

It has been so lovely to see more of the children in school this week. So far we have had transition visits for our Foundation 1, Foundation 2, Year 1, Year 3 and Year 4 children. It has been so nice and actually quite emotional to see some children that we cannot believe we haven't seen properly since 20th March. They have all met their new teachers and the sessions have gone really well. Thank you for preparing the children so well for the sessions. Everyone has been super sensible and their smiles have brightened up our days. We cannot wait to have everyone back together properly in September! Next week we look forward to the transition sessions with Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6. Please make sure children are dropped off and collected on time from the designated places. We are really looking forward to seeing the rest of the children and are especially looking forward to giving Year 6 a nice send off, albeit a little differently this year! The dates of the sessions next week are:

Year 2 Group 1 – Monday 13th July

Group 2 – Tuesday 14th July

Year 5 – Group 1 – Monday 13th July

Group 2 – Tuesday 14th July

Year 6 – Group 1 – Wednesday 15th July

Group 2 – Thursday 16th July

Our official last day of term before **school closes to everyone for the summer is FRIDAY 17th JULY**. School will not be open to any children over the Summer due to planned building and redecorating work.



INFORMATION ABOUT PLANS FOR SEPTEMBER 2020

We are in the final stages of formulating our plans for September. This is a very detailed process as we want to be sure that what we are putting in place is safe and manageable.

I am sure many of you will have heard about the guidance schools have been given in relation to the keeping of children in 'class bubbles', staggered start and finish times, staggered breaks and lunch times. As you can imagine mapping out this plan is an enormous

task. I am very thankful I only have to do it for a primary school as I cannot begin to imagine the unbelievable task this must be for secondary schools. Early next week I plan to discuss this plan with Governors before writing to parents with the details.

There will inevitably be significant changes to the way school 'ran' before the COVID-19 pandemic but I hope that you all appreciate that everything we plan to do and put in place will be in the best interests of the children we care for and will be to keep them safe. The letter I send explaining the plans is likely to be quite lengthy but please, please read it all as it is imperative that everyone plays their part and understands the important actions they will need to take in order to keep everyone in our school community safe.



This week you should have all received a 'Home Learning' pack. This will be the final 'learning pack' we deliver before the summer holidays. I know many of you have found the packs very useful so hopefully they will keep the children going until the end of term. Although the teachers won't be posting new learning onto SEESAW over the summer, the activities that have been set over the past few weeks will remain there should any family wish to go back and complete any that they didn't do.

The teachers will be having a very well-deserved break over the summer so won't be available to answer any messages through SEESAW. If you need to contact school in an emergency, I can be contacted via the school office email.

HOLIDAY DATES 2020-21 - A reminder the holiday dates for the Academic Year 2020 to 2021 are below and also available on our website.

Children in year groups 1 to 6 return to school on Wednesday 2nd September. Miss Purdie and Mrs Jones will contact parents of F1 and F2 children with starting dates. If this changes between now and September (due to COVID19) we will be in touch with you all.

The children have now missed so much time in school, the next school year will be crucial so all children have the opportunity to 'catch up' on missed learning. We will NOT authorise any holidays during term time and any holidays taken will result in a penalty notice.

Autumn Term 2020	Inset Day (School closed to pupils)	-	Tuesday 1st September
	School reopens to pupils	-	Wednesday 2nd September
	School closes for half term	-	Friday 23rd October
	School reopens to pupils	-	Monday 2nd November
	School closes for Christmas Holidays	-	Friday 18th December
Spring Term 2021	Inset Day (School closed to pupils)	-	Monday 4th January
	School reopens to pupils	-	Tuesday 5th January
	School closes for half term	-	Friday 12th February
	School reopens to pupils	-	Monday 22nd February
	School closes for Spring Break	-	Friday 26th March
Summer Term 2021	School reopens to pupils	-	Monday 12th April
	Bank Holiday – School Closed	-	Monday 3rd May
	School closes for half term	-	Friday 28th May
	School reopens to pupils	-	Monday 7th June
	School closes for Summer Holidays	-	Tuesday 20th July

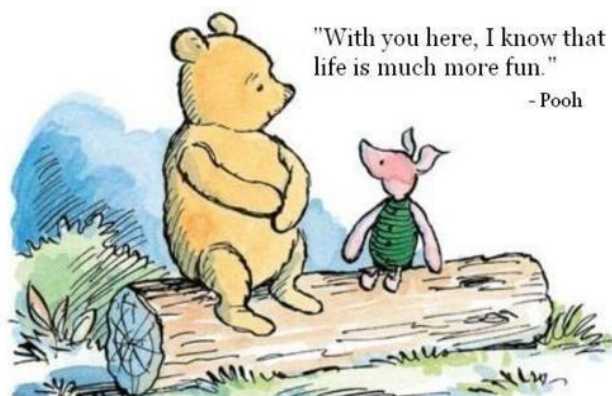
Our value for July is FRIENDSHIP

A friend should be:

- 1) Honest
- 2) A good listener
- 3) Trustworthy
- 4) Encouraging
- 5) Caring
- 6) Gives you compliments and makes you feel good about yourself

Being a good friend is about supporting them in the good times and the bad times.

One of the lovely things about the transition visits has been seeing the children with their friends again.



"With you here, I know that life is much more fun."
- Pooh

GeniusQuotes.net

On Monday 6th July, our Parish church opened again for Mass.

Please look at the newsletter on the Parish website for further details about Mass times and health and safety procedures.



Thought for the day to share with your children.....



If we had been in school next week I would have told you all the Parable of the Sower in assembly which is the Gospel reading that we will hear in Church on Sunday.

The story is about how some seeds fell on the edge of a path and were eaten by birds. Some seeds fell on rocky ground and withered in the sun. Some seeds fell amongst thorny weeds and the weeds strangled the good plants. Some seeds though fell on good soil and the plants grew and produced more seeds.

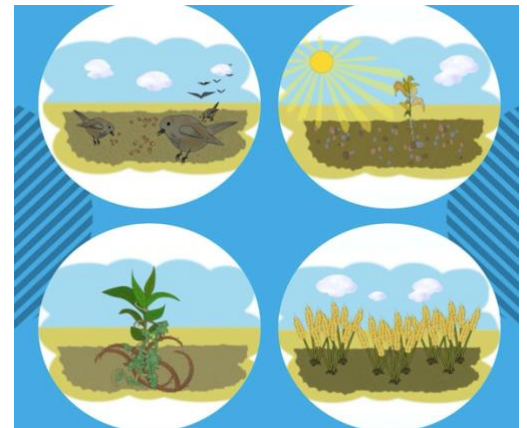
The seeds represent good things from God – particularly the word of God. The soil represents our hearts, and how well we allow God's word to be 'planted' in our hearts.

Jesus told this story a long time ago when He was on earth, so clearly, it's not about the coronavirus! But let's imagine for a moment that it is, and **the seeds are all the good things God has given us.**

The coronavirus felt like **the birds coming in to steal our good things**, keeping us away from school and our friends.

At first maybe we started off enjoying lockdown and it felt fun to be doing schoolwork from home. Maybe we threw ourselves into lots of projects and kept ourselves very busy. But it probably got old quickly and our initial enjoyment and positivity faded. **That's when we felt like the rocky ground where the good things didn't have deep roots.**

Finally, the thorny weeds. As the effects of lockdown became more obvious: adults worrying about their work, school STILL being closed, end of year events that you'd been looking forward to being cancelled etc.



Maybe it felt like all these bad things, these 'weeds' were affecting our ability to see good things.

Jesus is the farmer in this story, who plants good things from God in our lives and the word of God in our hearts.

Jesus wants us to be like the good soil, where the seeds can grow strong and multiply. That means the seed – God's word in our hearts that helps us have faith – can grow!

Jesus knows there will be difficult things in our lives. Things that feel like birds coming to steal our joy, rocky ground where things feel more difficult, weeds strangling our hard work and things we were looking forward to. But no matter what other things are around that we are distracted by, **when we allow Jesus into our lives, our eyes become eyes of faith – and He helps us to see the good things and be thankful for them!**

Stay safe and PLEASE take care. Mrs Ralph