

Newsletter No 17: Term 6

June 2020

Dear Parent / Carers,

I hope this email finds you well. As expected our numbers in Reception and the key worker groups have gradually increased. 58% of our Reception cohort are now attending. The children have been having a lovely time, playing outside, exercising, making crafts and getting stuck back into learning how to read, write and do maths. It is lovely to be back doing what we love - teaching children! I cannot wait for the time when we can get everyone back into school. We will be keeping an eye on the updates from the Government and will communicate arrangements for September as soon as we are able.

Transition plans

We are now getting ready to support the children in saying goodbye to their current class teacher and moving on to their new class teacher. Normally we would work on transition in school and hold a 'Move Up' day. Obviously, this is not possible currently so we have looked to do this in a different way. There will be a series of two 'Year Group' based Zooms. The first will be a general catch up with the year group teachers and children, the second will explore the mental health side of moving on and give the children an opportunity to discuss their feelings of excitement, worry or concern. Finally a third and final Zoom will be with the new class teacher. This will be a chance to meet the new teacher and get to know them a bit. A list of the Zoom links and timings for week beginning June 22nd are listed on the next page. For those families unable to join on Zoom for the three meetings, please inform the school office and we will make sure that your child receives a letter of introduction from their child's new class teacher to support transition instead.

Year 6 Leavers' Service

This cohort of Year 6 have not been able to access the normal run of celebrations as they leave primary and we are all feeling a bit sad about this! We have organised a Leavers' Service with our Y6 team, myself and Rev Lizzie. This will take place via Zoom on a time to be confirmed. All parent carers of Year 6 and the children are invited to take part. There will be a celebration of the good times at Fishponds, talk of their memories and aspirations for the future.

New Starters Induction Evenings

We will be hosting induction evenings for our new Reception and Nursery parent/carers next week. Tuesday 23rd @ 6pm for new Reception starters and Wednesday 24th @ 6pm for our new nursery families. Our meetings will be held on Zoom as we are unable to meet in large groups. Zoom log in details have been sent out via email to our new families. The school's website will also be updated with a 'New Starters Info' page full of information for our new families. Due to some last minute movement, we now have a few places available in our Reception 2020 start cohort. If you want to find out more about Reception or Nursery, please visit our page for New Starters under Parent Tab on the school website. If you, or someone you know, are interested in a place for September, get in touch with the school.

Collective Worship

Thanks to all who joined us on Monday last week where we looked at David and Goliath and explored the stories of some inspirational young people. We realised you are never too young to be courageous and stand up for the things you believe in. This Monday, we will be joined by Rev Lizzie who will be exploring the story of Florence Nightingale. Come and join us – all our collective worships are fully inclusive of all faiths. We look forward to seeing you there!



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Value of the Term : Courage

Questions of the Week

Week 4: How do we stay courageous when facing opposition?
(Rev Lizzie will join us for this one !)

Week 5: What can we learn from Martine Wright?

Week 6: Can you think of a time when you have shown courage and stood firm?
(Rev Lizzie will join us for this one too!)

Week 7: How can we be courageous in offering friendship to everyone?

Each Monday, join our Zoom Collective Worship. Log on and you will see lots of our teachers, teaching Ast and children. We love to join together and get thinking of our responses to our Questions of the Week. Our Collective worship are suitable for children of all faiths and for those who have none. We'd love to see you @ 10am each Monday.

Need Help? Struggling financially or lacking food? Need someone to talk to?

**Please don't suffer in silence – we are here to support you!
Give us a ring.**

Give us a call at school (Mrs Coker or Miss Goodman will be there to help) or phone Mrs Cahill direct on the school mobile 07595615388

Can you Help?

We are looking to develop our play spaces for September and create a 'Music Wall' out of old kitchen pots, pans and tins. The picture to the right shows the kind of thing we are hoping to make. If you have anything that makes a good noise when it is hit or scraped that you no longer need, we would love to make use of it.

From Tuesday (23rd) next week there will be a plastic box just inside the main entrance for any donations to be left. Just buzz at the gate and then drop the utensils into the box and make your way out again. We will then disinfect anything coming into school before we use it in order to ensure we keep any potential spread of the virus. Thanks in advance if you can help!

