



# Warton Nethersole's CE Primary School

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Newsletter Term 3 Week 5: Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021

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Dear Parents,

I am so grateful to have had a fairly settled week in school this week – I'm not sure we will be able to say the same next week given the amount of snow that has been forecast in some areas. We will of course endeavour to open as usual for our critical worker and vulnerable children and I will be liaising with our caretaker and Mrs Parker if there is heavy snow.

My favourite part of the week so far has been supporting our teachers in welcoming children into each of our Zoom Playtimes. The joy and community spirit that this has brought to staff, children and their families has been wonderful! I have loved seeing the children play eye spy, join in with art games, science experiments and guess who style activities – there has been lots of smiles and laughter shared. We are delighted that our internet has coped and we will be able to roll these out as a weekly event for our pupils. Please see next week's timings on the next page. Thank you to all parents for your support with this and an enormous thank you to our teachers and teaching assistants who have taken a risk, given this a try and made it successful despite an already heavy workload- we are very lucky to have such a great team in school.

I hope that you all have a lovely (snow-free!) weekend and stay safe,

Miss Friend  
Head Teacher

### Living the Values

This week in Collective Worship we looked at the third of our values – Community. We read the bible story of 'Jesus Feeds the 5000' and thought about how we can learn from this to support our own communities. We also thought about working together and inclusivity through the story of 'Mixed' which I shared with children yesterday on Tapestry. Please take a look at the last page in order to see some of the 'Community Logo' designs from the week so far!





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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: Brooklyn, Harper Lilly, Jacob
- Sycamore: Eden, Aidan, Bobby, Bethany
- Beech: Eve, Chelsea, Koby
- Maple: Lewis, Zach, Betsy
- Rowan: Toby, Archie, Riley
- Oak: Sophie, Callum, Abbey

## Zoom Playtime!!!

We are delighted to offer another Zoom Playtime for each class next week so that they can interact and socialise with their peers and feel a sense of the Warton Nethersole 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 10<sup>th</sup> at 9.30am
- Sycamore – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> at 10am
- Beech – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> at 1pm
- Maple – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> 10.30am
- Rowan – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> 1pm
- Oak – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> 10am



## Children's Mental Health Week

This week is children's mental health week and it seems to have come at a good time. I am speaking to many parents each day who are doing their best to support their children's mental health in the best way possible and it is a really hard job- especially in the current climate. You will find lots of resources that you may find helpful using the links below. Turn to the next page for Mrs Shigdar's wellbeing tip of the week and get in touch if you need any support.

<https://cwise.com/>  
<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>





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### Free School Meals- Half Term

We are really pleased that Warwickshire local authority will be supporting our families with supermarket vouchers for the half term break. You should have received a letter from Mrs Parker regarding these this week. If you need more information please do get in touch and we will help in any way we can.

### Half Term Closure

The DfE has informed schools that they are to close over the February half term break as normal. We will therefore be shut for all families from Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February ready to return to school on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. We have postponed our INSET day in February in order to support our critical worker families by keeping school open on this day. We will announce a new INSET day date shortly.

### Healthy Selfie!

Well done to Archie and his mum, who have been out for a run before their home learning this week! 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!



### 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.



**Make a glitter jar** – you can use this to show children the effects of stress on the brain. As soon as you shake the jar the glitter rushes, swirls, dashes madly around the jar, like the thoughts in their brain making that make them feel stressed. Place the jar on a flat surface and watch quietly, taking in deep breaths as you watch as the glitter slowly, calmly falls to the bottom of the jar. This represents your thoughts slowing down, they are calming as you breathe deeply to slow your thinking. This activity is good when feeling worried, upset, nervous or angry. (You may wish to use a snow globe instead of the glitter jar.)



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**Living the Values**

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



Lily from Sycamore has designed this logo and has really thought about her community in the design. She is already showing this value by litter-picking in her local area- well done Lily!



Annie, Beech created this lovely design showing some of our communities including school, home and the NHS. Great Job!



George from Maple has designed this wonderful community logo. What a great representation of our community!

**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!

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Toby D**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place- Abbey R**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place- Harry R**

