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Whole School Together Again

I just thought I would share with you my thoughts for this week. We have been looking at **Courage** and what does this mean to us in school and the wider community? How can we see this and what does it feel like? We have realised that on an everyday basis we all show courage but it has different ways and forms for us to show it.



Meet the Teacher

Throughout next week you will Meet the Teacher via Zoom where you will have an insight into how each classroom is set up and ask any questions that they might have about routines or ways to help them children. In the next couple of weeks, we will be having our Parents Evening which will take place on the 11th and 12th October.

Prayer of the Week

In these times more than ever Family is so important to us and even if we can't always be with them that we must ensure that they know that we are always there for them no matter what. Ensure that we carry on communicating with family, friends and neighbours locally or nationally.





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Data Collection Forms

Paper copies of your child(ren)'s data collection sheet have been sent home today. It is important all forms are returned to ensure we have all of the children's contact details and medical information updated on our system. Please return these signed forms as soon as possible. Many thanks.

Safety at the Beginning and End of the School Day

All children must be supervised once collected from school staff at the end of the school day and before being dropped off each morning. Children are **NOT** allowed onto the school field, trim trails or climbing frames before or after school. Thank you for your support in ensuring these safety guidelines are adhered to. In the interests of health and safety we ask that **no dogs** be brought on to school grounds at drop off and pick up time (carried or walking on a lead). I would also ask that all dog owners are mindful of children and families when using the public footpath running alongside our school car park and ABC Childcare; please ensure all dogs are kept on leads on the public footpath at all times. We are aware that parents/carers with pre-school children have occasionally used the KS1 toilets before home time but our attention is to keep that door locked from 3.00pm. If necessary, please bring your child round to the main school entrance and to use the toilets near the office. Thank you for your support in this.

Scarlet Fever and iGAS

The school has received the following information this week from UK Health and Security North West:
*"Regionally and nationally, we continue to see high rates of scarlet fever, higher than would be expected for this time of year. The same pattern has been noted for cases of invasive group A streptococcus (iGAS), particularly in children under 10 years. iGAS is a far less common infection caused by the same bacteria as scarlet fever but can lead to more serious illness. The early symptoms of scarlet fever include sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting. After 12 to 48 hours the characteristic red, pinhead rash develops, typically first appearing on the chest and stomach, then rapidly spreading to other parts of the body, and giving the skin a sandpaper-like texture. The scarlet rash may be harder to spot on darker skin, although the 'sandpaper' feel should be present. Patients typically have flushed cheeks and pallor around the mouth. This may be accompanied by a 'strawberry tongue'. Children with suspected scarlet fever should **not attend** school until **24 hours** after starting appropriate antibiotic treatment."*

Individual and Family Photographs

As you have been informed, individual and family photographs will be taken on Monday 26 September. If you have a pre-school child who needs to be included in your family group, please bring them to the school office at 8.15am. Please note that Reception and Y1 children will need to come in school uniform on that day and bring their PE kit in a bag to change into.

Praise Book Children this week

Mrs Burgess and Mrs Maughan's class: Thea Waddington
Mrs Richardson and Mrs Smith's class: Noah Jenkinson
Mr Davies' class: Thomas Hassall
Miss Morris' class: Clara Wellings
Mr Blenkinsop's class: George Aspinwall
Mrs Bird's class: Eleanor Wood



The 5 'R's

As a school we are concentrating on the 5 'R's - **resilience, reflectiveness, responsibility, resourcefulness and readiness to learn**. These are the children who have shown such qualities this week:

Responsibility: Alexander Hodson, Toby Le Grice

Resourcefulness: Bobby Hough

Readiness to Learn: Arlo Allen, Niamh Watson, Maddie Woods, Tobias Dinsdale

School

All the children have enjoyed the different work that they have been learning throughout the week and the classrooms have been buzzing with activity. Here is an overview of what has been happening in every class.

Amethyst class: This week in Amethyst Class, we continued our topic - 'Magical Me.' We read, 'Only One You' by Linda Kranz and 'Super Duper Me' by Sophy Henn. We have painted our own fish on a rock, talked about being unique and played 'Guess Who.' We also had fun on Well-being Wednesday completing jigsaws together.



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Sapphire class: In English, we have been doing work based on the book "Look Up". We have written a sentence about our dreams, found out about meteors and some facts about space. In maths we have been counting objects and representing them with different things. In geography, we went outside to choose our favourite place and wrote about it and in science we labelled body parts and thought of sentences about them, such as "Our head holds our brains" and "Our legs make us walk".

Pearl class: In Pearl class the children have written instructions to be a good troll. Trolls roar loudly, burp rudely and live in dark, damp caves. In Maths, they have counted objects to one hundred by grouping in tens. In Art the children explored the core Christian value, Peace. They created artwork in the style of Matisse using collage to create an image of peace. The children have designed their own trolls, discussed the properties of everyday materials and we have looked at a range of different bibles.

Amber class: We have had another busy week. In English we have expanded our work on propositions by writing riddles based on sea creatures. In maths we have been partitioning numbers to 1,000. In topic we have had some fantastic discussions about animals that are extinct and those that are extant; we linked this with our artwork and have started to create cave paintings using black crayons. In science we are following on from last week's learning about igneous rocks and have learnt about metamorphic rocks as well.

Emerald class: Emerald class have worked on flexibly partitioning 4-digit numbers and finding 1, 10, 100 or 1000 more or less than a 4-digit number. In English, they wrote setting descriptions of the scene between Hannah and her dad in the kitchen. They researched facts about gorillas and practised their handwriting too. The class used string telephones to investigate how sound travels in Science and they learnt about the life of a historical figure (Queen Victoria) in History. We also had our exciting school trip to Quarry Bank Mill on Friday!

Ruby class: In Ruby Class this week, the children have been focusing on writing and reading numbers of up to six-digits both in numerals and words. In English, we have been working on expanded noun phrases and prepositions, and discussing whether we believe the Arctic explorer, Matthew Henson, should have been included in Barack Obama's book 'Of Thee I Sing'. We have also been re-writing up-levelled version of our letters to Mr Obama considering the key features that our previous draft may have been missing. In Science, we have begun to look at gravity - who discovered it and how/why it is different on the moon and Earth. In Art, we have been creating pebble/nature pieces representing our school's six Core Christian Values (also mentioned on Twitter). In RE, we have written prayers for the late Queen and the Royal Family which will all be put together in a large anthology over the coming days. We have also been discussing The Big Story of the Bible, considering the major eight points along the timeline from the beginning in Genesis to the end in Revelations.

Diamond class: Diamond Class have been thinking about the meaning of forgiveness and have chosen Bible verses about this Christian value to include in their lovely artwork. They have also been choosing new reading books from a selection of award-winning texts which we have in our Year 6 library. In Maths, we have been creating human number lines to help the children to estimate and place numbers up to ten million, and have been identifying any times tables which they need to learn by half-term to earn one of our new times tables badges.

Everyone!

You are all amazing shining stars.



School-run Clubs - Autumn term

In addition to the after-school sports clubs which are already up and running on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and which need to be paid for, we are hoping to offer a number of school-run clubs. These clubs are free. **We have placed the**



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Matthew 5:16



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details of the KS2 Football Club run by Mr Perry on Mondays on Parentmail so please sign your child up if they wish to be part of this. We are also hoping that a woodwork club and a chess club will be made available soon for older children. We will let you know the details of these as soon as we can.

Harvest Festival - 5th October

We have already advertised the date for this service; Wednesday 5th October at 9.30 at St James Church. We would be delighted to see you there and if you are happy to walk down with the children, please give your name to your child's class teacher. Thank you.

Residential Visits - ongoing

Thank you to those parents who have emailed me following the meeting to discuss the future plans for residential visits. I am collating all your comments and will discuss them with the school governors.

Friends Coffee Morning and AGM ☕ Friday 30th September

(A message from Claire Wright - current chair)

Friends would like to invite you all to join us on Friday 30th September at 9am in the school hall. We will be having a coffee morning where you can find out all about how we have helped the school over the past year. We will also be holding our annual AGM where we will be looking to elect a new committee. Our current committee will be stepping down after many years of dedicated service. If you would be interested in taking on a role please speak to Mr Perry, the school office or a member of Friends.

Friends Teddy Bear's Picnic - Reception and KS1 - don't forget to attend this event today after school.

The Great Audlem Bake Off

If your child would like to take part in this event which is being organised by Mrs Smith, please click on the link below to register an interest. It would be very helpful for her to know numbers. The provisional date is Monday 14th November. Thank you.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/8QP56TV>

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