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This Half Term's Value – Respect



'Phrases of Faith

'Luke 6:31: And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.'

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of the half term, I would like to take a moment to comment on your children's achievements so far. It has been a joy to witness their hard work and dedication in both their studies and extracurricular activities as the half term has progressed. And what a half term it has been across the Federation; Floods, Power Cuts, not to mention some rather nasty bugs doing the rounds at the start of the term! All of which though have been taken in our stride and I would like to thank the wonderful staff across the Federation for their hard work throughout. This term, many of our students have enthusiastically participated in various clubs and events, showing not only their talents but also a commendable commitment to teamwork and community spirit. Their hardworking attitudes and willingness to get involved have made a significant impact within our school environment. When we return after half term rehearsals for our Christmas Productions will get underway and I know you are all in for a treat when you join us for the performances later in December!

As we draw a close to this half term's value of Respect I would also like to acknowledge the kindness and thoughtfulness our children have shown towards one another. It is heartening to see them support their peers, demonstrating the values we promote as a school community. These qualities not only enrich their own experiences but create a positive atmosphere for everyone. As the new half term stretches ahead of us we will continue to develop these important moral and social values as a school.

As we head into the half-term break, I would like to wish you all a restful and enjoyable time with family and friends. I look forward to welcoming everyone back on the 4th of November, refreshed and ready for the exciting build-up to Christmas.

Thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards,

Mrs S. Henney





Important Dates
and INFORMATION

OCTOBER

Friday 25th

PD Day

NOVEMBER

Monday 4th

Children return to school

Non-school uniform day organised by our PTA

Tuesday 5th

No guitar lessons today

Forest School for Oak Class

Dodgeball Club, 3.15pm – 4.15pm

Thursday 7th

Make some noise/Young Voices Choir, 8.15am – 8.45am

PE for Oak and Chestnut Class

Tennis Club, 3.15pm–4.15pm,

Friday 8^h

Forest school for Chestnut and Willow Class

Monday 11th

Anti-bullying week

Tuesday 12th

Odd Socks Day - join us in choosing respect!

Guitar lessons with Mr Tomkins,

Forest School for Oak Class

Dodgeball Club, 3.15pm – 4.15pm

Thursday 14th

Make some noise/Young Voices Choir, 8.15am – 8.45am

PE for Oak and Chestnut Class

Tennis Club, 3.15pm–4.15pm

Friday 15^h

Children in Need

Forest school for Chestnut and Willow Class

FUTURE DATES - PLEASE NOTE – DETAILS OF FUTURE DATES WILL BE SENT OUT NEARER THE TIME

Monday 25th November Individual and family photos

Wednesday 27th November Little Wandle early reading workshop for reception and year 1 parents, 2.15pm

Thursday 28th November Early reading and phonics workshop

Monday 2nd December Panto at Festival Drayton

Thursday 5th December Carols round the campfire - TBC

Tuesday 10th December Christmas Play, 2pm and 5pm

Wednesday 18th December AddMore Federation Christmas Lunch

Thursday 19th December **Children break up for the Christmas break**

Friday 20th December **PD Day**

This week's Star Pupils!

Chestnut Class: Colton: For such wonderfully imaginative story writing. What a joy to read.

Oak Class: Penny for showing excellent resilience, particularly in Maths. Well done Penny!

Willow Class: Isla for showing a really caring side and helping to look after the younger children this week.





Antibullying week 11th – 15th November

Anti-Bullying Week 2024 will take place from Monday 11th - Friday 15th November, with the theme: Choose Respect. This Anti-Bullying Week we urge adults and children alike to come together to have discussions about what it means to disagree respectfully, how to avoid bullying, and how we can all choose to lead by example. Join us in choosing respect! Odd Socks Day is taking place on **Tuesday 12th November**, with adults and children being encouraged to **wear odd socks** to celebrate what makes us all unique.



Children in Need – 15th November

We will be supporting BBC's children in need on Friday 15th November. We are inviting children to come to school in yellow, spotty or comfy clothes for a donation of £1.

Class News...

Oak Class

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for warmly welcoming me to the school community over the last two weeks. I've thoroughly enjoyed getting to know Oak class and the wider school and am looking forward to leading the class for the next few months. Oak class have started to settle well into the new classroom set up and I'm sure we will all have a wonderful half term together.

After half term please can we send in an extra pair of shoes to get changed into after PE to save the classroom getting muddy in the winter months. Many thanks.

Hope everyone has a lovely half term!

Mr Turner

Chestnut Class

This week our Chestnuts have truly shone in their writing sessions, where they have planned and written their very own stories inspired by the model text 'Troll Swap'. It was impressive to see not only their stamina for writing improve but also their love for writing. There was also so very beautiful handwriting and imaginative expression!

In Geography, we have continued to explore aerial view maps. The children created their own aerial map of the playground, which helped them understand scale and perspective. It was fantastic to see their creativity as they labelled the different areas using a variety of symbols.

In Design and Technology, we have reached the end of our topic and the children have now successfully finished creating their model Ferris wheels! The students have worked so hard, learning about the mechanics involved, and it was a lovely to see their finished projects operating successfully.

In Science, we focused on woodland animals and spent time researching and writing fact files about hedgehogs. The students displayed great enthusiasm and curiosity, gathering interesting facts to share with their classmates.

Thank you for your continued support and we hope everyone has a restful half term break.

Miss Archer and Mrs Barber





Little Wandle Early Reading Workshop

We would like to invite parents of children in Year 1 and Reception to join Miss Archer and Mrs Barber on Wednesday the 27th November at 2.15pm for a Little Wandle Early Reading workshop. During the workshop we will discuss how early reading and phonics is taught at our school, share some of the resources and techniques used within school and finally walk you through what a typical phonics session looks like, and the children are extremely excited to show off their reading and phonics skills to you. Miss Archer will also share some recommendations for books that support a love for reading.

Reading Rewards

A super well done to all our wonderful readers in Key Stage 2 this term and a special mention to **Rueben** who has read a wonderful 80,767 words this half term and has won a book voucher as a result. Well done!

We wonder how many words you can read next half term!

We would also like to congratulate **Harley D** for his fabulous reading efforts. Well done, Harley, for reading every day. It won't be long before you earn your reward book!

Ready Reader (1000+ words)- Kaylee, Emerson, Harley, Olivia, Grace, Rebeca, Alfie

Individual Reader (5000 + words)- Eloise

Rising Reader (10,000 + words)- Sebastian, Jessica, Elliot

Super Reader (50,000 + words) - Tom, Summer, Rueben

Willow Class

As we wrap up this week, we are excited to share some highlights from our learning adventures in Willow Class.

This week, our exploration of traditional tales concluded with the beloved story of *The Gingerbread Man*. The children had a fantastic time ordering pictures from the story, which helped reinforce their understanding of narrative sequence and character development. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm as they recalled the fun and excitement of the tale! We also delved into *The Little Red Hen* for our last week of traditional tale's continuous provision. The children enjoyed baking bread, learning about teamwork and the importance of hard work—just like the little hen in the story! In our expressive arts and design activities, the children created fantastic pumpkin sketches, allowing their creativity to shine. The vibrant colours and unique designs brought a splash of Autumn to our classroom. In our maths sessions, we sang counting songs that encouraged engagement and joy while reinforcing number recognition. It was delightful to see the children singing along and counting with enthusiasm!

Outside, the children have been busy in the garden, playing with cars and building with large bricks. This physical play supports their gross motor skills and fosters teamwork and imaginative play.

As we approach the end of this half term, we want to wish all our families a wonderful break! We hope you enjoy some quality time together and recharge for more exciting learning adventures in the coming term.

See you all after the half term!

Mrs Travis, Mrs Tearle and Mrs Thomas

