



Warton Nethersole's CE Primary School

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Newsletter Term 3 Week 6: Friday 12th February 2021

'Do for other people the same things you want them to do for you' - Matthew 7.12

Dear Parents,

We have made it to half term! And what a half term it has been. I can't believe that only 6 weeks ago, we all expected to be in school and learning as normal with all of our children and staff and most of you haven't been into school since. I know that a lot of you are starting to think about the next steps and unfortunately at the moment we only know what you do. We expect that on the 22nd February, we will be given some more information on when schools will return and that this is likely to be on or after 8th March. When we know more, we will of course be in touch.

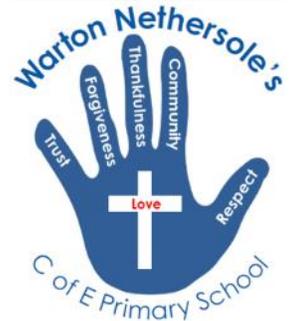
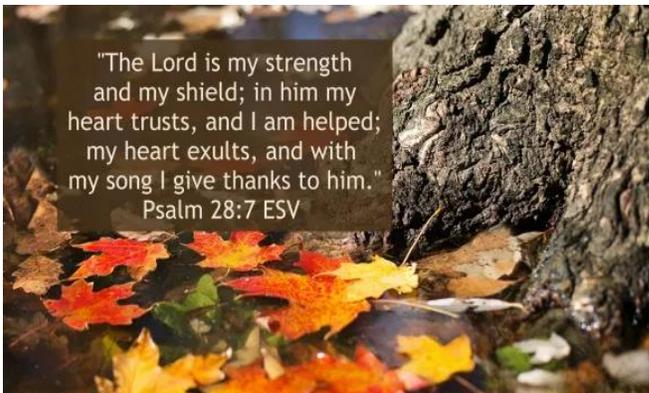
In the meantime, please use the half term to relax and refresh with your family and be proud of your achievements so far. Home learning, home working and parenting all at the same time is no easy feat and whatever that looks like in your house you all have had moments of success and achievement and so have your children. We have particularly loved seeing them in our Zoom Playtimes over the past few weeks and you can expect these to continue after half term.

I hope that you all stay safe and healthy and that I get to see you all again soon after the break. Thank you for your ongoing support,

Miss Friend
Head Teacher

Living the Values

This week in Collective Worship we looked at the value of Thankfulness. We read the bible story of 'Jesus Heals 10 men with Leprosy' and thought about how we can learn from this to be thankful and to show our thanks. We read Psalm 28 and considered how we show thanks to God. In 'Miss Friend's story time', I shared some poems of thankfulness and we discussed how to be thankful for our own gifts and the things that make us special as well as being grateful for the moments that we cherish. Thank you to Amelia, one of our Year 6 worship leaders for this prayer that accompanied our collective worship today.



Dear God,
Your word tells us to start with each day with praise and thanksgiving. Lord, help us to look to the good and positive things in our lives. Father, thank you that we have the comfort of our homes and that you provide for us plentifully. Thank you for our loved ones, friends and family and thank you for our teachers and our school. Thank you for forgiving us Lord when we have done wrong and that everyday is a new day.
Amen



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Star of the Week!

During this time of school closure we have tweaked our celebrations in collective worship to ensure that all children can be recognised for their efforts both in school and while working at home. You will have seen in last week's and today's collective worship that certificates are being sent as postcards home for achievement, effort and demonstrating our values and have been chosen based on what we have seen in school, on Tapestry and discussed in phone calls home.

Well done to all of this week's winners!

- Willow: Rafe, Ted, Tylor
- Sycamore: Savannah, Emily, Caitlyn, Jack, Lily
- Beech: Lottie, Annie, Chelsea
- Maple: Andrew, Theo, Isla
- Rowan: Faith, Finley, Lacey
- Oak: Freya, Chloe, Ellis

Zoom Playtime!!!

We are delighted to offer another Zoom Playtime for each class in our first week back after half term so that all of our children can interact and socialise with their peers and feel a sense of the Warton Nethersole's community. If you have already filled in the permission form then you do not need to do this again. We will email out the link on the morning of the meeting to everyone who has consented. If you do not receive the email within 30 minutes of the meeting start time then please call the school office so that we can resend it.

- Willow – Wednesday at 9.30am
- Sycamore – Tuesday at 10am
- Beech – Tuesday at 1pm
- Maple – Wednesday at 10.30am
- Rowan – Friday 11th at 1pm
- Oak – Friday 11th at 10am



Wrap Around Care

We are looking at making some changes to the wrap around care that we provide at school. We are really keen to keep this service going for families but even prior to lockdown, it was struggling to remain financially viable. Along with our governors we are looking at long term options but in the short term will be reducing the hours of wrap around care to finish at 5pm each day. Currently, we are finding that there are often more adults than children in school after 5 O Clock and we cannot maintain this. This finish time will begin as soon as wrap-around reopens following the national lockdown. We will publish more information regarding wrap around care as soon as we can and do not intend to implement any further changes until September 2021.

Parents Evening

We will be holding virtual parents evening for all parents next term. We will be waiting until the government maps out our route towards reopening schools before announcing dates so please bear with us. We aim that parents evening will focus on mental health and wellbeing. Home learning and supportive transition back into school.



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Critical Worker Spaces After Half Term

You should have received an email from Mrs Sutton explaining that critical worker places will be allocated on the same days that they have been this term. Please let us know if these need to be changed as soon as possible so that we can open safely to all of our families. Vulnerable children have also been allocated spaces based on their current attendance and do not need to get in touch unless there are any changes to their circumstances.

Mrs Shigdar's Tips for Wellbeing!

Mrs. Shigdar, our family support worker, has been enjoying the benefits of calming activities to keep her relaxed and stress free, so thought she would share one with you to try at home each week. These activities will focus your mind and senses to the environment around you. They can help manage stress, anxiety, negative thinking and make you feel empowered and more positive.



This exercise releases muscle tension.
Pretend you are a turtle going for a slow, relaxed turtle walk.
Oh no, it's started to rain!
Curl up tight under your shell for about ten seconds.
The sun's out again, so come out of your shell and return to your relaxing walk.
Repeat a few times, making sure to finish with a walk so that your body is relaxed.



Healthy Selfie!

Well done to Andrew, Dilara and George for their Healthy Selfies this week! We can see them working hard with their karate, horse riding and a mile long run!!

Miss Day and the rest of our team are keen to see more of your 'Healthy Selfies!' Add them to Tapestry or email them into the office! It's hard to stay fit and healthy in lockdown- let's encourage each other!



Positive Cases over Half Term

If your child has been in school and they test positive for Covid 19 in the half term break then we will need to do some contact tracing in school for staff and children. Mrs Parker and I will be checking our emails regularly and so please do get in touch with a positive case. We will ensure that all contacts are asked to isolate and will offer any help and support you need. Thank you.

Birthday Sweets and Cakes

We have had some children bring into school birthday treats for their friends. This is a lovely tradition and a really generous way of celebrating but please can I ask that you **do not** bring in any additional items at the moment. We shouldn't be sharing sweets, treats and food items.



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In Monday's collective worship, I introduced our value of Thankfulness and I set you a challenge to create a logo and design a clock of the things you are thankful for throughout the day. I have seen posts on Tapestry about how you are showing Thankfulness community, love or respect to others through your words and actions -well done! Here are some of the wonderful logos and clocks from the week so far! Keep them coming!



TT ROCKSTARS!

Well done to everyone who has taken part in our TT Rockstars House Challenge this week! We are delighted to see so many of you succeed both for yourselves and for your house- Keep it Up! Special thanks and well done to those of you who are mentioned below and everyone from our winning house!

3rd Place – Phoebe G

2nd Place- Frankie M

1st Place- Harry R

