

# Newsletter



*Happy  
New Year!*

## News from Mr Edwards-Grundy

It has been a joy to welcome your children back into school this week. Walking around the school, it has been wonderful to see smiling children engaging in all kinds of learning.

Our Value of the Month for January is Justice. In Collective Worship we will be thinking about the difference between restorative and punitive justice. Children instinctively understand about justice, they recognise that there must be consequences for actions, but they also desire and practise forgiveness. This week we will be exploring how forgiveness and consequences run side by side, not only in our daily lives, but also in the Bible.

When thinking about justice it is good to start by remembering that we have all been created equal before God and have the right to be treated with dignity and respect. Sometimes, especially when we have been hurt, it is all too easy to lose sight of this essential truth and to focus entirely on punitive justice. Restorative justice is often much harder and focuses instead on dignity, respect and enabling everyone to rebuild and start afresh.

Our Bible verse for this month comes from one of the short and lesser-known books of the Bible, Micah:

*“And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.” Micah 6 verse 8*

In Collective Worship during January, we will be returning to this verse time and again. We will be thinking carefully about what acting justly might mean in our relationships at home and in school but also in the much bigger arenas of caring for our world and buying Fairtrade chocolate!

Justice is very complex. It is important for your children to learn, and ourselves as adults to re-learn, that our decisions and actions have consequences. We cannot simply behave as we wish. However, we all also need to learn the importance of forgiveness, of having our mistakes forgotten, and starting anew.

I am really looking forward to considering Justice with your children this month and to exploring and refining my thinking with them about what justice means for us as a school community.

## Welcome back

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Naomi Rowlands back to school after her period of maternity leave. Many of the children the younger years of the school will be working with Mrs Rowlands as she will be covering teachers' PPA time. Mrs Rowlands will, in the main, be teaching RE.

All children will also get the chance to see Mrs Rowlands online, as she will be leading some of our Collective Worship times, especially when we are not able to meet face to face as a large group.

## Welcome!

The Christmas holidays brought the most precious of gifts to Miss Main and her partner James. In the early hours of 30<sup>th</sup> December, they welcomed Flora into the world.

Flora is keeping Miss Main very busy at home and the whole family is enjoying getting to know one another better. No one is sleeping much!

We are really looking forward to when it will be safer for Miss Main to bring Flora into school – we can't wait to meet her.



## News from around the school

This week has seen the introduction of our new menu and a change to the way that meals are ordered. Thank you to everyone who remembered to fill in our online form and to the children for adapting to having a coloured wristband to 'swap' for their school dinner.

Everything has worked smoothly this week and children have been really enjoying the new menu. Look out for the link each Monday to order meals for the following week.



Thank you to our kitchen team, Margarita, Sadie and Kim who continue to cook for more than half our children every day.

A copy of the menu is available on our [school website](#).