



### Weekly Update: 7<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

#### Dates for your diary

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January: Flu Vaccinations in school

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January: Pupil short reports out to parents/carers

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February: Safer Internet day

**21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> February: Half term**

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March: Ash Wednesday Service

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March: Comic Relief Non-Uniform Day

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April: Red Card to Racism Day (Wear Red Day)

W/B 28<sup>th</sup> March: Assessment Week

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April: Easter Service

4<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> April: Parents' Evenings

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April: Last day of Spring Term

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June: Additional Day for the Queen's Jubilee

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July: INSET Day

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July: INSET Day

Welcome back and a Happy New Year to you all. January is always a time for looking forwards and to reflect on the year that has passed. Already there are signs of spring growth, not surprising after such a warm week or two! There are also the now familiar challenges linked to the pandemic. In Collective Worship we have been thinking about 'turning over a new leaf' and we have been sharing our New Year Resolutions (Some of mine are going better than others...). Archbishop Desmond Tutu, who passed away as 2021 drew to a close, once said,

***"Do your little bit of good where you are; it is those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world."***

May we be encouraged to do little bits of good every day and whenever the opportunity arises.

#### Class Newsletters/Knowledge Organisers

It is important to us that you are fully informed about the school's curriculum and all that goes on in the classroom- your enthusiasm, interest and encouragement in your child's learning makes such a difference to your child. Today, your child/ren will be coming home with paper copies of Spring Class Newsletters and Knowledge Organisers - these will help you have those daily conversations about the learning happening in class. You can also use the Knowledge Organisers for mini-quizzes once you have read them together with your child- you may find the children quizzing you too!

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### **Smart Watches**

Some of our pupils have been fortunate enough to have received 'smart watches' at Christmas- like mobile phones, children are not permitted to use them in school due to risks of loss and damage and of misuse. For those older pupils who, in exceptional circumstances, may need a mobile device at the beginning/end of the day, parents need to complete a 'Mobile Phone' form (Please contact the school office)- devices are stored by the school office throughout the school day.

### **Clubs**

School staff will be running 'class clubs' from the end of this month. Letters will be coming home with your children today (or on Monday).

### **Celebration**

All the children were praised today for making such good choices this week; for smiling, for opening doors, for settling down to learning quickly, for their manners and their general positive attitude. All individual awards will begin again next week!

### **Well-being tip of the week**

Tread gently as the new year, new term, new school week begins. Make time to look after yourself and aim to set up some routines that will last beyond this week, routines that make time for you to find peace or refreshment physically, emotionally, spiritually. In brief, try to make sure that you are kind to yourself, that you treat yourself to something nice each day.

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