



Newsletter

'Love the lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, and with all your mind.'



'Have courage! It is I. Don't be afraid.'
Mark 6:50

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Our Christian Value for
January is – Honesty



Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are all keeping safe and well. Thank you for all your positive comments about the remote learning package we have put together. Staff have worked extremely hard to plan live sessions as well as the need for us to teach our critical worker families. The overwhelming majority of parents have said the live lessons will help with structure and routine for the children not able to return to school. As shared previously, if all our children can join every session and access the work that is great but we know it is not that simple for everyone. The last thing any of us want is for families to stress over the work. Class teachers fully understand and they will try their best to help. Please let us know if you are struggling with the timings, technology or workload.

School Lockdown

We are still open to families of critical workers and vulnerable children. The Department for Education (DfE) have insisted that all children need to be at home and should only be in school if a critical worker parent is at work and no other childcare is available. If the other parent is working from home then the children should be at home. We have received a lot of registrations for the critical worker provision and if numbers become too high then we will have no choice but to give priority to families where both parents are critical workers or single parent families. This is why we must ask for your support in this matter. All critical workers will need to show proof of their eligibility from their employer on letterhead paper. We also reserve the right to contact your employer.

Children in Reception will continue to use Tapestry. Mrs Hankins has been busy preparing packs of work and books for you to collect and will email activities daily. Due to unprecedented national demand, there have been some technical issues with the Tapestry website. Mrs Hankins will continue to email parents daily if Tapestry is not working.

Staffing News

We are delighted to share with you that Mrs Hancock and her partner Dan are expecting a baby in April. Everyone in school is thrilled for Nikki, Dan and Gus and we send them all our love and best wishes. We will now advertise for a part-time maternity teacher position.



Head Teacher's Awards

The class teachers have selected the following children from w/c 14th December:

Reception – Oliver for being so enthusiastic about everything and his creativity;

Reception – Daniel for being so enthusiastic and making good progress;

Year 1 – Danial for making an effort to make improvements in his learning;

Year 2 – Emmy for being a role model to others and being a brilliant friend;

Year 3 – Jack for an excellent attitude to learning and asking lots of questions;

Year 4 – Romilly for excellent DT work designing packaging and understanding product use;

Year 5 – Lottie for her confidence in lessons and contributing in whole class discussions;

Year 6 – Daniel for his enthusiastic approach to school and being determined to succeed!



Merit Badge Awards (awarded prior to lockdown)

The following children have been working exceptionally hard in class and have achieved their merit awards.

Bronze Award (50 Merits): Daniel L, Oliver, Ebony, Faye, Darcey, Daniel W, Imogen, Evie, Eliza, Isobel, Bronwyn, Lucy, Kaia, Keeva, Emmy, David, Isla S, Orla, Alice, Dion, Kieran, Lottie M, Madeline, Jake L, Lucas, Eleanor, Neriah, Oliver M, Isla H, Noah, Finley, Verity, Freddie

I hope you all have a good weekend. Please let us know if you need any support during this difficult time.

Take care and stay safe.

Mr Jones