

Newsletter

News from Mr Edwards-Grundy

In Collective Worship this week, we pulled together all of our thoughts on Goodness, but we also spent some time reflecting on the Values that we have considered throughout the year.

To shape our thinking we used a quote from the former South African Archbishop, Desmond Tutu –

'Do your little bit of good where you are, it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.'

Personally I find that short quote a real encouragement, and I think it was for the children too. When we are faced with the enormity of life's challenges, or when we feel insignificant and powerless, we should not lose sight of the impact that our little bit of Good can do.

It is a real encouragement to us all to keep going with our little bit of Good, because if we don't give up, we will surely make a difference to those around us and they in turn will be encouraged to do Good to those around them. It reminds me of one of my favourite poems, it's by Spike Milligan –

Smiling is infectious, you catch it like the flu.
When someone smiled at me today, I started smiling too.
I passed around the corner and someone saw my grin.
When he smiled I realized I'd passed it on to him.
I thought about that smile, then I realized its worth.
A single smile, just like mine could travel round the earth.
So, if you feel a smile begin, don't leave it undetected.
Let's start an epidemic quick, and get the world infected!

I think the same is true of Goodness, if we each do our little bit, it becomes contagious, the person who receives our Goodness then passes it on to someone else. Little by little Goodness travels, and could indeed overwhelm the world.

It was a real joy to hear your children reflecting on the Values that we have considered this year – they have amazing memories! Your children could remember the challenges that they set themselves through the year and it was clear that many of them have been making a conscious effort to continue to practice a Value long after it has ceased to be our Value of the month.



As always during Collective Worship, we celebrated children who over the past week we have noticed trying particularly hard to live by our Values.

A huge well done this week to all our children who showed courage as they visited their classrooms for next year, getting to know new teachers and making new friends.

Sports day

On Monday, we are holding a whole day of sports! Our children in Years 4, 5 and 6 will have their sports day in the morning (starting at 9:15am) and children in Reception and Years 1, 2 and 3 will have theirs in the afternoon (starting at 1:30pm).

Parents, grandparents, friends and siblings are all welcome to come and watch. Please be aware that following all the very hot and dry weather that we have had of late, the field has a number of potholes, so please wear suitable footwear.

End of term events

Wednesday 9th – Year 6 Viking Day

Wednesday 9th – Reception presentation, 5:30pm

Wednesday 9th (am) – Year 1 wedding

Thursday 10th – The Blake School is alive with the sound of music (2pm)

Tuesday 15th – Reception Trip to the Cotswold Wildlife Park.

Thursday 17th – Leaver's service at St Mary's Cogges, (2pm)

Thursday 17th – Year 6 party at 6pm

Tuesday 22nd – Term ends for everyone (1:30pm)
No ABC after school.

It would really help us if you could make sure that all outstanding debts on ParentPay, other than the Quinta residential, are cleared by the end of term.

The new academic year starts on Wednesday 3rd September. Please do check out our [term dates](#) on our website for more details. Holidays should

Parent/Carer Survey

Our survey will close next weekend. If you would like to feed back to us on any aspect of school life, please do make time to [complete the survey](#) as soon as possible. Thank you!

Music!

We have loved hearing some of our musicians play during our Friday Collective Worship time, we know that many of our children have felt inspired to start learning an instrument as a result.

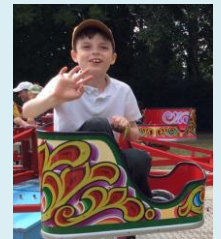
If your child would like to learn an instrument, we have music teachers coming to school to teach brass, guitar, violin, flute and piano.

If your child is interested in piano lessons, please contact the school office. If your child is interested in any other instrument, please contact the [County Music Service](#) and they will advise you regarding lessons.



News from Around the School – our school fete.

A huge thank you to The Friends for all their hard work in organising and running the school fete. It was a wonderful time to be together as a community. Thank you for supporting the event both with your donations and by attending on the day.



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