

Dates for the diary.....

Week Beginning 11th November – Anti-Bullying Week

Monday 11th Nov. – Year 6 Trip to War Memorial

Tuesday 12th November – ‘Odd Sock Day’

Wednesday 13th November – World Kindness Day

Friday 15th Nov. – Children in Need - £1 Donation

Friday 15th November – Year 4 Class Assembly – 3pm

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An Idea of Truth



Hello everyone, it is wonderful to be back in the full swing of the 2nd half term of the Autumn and it has begun in exactly the same way it finished at the end of our first half term. The children are so motivated, engaged and enthused by their learning and it is great to see them enjoying being in school. This motivates all of the adults around them too as their enthusiasm is so infectious. I have loved my Friday ‘Afternoon Tea’ time with the children where I have had the opportunity to hear about what the children are learning in their classes.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE....On the Fridays leading up to the Christmas Fayre, we will be having our usual non-uniform days so we can ask for donations towards the Fayre. Thank you in advance to all those who give so generously.

Friday 15th November - £1 donation

Friday 22nd November – Sweets

Friday 29th November – Cakes, Biscuits and Sweets



HOME LEARNING.... Miss Mackin was delighted with the quality of the Year 3 homework that has been brought into school this week. The children have done some fantastic research into their new History topic about the ‘Vikings’. Thank you to all the parents who have supported the children with this work. Keep it coming!



On Monday, YEAR 1 had a super ‘History’ themed day with a specialist History teacher who came into school to help them learn all about Victorian times. They compared Victorian school days with our own and investigated Victorian artefacts. The children used their detective skills to guess what different artefacts could be used for and were amazed with some of the answers!



GENERAL REMINDERS.....WE ARE SELLING POPPIES IN SCHOOL NEXT WEEK.

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week and we will be marking the week with a number of different activities led by our School Council.

CAR PARK – Please be considerate of others and park safely!

TRAINERS are not appropriate footwear for school.

All children must have PE KITS for school.

THANK YOU again for your understanding, support and patience regarding the school closure on Wednesday. The Funeral of Bishop Brian was a very important occasion for the Diocese and it was an honour that he chose St Michael’s Church for his Funeral Mass.

ATTENDANCE – Congratulations to Year 6 who win the cakes and Michael Bear this week!

Foundation 1 – 89.0% **Foundation 2** – 96.2% **Year 1** - 91.4% **Year 2** – 93.3% **Year 3** – 90.2%

Year 4 – 97.2% **Year 5** – 89.4% **Year 6** – 98.7%

Our VALUE for NOVEMBER is PATIENCE.....

Patience is the ability to wait, or to continue doing something despite difficulties, or to suffer without complaining or becoming annoyed:

<https://www.values.com/patience> (stories, videos and real life people who display this value)

These websites have some good activities to teach children about patience

<http://www.momentsaday.com/6-activities-to-teach-kids-about-patience/>

<http://meaningfulmama.com/the-patience-game-character-development.html>



If you have *patience*, you are able to not get annoyed, for example when something takes a long time, or when someone is not doing what you want them to do.

This month in school, we will be thinking about things we can do to help us stay patient...

- * Force yourself to slow down. Make yourself speak and move more slowly. It will appear to others as if you're calm – and, by "acting" patient, you can often "feel" more patient.
- * Put it into perspective (is it really important you have/do it now?)
- * Use Empathy to work out how the other person feels.
- * Do something else (distract yourself).
- * Remember, you have a choice in how you react in every situation. You can choose to be patient, or choose not to be: it's all up to you.

Thought for the week.....



This week in assembly we thought about how hard it is to stay 'patient' at times. This half term in school, we will start our Christmas preparations. We get very excited as we think about Christmas and this can be a time when it is very difficult to stay patient! We discussed why it is important to stay patient and what we can do to help us. We watched the advert 'The Long Wait' and thought about how the little boy shows patience and how sometimes things are definitely worth the wait!



There are lots of books linked to the value of patience that we will be sharing in school.

If you ever have any concerns or worries, do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher, Mrs Young, Mrs Bennison or myself.
Enjoy your weekend, Mrs Ralph

