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*'Working Together, Putting Children First within  
our Christian Family'*  
*'Together we care, learn and grow'*

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Certificates**

### **Stars of the week -**

Class 1 – Thomas R – for his independence, especially in his writing.

Class 2 – Paige H for - her amazing effort across all areas of the curriculum. She always has her head down and is working hard. Her work is always presented to the highest standard and her desire to know more is out of this world!

### **Children receiving praise postcards from the headteacher this week –**

Kacie L, Bailey G and Ellie C

Emily W and Sara C

Although we are not holding parents assemblies at the moment we are still celebrating and praising success in our class bubbles. Well done to everyone this week.

### **School lunches next week**

Monday – Fish, chips and peas

Tuesday – Minced beef, gravy and mashed potato

Wednesday – Beef burgers and wedges

Thursday – Sausage in a bun

Friday – NEW Salmon and sweet potato cakes

It has been a delight to see our children learning this week, they have done so with an increasing enthusiasm and resilience. As we move through this half term, we are seeing a great improvement in both the children's learning and their attitude towards school life. I am sure that the teaching staff will tell you all about it in our planned consultations via telephone in the final week of this half term and the first week of the new.

This week, we have had no positive cases of Covid 19 to report and the implications of test and trace have not had any impact on children and their families. For those children that have illnesses not related to Covid 19 - I thank you for your sensible approach to attending school.



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Please can I reiterate the need for social distancing when picking up and dropping off children and extend this to social distancing around the village and the mixing of households. It is vital that we continue to follow guidelines and regulations, the impact of self-isolation on families can be difficult to manage for those who work but also on the sustained education of children.

So, finally, I will leave you with the words of our Director of Public Health for North Yorkshire, Dr Lincoln Sargeant, from a recent press conference and of course please stay safe this weekend.

“We must not fall into complacency. We need to contain the infection, otherwise this will translate into more severe illness and we will begin to see the same patterns we saw in April.

“So we must carry on with those hands, face, space measures - keeping a two-metre distance when we can, washing our hands, wearing a facemask outside when we are in crowded areas. When people are being tested, it is also vitally important that they self-isolate and that they cooperate with the test and trace programme over their contacts.

“This is how we will break the chain of transmission, by playing our part, by making sure that we don't become a player in causing the spread.”

For more information on Coronavirus rates of infection in our local area please follow the link below:

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/coronavirus-data>

## **Class Dojo**

Class Dojo is our online class communication and reward tool, again logins have been sent out. Staff will be adding class updates and information about what is happening in the classroom. You can also send a direct message to the class teacher during this period where we are unable to allow parents into the school buildings. If at any point we move to home learning, this is be a preferred platform for sending work home.

## **Adult learning opportunities**

North Yorkshires Adult Learning and Skills Service is still unable to attend venues to support parents during this time though we do have a strong presence online. I have attached some free family learning courses which may be of interest to your parents and could support some of the work you continue to do. These vary from online safety to children's mental health especially with the impact Covid-19 has had on so many in our communities. Parents/carers can enrol onto these courses by going through the following link:

[https://ebsontrackprospect.northyorks.gov.uk/Page/ProspectusList?search\\_TOPIC\\_operator=Equal\\_s&search\\_TOPIC\\_type=String&search\\_TOPIC\\_value=FAM](https://ebsontrackprospect.northyorks.gov.uk/Page/ProspectusList?search_TOPIC_operator=Equal_s&search_TOPIC_type=String&search_TOPIC_value=FAM)

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## **World Mental Health Day**

Tomorrow is World Mental Health Day 2020 and it is the most important one yet.

This year has been a tough one for us all. The months of lockdown and loss have had a huge impact on our mental health. According to research, we know that more than half of adults (60%) and over two thirds of young people (68%) said their mental health got worse during lockdown. We know that many have developed new mental health problems as a result of the pandemic and, for some of us, existing mental health problems have gotten worse.

Some resources to help find out more about mental health below -

<https://www.mind.org.uk/get-involved/world-mental-health-day-2020/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/collections/life-and-wellbeing/1>

<https://www.annafreud.org/parents-and-carers/child-in-mind/>

## **Reception places for September 2021**

FAO Parents of Nursery Children (born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017)

If you have a child who falls into the age range above they are due to start school in September 2021 and you must apply for a primary school place for them to start in Reception.

Important – you must apply for a school place even if your child has an older sibling at the school or they are attending the nursery attached to the school. You can apply for a Reception place at a primary school for your child from 12 October 2020 and the deadline to submit your application is 15 January 2021. [www.northyorks.gov.uk/school-admissions](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/school-admissions)

## **Parents evenings**

This year to limit close contact our parents' evenings will be held as telephone calls home from the class teacher. These will take place w/c 19<sup>th</sup> October and w/c 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

A reminder please check your child's book bag every night and support them with their reading, it's a great way to spend some quality family time together.

Have a great weekend

Mr Taylor