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Newsletter Term 4 Week 2: Friday 11th March 2022

Be Courageous. Be Strong. Do Everything with Love. (1 Corinthians 16:13-14)

Dear parents,

This week has been another wonderful week and has included some of our Year 5s and 6s visiting Dordon for a football match and a visit to Sycamore and Rowan from the local Fire Station- fire engine and sirens included! But this week, I have been particularly struck by the kindness and generosity of some pupils across the school who have gone above and beyond...

On Monday, Mrs Sage and I helped with our Explore Outdoors club. The children were so kind and helpful in clearing our reflection area for other children to use, filling the bird feeders and ensuring that any bugs we found were left safely back in their natural habitats and even moved to somewhere safer again- it was wonderful to see!

On Wednesday this week, I walked past our KS2 toilets to find one pupil had written positive post-its and stuck them to the mirrors to cheer up everyone's day!

On Thursday, I was confronted at the gate by a very passionate group of children from Beech Class who had arranged a planning meeting for how they can support children in the Ukraine. Their kindness and determination to make a difference made my day! Keep an eye out in the newsletter next week for more information about their upcoming second-hand book sale!

I am fortunate enough to see examples of our children initiating change and stepping out every day- I hope that you are as proud of them as I am!

Best wishes,
Susan Friend
Head Teacher



Living our Values

In collective worship on Monday, we thought about our vision and specifically focussed on Courage- taking risks, standing firm in our beliefs and challenging ourselves. To help us understand courage, we revisited the story of Moses and the Burning Bush. I then asked our children to 'Be Courageous' and suggest what should go in our prayer for the end of collective worship. Our Worship Leaders modelled some fabulous suggestions and then the school followed suit with ideas such as praying for those in the Ukraine, people who aren't fortunate enough to have all of the devices and tablets we do and being thankful for our school and our village! Perhaps you can include these in your prayers over the weekend too?





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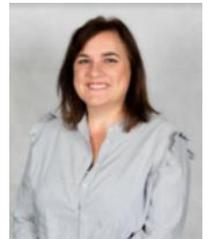


This week's gold award goes to Toby in Oak Class. Toby deserves to be recognised particularly for his kindness to others and efforts to make other people feel good about themselves. This week two members of staff have let me know about how kind he has been and I am so proud of how well he lives our values. Thank you and well done!

Mrs Shigdar's Tips for Wellbeing!

Talking to your Children about War...

As a parent it is natural to want to protect your child or children from unsettling or difficult situations, but as most children and young people have access to social media it is hard to filter what they hear or see. I am sure most of them will have seen images or heard about the current situation in Ukraine. They may have asked you questions having heard the word 'war' being used often or even words like 'nuclear'. You may have noticed how your child or children, have recently started to display feelings of anxiousness, feeling of being scared for the future, maybe feeling reluctant to leave the home or over worrying when you go out. These are all natural emotions when feeling distressed. Now, some adults may feel it's best to ignore this change in behaviour and carry on as normal, avoiding the topic and dismissing any questions our children may ask. But most professionals will advise not to do that, to actually spend time addressing all their questions and fears. Be open and honest with your child/children about what is happening, explaining things to them at a level they will understand. Younger children may not comprehend what war actually means or the effects, but an older child will, having studied WW2 at school. Don't overwhelm them with too much information, just enough to help them process what is going on. By allowing your child or children the opportunity to speak openly and honestly about how they are feeling and expressing their understanding of the situation, creates a sense of personal relief for them. So, don't judge or dismiss them on anything they say. Show respect for their opinion. This is important to build up trust with your child and shows they can speak freely to you and are able to express themselves. Remind your child/children that this is not a problem or issue they need to worry about or are able to solve. Reassure them that the adults are working on a solution and hopefully it will all be sorted soon.





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School allergy letter

An allergy letter should have now come home with your child. We haven't yet received any back that advise us of any allergies. If your child does have an allergy it's really important that we receive this letter back so we can make the necessary arrangements for your child whilst in our care. Please send these into the school office as soon as possible. Please note this form only needs to be filled in should your child have an allergy. Thank you!

Covid Latest guidance

Following the governments relaxing of Covid Restrictions we would still encourage you to remain vigilant to any of the three main symptoms (continuous cough, high temperature or loss of taste and smell). If your child tests positive (PCR or LFT) we would strongly encourage you to keep your child off and isolate them for 5 days minimum and only return when your child has had two clear consecutive daily LFT tests. Thank you!

Children can dress down for a minimum donation of £1 on Friday 18th March

Red noses will be on sale from Monday 14th for £1.50.



Diary Dates

March

- 18th – Comic Relief!
- 29th – Parent's Evening
- 30th – Parent's Evening

April

- 5th – Vision Day – Bangladesh!
- 6th – Maple Class Trip!
- 7th – Break up for Easter
- 8th – INSET Day
- 25th – Return to School

Amazon wish list

We are just over half way to our wish list aim of 250 books donated and we are so grateful for your support! The wish list automatically removes purchased books and there are still plenty to choose from!

Please make a donation and help us reach our target

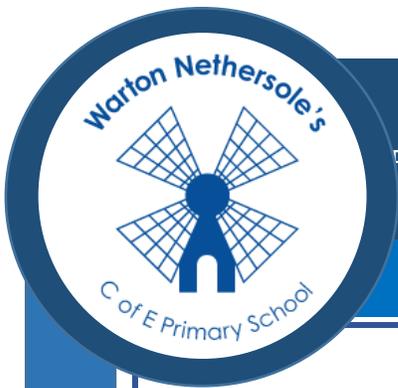
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We Need Your Help



Parents Evening

Parents evening will be held on Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th March. Unless there is a Covid outbreak, we are very much looking forward to meeting you in person in classrooms as normal. We are however asking that you wear a face covering and remain socially distanced from teachers as we transition back into 'normal' as well as wait outside for your appointment to begin. Please try not to bring your children with you to school so that we can all stay as safe as possible. Booking will go live on Thursday 17th March at 12pm through Arbor and we are able to offer a phone call for any parents who would prefer this to a 'live' meeting.



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Year 4/5 Football

On Thursday 10th March Year 4/5 took part in the Oakfield Cup football match. Whilst we didn't win they played really well. I'm sure you will agree it's really lovely for our children to be able to be back out doing sporting events again. Thank you to parents for support with lifts that make these events possible.



Sunflower challenge



Nursery and Wrap Around have been planting the sunflower seeds for our sunflower challenge to raise money for the charity Positive About Down Syndrome. The children will take care of these and watch them grow whilst joining in with discussions about how just like us plants grow and develop at different stages. We will take care of our sunflowers up until world down syndrome day on the 21st March and on this date the children can take their sunflowers home for a suggested donation of £1 to the charity. The children really enjoyed planting their sunflowers and are excited to watch them grow!



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Fire Station visit

On Thursday 10th March Years 1/5 had a visit from Atherstone Fire Station. The children were very excited and had fun learning all about the fire station. The visit was aimed at helping the children to recognise things which are dangerous and things that are safe and also how to keep themselves safe.



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