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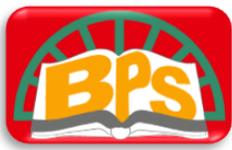
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Year 1

This half term has been an exciting one in Year One! Our topic is 'Dinosaur Dig'.

We found an egg hidden outside our classroom, with instructions how to look after it. We followed the instructions and it hatched into a baby dinosaur!



A week later, we saw a dinosaur on the CCTV from the playground. Mrs Patterson saw it, and she gave us an eyewitness account. We used her account to write newspaper articles.

We had a strange package delivered to our classroom overnight. When we unwrapped it was a book called 'The Dinosaur's Diary', by Julia Donaldson. We have no idea who it came from or why it was sent to us, and we can't wait to find out. We have lots of theories about it though! We've been so excited to read it a chapter at a time. We are now working towards writing our own dinosaur's diary.

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Meeting held Wednesday 12th February 2020

The first meeting of the year was attended by PCSO Peter Keeley and 4 Brinsley residents. It was requested that figures be produced for the whole of the year 2019 compared to the same period of time for 2018.

84 Crimes in were reported in 2019 compared to 67 in 2018 Area of main concern were the increase in Criminal Damage, up from 5 in 2018 to 14 in 2019 and Anti Social Behaviour up from 18 in 2018 to 23 in 2019. The biggest drop was in Dwelling Place Burglaries down from 17 in 2018 to 7 in 2019.

From the 1st January to 12th February 2020 there have been 16 reported crimes compared to 11 for the corresponding period in 2019.

It was pointed out by PCSO Keeley that compared to other areas in North Brompton, Brinsley's crime rate is comparatively low. This doesn't mean Brinsley should become complacent. Be on your guard and report any suspicious goings on. Ring 999 if actually seeing an incident occurring or 101 if an incident has already happened.

Speeding continues to be a big problem as does parking issues. I hope to have figures of convictions for speeding in time for the April issue.

Internet fraud and cold calling scams are a constant worry . Scams are getting more sophisticated so be very careful not to give personal information out to anyone either by phone, internet or cold callers. If in any doubt delete from screen and put down the phone. More information on scams to be included in future issues

Next neighbourhood Watch Meeting To be arranged for later in the year.

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Brinsley Fellowship

Monday 2nd March was our A.G.M. and ten members were present.

Apologies were received from Margaret Bainbridge, Stephanie, Molly and Jennifer.

We have a full diary of speakers for this year and look forward to some good entertainment. The officials were all re-elected for another year. Sylvia thanked Noreen for organizing the programme.

We had a letter from Notts. County Council on behalf of Councillor

John Handley who kindly gave a donation from his Divisional Fund to pay for a coach outing. Arrangements have now been made for May. We are very grateful for this donation.

Business over and a quiz followed, the winner was Joy. Tea was served by Sylvia and Victoria and the raffle winner was Carole.

Volunteer Needed!

Job Description – Willing and able to collect bags of clothes!

Most of you know that I work with the “Light Up Underwood” committee and that jointly with St Michael's we raised money for the Re-ordering Fund



Gwen Howard from “Light Up Underwood” raised literally hundreds of pounds last year by collecting old, unwanted clothes and weighing them in at Savannah Rags in Mansfield. Gwen has decided not to carry on doing it this year, but she still has people contacting her asking if they can drop clothes off!

So I was wondering whether anyone out there would like to take over where Gwen is leaving off. All you need is a bit of spare garage or shed space to store the clothes and time to take in the deliveries as people bring them to you. I'm happy to help with advertising and publicity and taking the clothes to Savannah Rags but I don't have the space to store the clothes. If you'd like to work with me on this please let me know.

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From the Rectory

So how should we as Christians respond to the current crisis?

Firstly, **Do not be afraid**. As I am sure you are well aware this is the most frequently repeated command in the whole of scripture. There seems to be a lot of what I refer to as the corporal Jones syndrome around in our society at the moment. In that TV classic Dad's army at the slightest problem Jones always flapped and said don't panic, Mr Mainwaring! This sort of behaviour is always counterproductive. Fear results in the loss of ability to make wise decisions. We should not be taken in by wacky websites and rumours from unreliable sources but instead only listen to and heed the advice of respected medical experts. The opposite of fear is trust. **Proverbs 3** reminds us, trust in the lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding, in all you ways acknowledge him and he will direct your paths.

The second thing that I would encourage us all to do is to **turn to the Lord and cry out to him for mercy**. During the WW2 when the situation was looking extremely bleak and we faced the prospect of the whole of our army being completely wiped out King George the 6 called for a national day of prayer. As a result historians agree a great miracle occurred which resulted in a large number of troops being unexpectedly rescued and brought back safely to this country. Had that miracle not taken place the outcome of the war would have been totally different. Prayer changes situations.

Many people even though they don't normally pray, do pray, almost as a last resort, when the chips are down and they are encountering a crisis. My prayer is that at this time many people will recognise the futility of the way that they have been living and turn back to God and discover once again that he loves them and that true happiness, true peace, can only be found through a relationship with him.

I'm sure that some of you will remember the old war time slogan, keep calm and carry on. We should not forget that that slogan grew out of over five hundred years of Christian heritage which was deeply embedding in the life of our nation. In **Ephesians 6** when he was writing about the spiritual battle Saint Paul encouraged us to **stand firm** and that is good advice for us to follow at the present time. As Christians we know we are standing to the immovable rock which is Jesus Christ. The question that we must all ask ourselves as the lovely old hymn puts it is will your anchor hold in the storms of life. Nothing, absolutely nothing that happens in this world should shake our faith and trust in the mercy and love of God whose plans for us are always good.

More than that, we know that we do not have to face this crisis on our own. Remember the very last words of the Lord before he ascended back to heaven recorded in **Matthew 28** and lo I am with you always, even to the end of the age. That is genuinely good news for all of us but especially for those who in the coming weeks may have to isolate themselves.

And finally I want to remind you of **Ephesians 4:7** the peace of God which transcends all understanding will keep your heart and minds in the love of God. God's peace is not logical, totally unexplainable and impossible to describe. It is rooted deep within us so that when everything and everyone all around you are descending into chaos you remain calm. It comes from the knowledge that God is in control, not only of our lives but also the world situation, that ultimately we are safe in his keeping. It comes from knowing that Jesus won the victory over the powers of darkness when he rose again. Consequently we can completely trust him. We have a sure and certain hope for a much better future not just beyond the virus but also beyond the grave.

David

Your 'benefits package'

'You have said, "What's the use of serving God?"'

Malachi 3:14 NLT

In the last book in the Old Testament, Malachi, the Israelites asked, 'What's the use in serving God?'

It's a question nonbelievers and sometimes even believers ask, particularly when times are hard and our faith is sorely tested. The psalmist gives us the answer:

'Praise the Lord! For all who fear God and trust in him are blessed beyond expression...happy is the man who delights in doing his commands. His children shall be honoured everywhere, for good men's sons have a special heritage. He himself shall be wealthy, and his good deeds will never be forgotten. When darkness overtakes him, light will come bursting in. He is kind and merciful - and all goes well for the generous man who conducts his business fairly. Such a man will not be overthrown by evil circumstances. God's constant care of him will make a deep impression on all who see it. He does not fear bad news, nor live in dread of what may happen. For he is settled in his mind that Jehovah will take care of him. That is why he is not afraid, but can calmly face his foes. He gives generously to those in need. His deeds will never be forgotten. He shall have influence and honour' (Psalm 112:1-9 TLB).

Notice that the benefits of serving God include happiness, children you can be proud of, success, influence, and honour. Note in particular the words: 'He does not fear bad news, nor live in dread of what may happen. For he is settled in his mind that Jehovah will take care of him.'

These blessings are all part of your 'benefits package'.

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We know Spring is on the way when we have our first visit of the year from Sheila Over, the group's good friend and gardening expert. Sheila's talk was entitled "*Colour in Your Garden*" and she focused on planning for the summer.



As always, she was able to offer advice and tips for the keen gardeners amongst us. These are a few of the things she shared.

- Dahlias with wide open heads are better than the pom-pom variety as bees can access them easily.
- Geisha Girl is a variety of marigold that is a good self-seeder and is not attractive to slugs.
- A compost that comes highly recommended is 'Jack's Magic'. It has the benefit of being suitable for all types of planting. (Other brands of compost are available!)



Philip Burley came along to confound and challenge the group with his talk on '*Puzzles.*' The first recording of a maze is on a Greek coin dated about 2000 BC. Hampton Court has the oldest surviving hedge maze in this country and was commissioned in 1700 by King William III.

We struggled to open puzzle boxes. These date from the 17th century and came about because rich people wanted boxes with secret compartments where they could hide their valuables. Later, in the 1920's people held Puzzle Parties.

The Rubik Cube was invented in 1974. Ed Miliband stated that his special skill was doing this puzzle in under a minute. Years later, the record stands at 3.47 seconds! Happy puzzling!

Please come and join our group, you will receive a very warm welcome.

For information on The Club contact [Anne Hawkins](mailto:Anne.Hawkins@brinsleyretiredpersonsclub.co.uk) (01773) 780596

Underwood Church of England Primary School



Lots of exciting activities and events are happening in school...

The whole school took part in World Book Day on 5th March. They came dressed as their favourite book character and took part in a range of activities related to the love of reading. Take a look in the Latest News section of our website to see the wide range of characters on display.

Many of our children are taking part in the Diocese Education Team's 24 Acts for Lent project. Instead of 'giving something up' for Lent, the idea is that they carry out 24 acts of kindness and generosity. This year's activities have an environmental theme. The children are enthused by the challenge and there is an abundance of goodwill all around!

Oak (Year 6) and Ash (Year 5) Classes had a wonderful day out at Southwell Minster, where they took part in the Time Travelling event. The day opened with a service and then the children worked in small groups visiting different 'stations.' Through these stations, they learnt about Christian practices, the work of the Church and about the minster itself. They had a really interesting and informative day and they received lots of compliments about their attitude and behaviour.

Our Table Tennis teams performed well in the Ashfield District Tournament. We entered three teams into two separate competitions and after a wonderful evening of table tennis, two teams ended with Gold medals and the third team ended with silver medals. The children had lots of fun and we were very proud that our teams also won the 'Spirit of the Games' award which is presented to the school who demonstrated the best team spirit and sportsmanship!

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The Tote attended 3 special celebrations in February and March

Mrs Wilbraham celebrated her 105th Birthday on 18th February receiving a gift from the Tote and a card from the Queen organised by her family.

Mr & Mrs Terry Anthony celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on the 5th March receiving flowers from the Tote together with a card from the Queen arranged by the Tote.

At time of going to Press Mr & Mrs Michael King will be celebrating their Golden Wedding on the 21st March with a Reuben Shaw gift voucher from the Tote

This year the Annual Outing on Sunday 28th June is to Scarborough. More details to follow.

Your local collectors are :- Janice Woolley, Anita Hodgson, Sharon Fidler, Carol Fearn and Tore Norman.

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Our rehearsals have been very well attended from January through to March, partly because we are enjoying learning new items which we hope will entertain our future audiences. Our choir is a member of the National Association of Choirs and there are over forty in the East Midlands section, all of which strive to achieve the best possible standard of performance. Clearly, we are all keen to accept a challenge! Besides that, from each performance that Rock 'n' Soul Singers give, we make a donation to our chosen charity, MNDA, therefore we hope as many people as possible will support us throughout the year.

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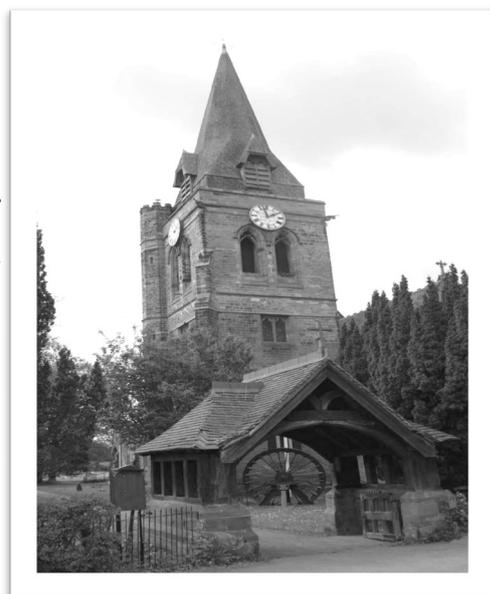
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Underwood Bits and Pieces

I have some sad news for people who remember Rev David Harper. David passed away on Tuesday March 17th after suffering with cancer. He had taken early retirement from being vicar of Bingham where he had been since leaving Brinsley with Underwood. Due to his illness they moved into a bungalow in Kegworth.



Gayna and I have removed all the Christmas wreaths from the graves ready for grass cutting, weather permitting. Apologies if we have missed any or offended anyone by our action.

Nothing much is happening in church due to Coronavirus. There will be a notice when the church will be open for prayer. All being well it will be Saturday and Wednesday afternoon 2 –4 pm.

Make sure older people have shopping and prescriptions as some don't have families to look out for them. Many extra people will be out of work so remember them when shopping and buy extra for them. Don't stockpile and there will be enough to go around.

The Concert in memory of Howard Leese has been postponed.

If you usually come to church and give a collection on the plate please save it and bring it later as we have overheads to pay, consider paying it by direct debit because no one knows how long it might be, before we get back to normal.

Mary



Underwood Scarecrow Festival

2020

Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th April

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We are sorry but won't be having our usual refreshments or children's activities at church.

If you can let us know that you are displaying one then we will try and have a map available. We will also put the map on facebook so that you can download it.

This is not for prizes just to have fun—lets enjoys each other creations and give us all something to smile about.

Feel free to put an old one out if you have stored them away! Any theme will do. Let's get folk out in the fresh air waving at each other across the street.

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