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"Starting children off through God's love and Jesus' teachings"

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 19th January 2024

Christian Value: Respect
British Value: Rule of Law

Living out the School Vision this Week: (Y3)

Curiosity: "I am finding out about the Anglo-Saxons and how they lived," reported Rae.

Compassion: "I am kind to my friends when I am playing tag with them," shared Francis.

Resilience: "I kept trying with my tonal shading, even when it was hard," said Archie.

Worship quote: "Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honouring each other," *Romans 12:10*

Remember in our prayers: the extended family of little Bronson in Skegness and all who work to keep children safe.

Assessment Week

This week, the children in years 2-5 have completed their mid-year assessments in Reading, Writing and Maths. (Y6s did theirs just before Christmas.) This gives us a really good understanding of where the children are and their strengths and areas for development. As I begin to collate the results from year groups, I can already see some strong patterns of excellent learning and progress. The results will be shared with you at parents' evenings, later in the term.

Home Support for Learning

We know that most homes are very busy, and balancing pressures of working and looking after the children is not always straightforward. Making time to read a bedtime story, to younger children, can really help their language development, as well as hearing them practise their own reading book and sounds. For older children, encouraging them to read for pleasure and practise their times tables, can also have much impact on their learning. As always, thank you for all you do. We know that it is not always easy!

Mental Health Support

We are fortunate to be part of an NHS partnership, providing early mental health support in school. After Golden Worship, on 2nd February, there will be an opportunity to meet the practitioners and find out about the service. If you feel that your child would benefit from having some help and support,

please email the school office. All referrals will be handled with sensitivity and discretion.

Winter Illnesses

Unfortunately, at this time of year, the prevalence of illness and infection can be high. It can sometimes be difficult for parents to know whether their child is well enough to attend school.

If your child has a high temperature or feels very unwell, they should stay off school until they are feeling better and their high temperature has resolved. Also, for any cases of vomiting or diarrhoea, your child should not come in to school until 48 hours after the last bout.

Further information can be found via the NHS website: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

We are also hearing about an uptick in the cases of measles. I would urge all parents to make sure that their child is fully vaccinated. Measles can be a mild illness but in some cases, there can be serious complications.

Sports News

Our gymnastics squad is practising for their competition. Their vaults are coming on very well!

School Diary

- Friday 26th Jan 2.40pm: Golden Worship R, Y1&2, parents from those age groups welcome
- Friday 2nd Feb 2.40pm: Golden Worship Y3-6, parents from those age groups welcome
- Friday 2nd Feb 3.20pm (after Golden Worship): parents' meeting about the support on offer from our children's mental health support team.
- Friday 9th Feb 2.40pm: Friday 26th Jan 2.40pm: Golden Worship R, Y1&2, parents from those age groups welcome
- Tuesday 13th Feb: parents evening
- Thursday 15th Feb: parents evening
- Friday 16th Feb: Open classrooms and pancake races, 9.05am for R, Y1&2 and 2pm for Y3-6
- Mon 19th- Fri 23rd Feb: half term holiday.

Have a good
weekend,
Mrs
Gilchrist

