in the infant class and the junior children made apple crumbles and apple muffins, using locally grown apples. Children also learned about the different types of food and what is meant by a balanced diet.

On Friday, we ended Healthy Eating Week with a walk to school. The whole school met at the top of the hill past school and walked just under a mile to school that morning. The views were stunning, the weather was kind and we were certainly all 'mind kind', which was the health challenge for Friday.

After half term, we started back to school with our 'Revel in Reading' mini topic. All children have been involved in developing reading spaces in school, including making our school library more cosy and well organised. We also developed new resources for reading, by making large and small story sacks. We are all really enjoying sharing these with our friends. We also put our amazing school grounds to use throughout the fortnights, by having two 'book-nics'! This was sharing stories outside, while eating a picnic! All great fun that we will never forget.



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*'My God is my strength in whom I trust' Psalm 18.2*

