



***"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: (Y4)**

**Curiosity:** "I wanted to find out more about our Egyptian story," shared Archie.

**Compassion:** "I helped a younger child to get to a teacher, when she fell down," reported Faye.

**Resilience:** "When I found column multiplication difficult, I tried my best and took my time," shared Ellie.

**Worship quote:** "We must be determined to run the race that is ahead of us," *Hebrews 12:1*

**Remember in our prayers:** all those who are working for peace in the Middle East and Ukraine.

**Home Support for Learning**

We know that most homes are very busy, and balancing pressures of working and raising a family is not always straightforward.

We thank all parents for getting their children to school on time and providing calm and organised homes, which helps the children's emotional regulation.

For younger children, finding time to read a bedtime story, 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!

Inevitably, there will be times when things don't go to plan and parents might need to talk to school about something that is concerning them. RISE have now issued a parental code of conduct. This will be emailed early next week. Thank you for scanning the QR code after you have read it.

**Winter Weather**

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. A delayed opening allows us to assess the conditions in the village (which can often be different from lower areas) and see how many staff

have been able to get in. Closing the school is always a last resort.

**RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch**

This national 'citizen science' initiative, is taking place up to 26<sup>th</sup> January. Children in Y5 will be taking part at school, as Miss Miller is our science lead. If any families would like to take part by observing their own gardens, please follow the link below for further information. It's great fun and an excellent way of connecting with nature for children.

[Big Garden Birdwatch](#)

**PTA News**

The PTA are collecting any unwanted Christmas gifts for prizes for future events. Please see flyer.

**Church News**

Rev'd Lisa was in school on Thursday, leading Worship with a theme of significant names in the Bible.

**Sports News**

Cross country is our first fixture this term, on 28<sup>th</sup> January. It is one of the few events that is within the school day, and we know that this is very difficult for parents. We have provided feedback to our sporting partnership, but they have very little alternative due to low light for this event, after school. Thank you for your understanding.

**School Diary**

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

Have a good  
weekend,  
Mrs Gilchrist

