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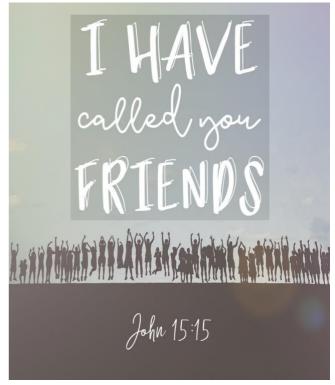
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A new month brings a new school value and this month we are focusing on and celebrating 'FRIENDSHIP'.

I am sure we all know and appreciate how special our friends are to us and during Lockdown I can imagine how hard it has been for the children not to see their 'friends' each day. Transition visits will allow them to see some of their friends again and we look forward to September when we hope everyone can return!

As you are aware Boris Johnson has announced the Government's intention for all children to return to school in their full class groups in September. We were delighted to hear this and are currently working through the guidance on how this is to be achieved as safely as possible. Once we have firm plans in place, please be assured we will communicate these to you as soon as possible.

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. By then, all children will have had their transition session which will prepare them for September.



## INFORMATION ABOUT PLANS FOR TRANSITION TO NEW CLASSES – SEPT. 2020

On Monday, you should have received two letters via SEESAW. The first informed you of who your child's new class teacher will be in September and the second gave you details about the proposed 'Transition Visits' that will take place in the last two weeks of term.

**Timings were included on individual class letters** so please make sure you adhere to the

timings and directions contained in the letter so the visits can be carried out safely. Please make sure you drop children off and collect them from the designated place and be prompt. The dates for the visits are as follows.

Foundation 1 – Group 1 – Monday 6th July

Group 2 - Tuesday 7th July

Foundation 2 - Group 1 - Wednesday 8th July

Group 2 - Thursday 9th July

Year 1 - Group 1 - Thursday 9th July

Group 2 - Friday 10th July

Year 2 Group 1 - Monday 13th July

Group 2 - Tuesday 14th July

Year 3 - Group 1 - Tuesday 7th July

Group 2 - Wednesday 8th July

Year 4 - Group 1 - Thursday 9th July

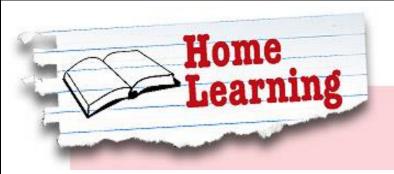
Group 2 - Friday 10th July

Year 5 - Group 1 - Monday 13th July

Group 2 - Tuesday 14th July

Year 6 - Group 1 - Wednesday 15th July

Group 2 - Thursday 16th July



It is amazing to see how hard so many of you are still working at home. Please, please keep it up as we only have 2 more weeks to go until it is the Summer holidays and then you can all have a good rest!

If you haven't already received a new home learning pack then it will be delivered early next week. This is your final 'Home Learning' pack of

the academic year and there are a few extra pieces of work to keep those of you who are eager going over the summer.

Over the Summer, SEESAW tasks will cease as I think everyone (children, parents and teachers) deserve a rest from this. For now though, keep sending in photographs of your work to your teachers so we can see what you are doing.

#### **HOLIDAY DATES 2020-21**

A reminder the holiday dates for the Academic Year 2020 to 2021 are now 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.

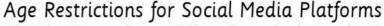


If the above changes between now and September (due to COVID19) we will be in touch with you all.

The children have now missed so much time in school, next 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.

### **Online Safety**

As we increasingly explore the online world for both sources of learning as well as wider communication, I thought I would share this visual reminder of the age restrictions placed on the many social media platforms that are out there. Please do take the time to ensure that your child is



What is the minimum age for account holders on these social media sites and apps?



exploring the online world safely and that you have measures in place to protect and regularly supervise them. The UK's Safer Internet Centre also has an excellent Parents and Carers Toolkit, which you can access by following this link: https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/parent-and-carer-toolkit

# Our new value for July is FRIENDSHIP

Friendships are one of the most important and precious things we can have in our lives. They help to make our lives better. Good friends are people we can laugh with, cry with and just be



ourselves with, knowing that they like us just the way we are. In order to have good friendships we need to show many of the other values of care, cooperation, unity, respect, responsibility, patience and

Life is better with friends:)

appreciation. We must remember to take time to show our appreciation for the good friends we have.

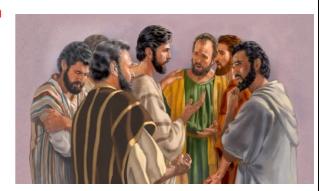
- Good friends help us to feel good about ourselves.
- Friends look after one another and help if you are sad or hurt.
- Good friends are happy for you when you have done something well and take the time to say 'well done'.
- A good friend is there for you when you need them.

Friends will say sorry if they have upset you.
Trust, reening commorcable in each other's company, being able to share joys and sorrows are all features of friendship and these are things of immense value. True friendship enables each person

to grow and ensures that the unique individuality of each person is recognised. All this echoes the value placed by God on the preciousness of each person.

#### John 15: 15

'I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.'



### Why don't you try these values activities at home?



- \* Make a friendship bracelet for someone special using 3 strands of thread twinned together.
- \* Create a "Wanted: Good Friend." poster. What qualities would you look for if you were advertising for a new friend?
- \* Make a gift for a friend to show your appreciation, this could be

a card, a cake or something made out of paper.

- \* Draw a picture of a friend in the star and write all the things you like about them and make them a special friend to you around the outside. Try to think of as many reasons as you possibly can as to why they are a good friend to you, however small they are, they all count.
- \* Create a recipe for friendship. What ingredients will you need?



If you are looking for interesting tasks to do at home that don't involve screen time and electronic devices, why don't you have a go at some of these!

# Non-screen activities you can do at home

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What can you do when there's no school and you're stuck at home? Here are 25 fun ideas to choose from.



How many different words can you make from the letters in this sentence, below? Grab a pencil and paper and write a list! Thank a community hero. Think of someone that helps you in some way and write a short letter to thank them.

Get building!
You could build a
Lego model, a tower
of playing cards or
something
else!

Can you create your own secret code? You could use letters, numbers, pictures or something else! Can you get someone else to try and crack it?

5 Start a nature diary. Look out of the window each day and keep note of what you see. Birds, flowers, changes in the weather, what else?

'Learning from home is fun'

6 Hold a photo session. Use a camera or a mobile phone to take some snaps. What will you photograph? Your pets or toys perhaps?

7 Build a reading den. Find somewhere cosy, snuggle up and read your favourite book!



Use an old sock to create a puppet. Can you put on a puppet show for someone?



Make a list of all the electrical items in each room of your home.
Can you come up with any ideas to use

less electricity?

Design and make a homemade board game and play it with your family.



Do something kind for someone. Can you pay them a compliment, make them something or help them with a task?

Can you create a story bag?
Find a bag and collect items to go in it that relate to a well known story. If you can't find an item, you could draw a picture to include.

List making!
Write a list of
things that make you
happy, things you're
grateful for or things
you are good at.



Design and make an obstacle course at home or in the garden. How fast can you complete it?



Can you invent something new?
Perhaps a gadget or something to help people? Draw a picture or write a description.

16 Keep moving!
Make up a
dance routine to your
favourite song.



Write a play script. Can you act it out to other people?



Read out loud to someone.

Remember to read with expression.



Write a song or rap about your favourite subject.



**20** Get sketching! Find a photograph or picture of a person, place or object and sketch it.



21 Junk modelling! Collect and recycle materials such as yoghurt pots, toilet rolls and boxes and see what you can create with them.

22 Draw a map of your local area and highlight interesting landmarks.



Write a postcard to your teacher.
Can you tell them what you like most about their class?



25 Get reading! What would you most like to learn about? Can you find out more about it in books? Can you find a new hobby?

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