



NEWSLETTER



OUR SCHOOL VALUES: RESPECT – UNDERSTANDING – PEACE – HONESTY – RESPONSIBILITY – TEAMWORK

13th January 2023

Well, what a wet and windy return to school we have had this term. I hope everyone had a lovely restful Christmas, filled with festive spirit and family gatherings. Please remember that we use our outside spaces in all kinds of weather, so children should always bring a raincoat with them and keep a set of wellington boots in school.



Old iPad Donations

Our school iPads are now getting old and are starting to have a few issues. Whilst we would like to buy more in the near future, in the meantime we are asking if any parents have any old iPads which may need a new home, then we would love to take them off your hands!



School Bus Priority on the Road



Last week two cars forced the school bus, filled with children, onto the Common and one car belonged to a parent.

This is obviously not a situation we want repeated, so please can all parents ensure that the school bus is given priority. Thanks



Listening to Readers

If you would like to come into school and listen to readers, please contact the school office for further details.

We are currently looking for 'parent listeners' for every class.



Safety before and after School

Our school is situated next to, at times, a very busy road. Please ensure your child is supervised at all times during drop off and pick up, including younger siblings, especially down the alleyway towards the main road.

Also, please do not let any children in your care climb any of the school fences while you are waiting. Thank you

Medicines

School can administer prescribed medicine that needs to be given four times a day. It must have the pharmacy dispensing label on it with your child's name and a form needs to be completed. Lip salve, hand cream or any other anointments are not allowed to be carried by children in pockets or in book bags due to allergy reasons.



School Uniform

Children should wear full school uniform, including a school tie and school jumper/cardigan. All children should have a PE kit in school at all times. Nail varnish should not be worn and long hair needs to be tied back please with a simple band. Coloured hair is not allowed.

Book Bags

Children only need to bring their book bag to school with no more than one keyring attached please, as they are barely fitting into the drawers or boxes. Also, one keyring makes it easier for children to recognise their own book bag. Some book bags have more than ten attached to them! Toys, pencils and pencil cases should not be brought to school.

Once children are in Year 6 they can bring in their own rucksacks and pencil cases to prepare them for secondary school and to make them more independent.

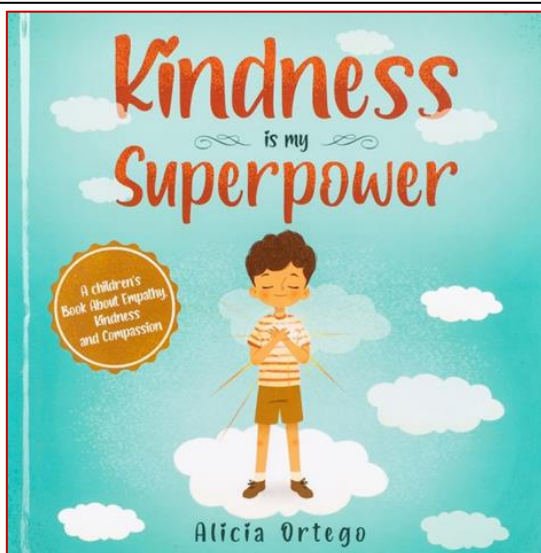
Our School Community

From September we have been following a new PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) scheme as a school called Jigsaw. It is described as 'the mindful approach to PSHE'. As well as covering the statutory requirements for PSHE and Relationships Education (RSE), Jigsaw also covers a range of other topics to help our children develop vital skills and knowledge to keep them safe, happy and healthy in their daily lives.

For more information about the scheme please see the parent and carer information attached.

Our learning began with the topic "Being me in my world" where the children learned about themselves as part of a school community, their rights and responsibilities and recognising their achievements. We have now moved on to the topic of 'Celebrating Differences' which is centred around exploring our similarities and differences and valuing our uniqueness.

As part of this, every child and member of staff created a self portrait which Mrs Nash then kindly put together to create a fantastic 'Hall of Fame' which can be seen in the entrance of the school. It is a brilliant celebration of our wonderful school community, so please do have a look when you next visit the office.



This week in Celebration Assembly, Miss Macmillan shared with us one of her favourite children's books 'Kindness is the new Superpower'. She encouraged us to think about acts of kindness and the impact this has on others as well as ourselves. This reminded me of the random acts of kindness I shared with you in a previous newsletter. Apparently, there is now a whole day devoted to this coming up in February. I started to think about the acts of kindness (not just random) I had seen or experienced recently. It may be as simple as phoning someone who is having a difficult time or the more premeditated carrying of a supermarket voucher to give to a homeless person. As we start the new year the children and staff all spent some time thinking about something kind we could do when we left the hall.

I wonder how many of us have carried out that act of kindness?

Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you."

Ephesians 4:32 ESV

Finally, many thanks for all your Christmas wishes and gifts at the end of last term. They are very much appreciated. Have a lovely weekend, hopefully with better weather than the driving rain and wind of late. I noticed this morning that bulbs are starting to appear, so Spring is on the way!