



Trust
Forgiveness



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Dear Parents, Carers and Children,



Remembrance Day

Our Year 6 children led the school in a special collective worship assembly to remember those who have lost their lives in war. It was a very poignant occasion and well respected by all. Thank you to the parents who attended and shared in the assembly with us. Our Year 2 children planted the poppies they made and held their two minute silence outside.

The Year 6 children shared their work on remembrance with parishioners at St James Church on Wednesday and they were very well received by those who attended.

Respect and Reverence

Our Christian Value for this half term is respect and reverence. Our home/school sheet is with this newsletter and I hope you enjoy working with your child on the some of these activities. Have a look at the home school challenge. The best portraits will win a prize.

Breakfast Club

Responding to feedback from parents, we are now pleased to be offering breakfast club from 7.30am. This will start from Monday 14th November. The cost for your child to attend from 7.30am will be £2, or £1 from 8am. Mrs Browe will be entertaining the children with games, colouring, dvd's etc until the breakfast is served from 8am and is included in the price.



Individual Photographs

It is individual photograph day on Wednesday 16th November and also the opportunity for sibling photographs. If you want a photograph of your children together but their siblings don't attend our school then come to the main office at 9am, as these photographs will be first.

Olympic Athlete at HKSJ

The visit of James Kirton to our school was a fantastic experience for all the children. It is not every day you get the opportunity to meet an olympic athlete and he spoke about how wonderful the children were and how much he enjoyed his visit. Thank you to those of you who sponsored the event.



Parent Governor Vacancy

We still have a Parent Governor vacancy. If any parents out there are interested in joining and or would like to find out more information then please let me or the school office know of your interest.

St James Christmas Fair

St James Church will be holding their Christmas Fair on Saturday 12th November, 10.30am-2pm. Admission is 50p and includes a raffle ticket.

School Events this Term

We have a number of events and experiences for the children to participate in this term:

- Monday 14th November Anti-bullying week
- Wednesday 16th November Individual/Family Photographs
- Friday 18th November NSPCC workshops KS1/2
- Thursday 24th November Pantomime – Babes in the Wood 1.45-2.45
- Tuesday 6th December Parliament Education Service KS2 assembly and workshops
- Thursday 8th December Christmas Fair 3.30-5.30 (Parents/family welcome)
- Thursday 15th December Reception Nativity 9.30 (Parents/family welcome)
- Thursday 15th December KS1 Carols 2.30 (Parents/family welcome)
- Thursday 15th December Nursery Carols/Nativity Story 11.30 (Parents/family welcome)
- Friday 16th December Christmas Dinner
- Monday 19th December Christmas Jumper Day
- Monday 19th December Christmas Service led by Year 4 St James Church 2.00 (Parents/family welcome)
- Tuesday 20th December Christmas Party Day
- Tuesday 20th December End of term

And Finally..... Anti-Bullying Week

Next week is anti-bullying week and it is important we all understand what bullying is and what we can do to prevent it and tackle it if it happens.

What is bullying?

It is important to remember that bullying is not a fall out between people or a one off incident.

Whilst there is no legal definition of bullying the Government defines bullying as: "Behaviour by an individual or group, [usually] repeated over time that intentionally hurts another individual or group either physically or emotionally."

(Preventing and tackling bullying: Advice for headteachers, staff and governing bodies DfE March 2014)

The Anti-Bullying Alliance defines bullying as: "The repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power. Bullying can be physical, verbal or psychological. It can happen face to- face or through cyberspace."

Top tips for parents

- If your child is being bullied don't panic. Explain to your child that the bullying is not their fault and together you will sort this out.
- Bullying is never acceptable; and should always be taken seriously. It is never your child's fault if they've been bullied.
- Try and establish the facts. It can be helpful to keep a diary of events. If the bullying is online, save or copy images and text.
- Find out what your child wants to happen. Help to identify steps you can take; and the skills they have to help sort out the situation. Make sure you always keep them informed about any actions you decide to take.
- You may be tempted to tell your child to retaliate but this can have unpredictable results. Your child might get into trouble or get even more hurt. Rather – role play non-violent ways they can respond to children that are bullying them (e.g. 'I don't like it when you say that to me / do that to me. Stop. '); show them how to block or unfriend people if the bullying is online and help them identify other friends or adults that can support them.

Encourage your child to get involved in activities that build their confidence and esteem, and help them to form friendships outside of school (or wherever the bullying is taking place).

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