



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

Christian Value: Perseverance

British Value: Rule of Law

Living out the School Vision this Week: (Y5)

Curiosity: "I was curious about our new theme *frozen world*," shared Fern.

Compassion: "I helped one of the younger children, when they fell over," reported Hannah.

Resilience: "I have kept trying hard with my handwriting this week," shared Harlan.

Worship quote: "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me," *Philippians 4:13*

Remember in our prayers: all those who have suffered in the recent floods locally, as well as those families in California and Tibet who are suffering due to other natural disasters.

Welcome back and Happy New Year

I hope that everyone had a good Christmas holiday.

Our new Christian Value is 'Perseverance'. The children will be thinking about the importance of keeping going, even when things are tricky.

Our British Value is 'The Rule of Law' and the children will be learning about the importance of rules and laws and how they help to keep us safe and ensure that society is fair for all.

Staffing News

We said a fond farewell to Mrs Watret, who retired in December. Mrs Hurst is also moving on to teach older students at Leicester College. Her last day will be 17th January. We wish them both well for their next chapters.

We have also welcomed Mrs Saracoglu, to support in breakfast club and Mrs Cunningham is also starting shortly, in Year 2.

We also have the lovely news that Mrs Rivers is expecting a new baby, due in May. Staffing arrangements will be communicated, in due course.

Winter Weather

We have had a spell of very wet, followed by very cold weather. I thank the staff, and parents for persevering with often fraught and lengthy journeys to school. This dedication has meant that our attendance has remained good, and we haven't needed to close or to have any delayed opening.

Should there be further severe weather, our first action is a 10 am opening. If the forecast is secure,

we will often be able to advise parents of this, via email, the night before. If unexpected or worse than forecast weather occurs, we will advise of a delayed opening as soon as we can, on that morning. Delayed opening allows us to assess the conditions in the village (which can be different from lower areas) and see how many staff have been able to get in. Closing is always a last resort.

Uniform

During very cold or snowy weather, boots and a change of indoor shoes, are very helpful. In snow, children will only be allowed to play outside if they have these. Warm tights and long trousers can also minimise any injury if children slip over.

Tight-fitting leggings have never been in our PE uniform. Children should wear shorts under tracksuit bottoms (looser-fitting). This provides warmth and flexibility for indoor/outdoor PE. Thank you for your support with our uniform rules.

NHS Information

Please find the attached information about choices of contact points, within the NHS, for winter illness. Please inform the school of any illness, promptly.

Church News

Messy Church is on this Sunday. Please see flyer.

Sports News

Football and Fitness clubs have resumed. School sports events for this term are: cross-country, indoor athletics & badminton.

School Diary

- Fri 17th Jan: Golden Worship R, Y1 & Y2 parents
- Mon 20th Jan: Y5 swimming begins (provisional)
- Fri 24th Jan: Golden Worship Y3-6 parents
- Fri 31st Jan: Golden Worship R, Y1 & Y2 parents
- Fri 7th Feb: Golden Worship Y3-6 parents
- Fri 14th Feb: INSET Day, staff only
- Mon 17th – Fri 21st Feb: half term
- Week beginning 24th Feb: parents' evenings
- Mon 14th- Fri 25th April: Easter holidays
- Mon 26th-Fri 30th May: half term holiday
- Thurs 10th July: break up for summer holidays
- Tues 26th Aug: new academic year starts (please note correction).

Have new year,
Mrs Gilchrist

