

# Newsletter

## News from Mr Edwards-Grundy

This week in Collective Worship we pulled together all of our thinking about our Value of Love. Together we read the story 'Children of the King', which reminds us that our value is in who we are and not what we do. The King comes to look for those who want to be his children, but when he comes, they are all so busy trying to be ready and to impress him, that they don't notice him. The child who believes she has nothing to offer is however chosen, because she listens, shows love and is kind.

As the children returned to school after the half-term break, it was a good reminder for them that whilst you can work hard and have really high expectations, your true value is actually in the person that you are.

Our school is made up of hundreds of unique individuals, each of them brings something special and different to our community. Some children are terrific and skilled sports people. As our Year 3 and Year 4 parents will discover next week, some children are very talented singers and actors. Some children excel academically.

However, as St. Paul reminds the Church in Corinth, you can do and achieve all sorts of great things, but if you do not have love, then you gain nothing. In fact, he goes further and says that if '[I] do not have love, I am nothing.'

Looking around our school, it is great (and right) to celebrate the achievements of children, whatever they may be, but the children's value and their greatest achievement is in Love. The children who daily endeavour to show love to their classmates and to the adults they encounter give the greatest gift to our school community.

As adults, this is just as important for us to hear as it is for the children. We can so easily get caught up in our business, in trying to prove our worth, or demonstrate our talents, that we forget that the best thing that we can offer is our time and our love. Like the children, we are precious just because of who we are, not because of the things that we have achieved. Perhaps this weekend is time to just sit with that thought and see the difference that it makes.

### Breakfast Club and start of day

We would like to remind all users of our breakfast club that the provision does not start until 7:40am. Breakfast is served until 8:20am.

Doors open to classrooms at 8:40am. Please do not come onto the school site until 8:30am so that children at breakfast club can have some playtime before the start of the day.

Thank you!

### World Book Day

Please don't forget that we are celebrating World Book Day on **Wednesday** of next week.

Your child can come to school dressed as a character from a book, or they can bring a book with them.

In school, children will be looking at books in the animal series by Rachel Bright – your child may therefore choose to dress as one of the characters from her books.

## News from Around the School

This week, the children in Year 3 have produced some amazing homework. They had been challenged to create a pyramid. Their work shows real care and creativity. Well done Year 3!



Mrs Hayes has been showing the children's work all around the school – she is very proud of their designs and all the different ways that the children approached the task and shared their work!

## More News from Around the School

During our PE lesson this week, the children in 4MR had to work as a team to get a small ball to travel along pieces of drainpipes, until it reached the finish line. There was much excitement, discussion, challenge and strategizing involved!



## Even More News from Around the School

Children in Years 4 and 5 are benefitting from external cricket coaching this term. Everyone really enjoyed the first sessions this week.



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