



IN TOUCH NEWSLETTER

17th March 2021

It was such a joy to welcome the children back to school this week: our classrooms and playgrounds are once again filled with the sounds of learning, play and laughter and there was a real buzz across the school. With spring on its way too, things are really starting to look up. We're looking forward to the eventual end to all the restrictions. Until then, please can we urge you to continue to respect the Government's lock-down measures to ensure our school continues to stay open. Thank you.

LEARNING TO BRING OUT THE BEST IN EVERYONE

You may have spotted this strap line on the new school sign. The phrase is taken from our revised school vision and has been chosen because it neatly sums up our core values. Our school is a place where all children are encouraged—through learning—to achieve their very best, to become the best form of themselves and to fulfil their God-given potential. More than this, 'everyone' encompasses our whole school community—our children, our staff, our governors and our parents. So, join with us to bring

RED NOSE DAY

Next Friday 19th March is Red Nose Day—with a difference. Red Noses will be available to buy through the school (£1.50 per nose), but these will be for taking home, not for wearing in school. Instead of wearing our noses in school, this year, we would like our children to paint their noses red instead. Children can also come to school in their own (most outlandish) clothes.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP

Thank you for your patience with the new drop off and pick up arrangements. It is currently taking just under ten minutes to bring the children in and send them out and the measures are keeping us all safe. The new start to the day also means we are able to restart our Early Birds sessions once again. If your child has been invited to one of these sessions they should have received a letter this week. Thank you.

ANTI-BULLYING AMBASSADORS

Congratulations to Imogen, Amelia, Autumn, Sophia and Lewis who successfully completed an intense online training programme during lock-down to become our school's Anti-Bullying Ambassadors. These children are now available in the playground to help sort out disagreements, or support children who are lonely. They also launched the new Feelgood Friday Initiative to spread joy and cheer at the end of each week. On Feelgood Fridays we are asked to pay each other compliments. Saying something nice makes a really positive difference. So, support the Anti-Bullying Ambassadors and pay someone a compliment each Friday.



LEARNING CHARACTER OF THE WEEK:

THE BUSY BEE

The Busy Bee represents our Learning Relationships. The Busy Bee, like a real bee, can work well all alone *and* as part of a team and it knows when to take on each role. We teach our children the explicit skills they need to collaborate effectively, such as: sharing, taking turns, talking about our ideas, taking on specific roles, including everyone, negotiating, agreeing and staying on task. The opposite of this learning dimension is both being 'isolated' or 'over-dependent.' We want our children to be able to make a balanced assessment of when to work alone and when to draw on the help of others, and have the skills to do both.



BOTTLE TOPS

Please keep all your plastic bottle tops and send them into school. We need as many as we can gather to create some beautiful features for our new school garden. Please put the tops in the bin marked 'bottle tops' by the main gate. Thank you.



SOUND WALL

Please help the Early Years create a sound wall by sending in your noisy things. This can include: saucepans, buckets, ladles, wooden spoons, rolling pins, baskets, wash-boards, colanders, old drums or anything else that you think would make a **really good noise!** Please put items in the box inside the school main entrance so they can be quarantined and washed before use.



WATER WALL

Thank you so much Mrs Bishop and her father for making a brilliant Water Wall for the Early Years outside area. As you can see from the picture, it's incredibly exciting to play with and the children love it!



THANK YOU MR LOYNES

Thank you very much Mr Loynes who erected our new school sign. It looks very smart, and may help attract more children to our school.

Our Value this term is : **HOPE**