

Newsletter

News from Mr Edwards-Grundy

When we came together as a school community on Monday morning for Collective Worship it was Blue Monday! Blue Monday is a media construct, which suggests that the third Monday in January is the gloomiest day of the year. Apparently, we are depressed by the weather, our New Year's Resolutions have failed, the Christmas credit card bill has arrived, and our motivation is low!

Given that our Value for the Month is Hope, we enjoyed spending some time at the start of Collective Worship thinking of alternative names for the day, including 'Marvellous Monday' and then reflected together why we can celebrate a Marvellous Monday rather than despondently facing a Blue Monday.

We began by remembering Summer's courage as she faced her fear climbing the crag during the Year 6 Quinta residential. Summer had to put her trust in the rope, which was stopping her from falling.

Many of us may feel that we are facing a very real 'Blue Monday' as we manage our own unique challenges and like Summer we will have to decide in what or whom we place our trust. When Summer was climbing, she had to trust in the rope but also needed someone else to hold the end of the rope, only as someone held the rope was she safe from falling.

Our Bible reading, from Psalm 121, helped remind us of where Christians place their hope

'I look to the mountains, where does my help come from?

My help comes from the Lord, maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot slip, he who watches over you will not slumber...

The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and for evermore.'

The Bible is clear that God is a source of hope, in whom we can trust. God holds our rope, it is he that will keep us from falling. It is for that reason that Christians can have hope, even on a Blue Monday.

Values Awards

As part of Collective Worship each week, it is always a joy to celebrate children who have shown our Values over the past week. As a community, we hope that week by week each of us is growing in our Values and bringing a little bit more of Heaven on earth. Congratulations to every member of our community who, whatever their personal challenges, is nonetheless choosing to live by our Values.



News from Around the School

The children in Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed their gymnastics PE lesson this week with Mrs. Bishop and Mrs. Wheeler.

They learned how to use different points of balance, to travel in between positions and how to develop routines. They showed fantastic listening, teamwork and creative skills throughout. Roll on next week's lesson!



If you want to find out more about what your child is learning in school, please look on the Year group pages of the school website.

Curriculum plans for the remainder of this term (through to Easter) will soon be available there.

School Lunches

Our new school lunch ordering system is working well in school and we know that many of you are benefitting from being able to check each day whether or not you have ordered a meal for your child.

As you can now order meals right through to half-term, reminders are no longer being sent out, so if you prefer to order week by week, please do set up your own system for remembering to place your order.

Before you order any further meals, please make sure that you have cleared your debt for any meals ordered before the Christmas break. Any new amount you pay will be used to clear the debt before it is used to pay for new meals. This can result in meals you think you have ordered and paid for 'dropping off' your order and your child not having a meal ordered.

Many thanks for your ongoing support with this new system. If you are continuing to experience any difficulties, please contact the school office.

100 club

The draw has taken place for the 100 club for this month.

The lucky winner was ticket holder number 27, Elizabeth Wiltshire, mum to Thomas in Year 1

We hope Elizabeth enjoys spending her winnings on something special.

Diary dates

2nd February - Early Years and Year 6 weights and measures.

9th February - Year 4 trip. Please pay via ParentPay and return your signed permission slip.

7th February afternoon and 8th February evening - Year 5 performances.

Mid-year reports will be sent home during the last week of this term.

End of term – Friday 10th February.

Back to school for everyone – Monday 20th February 2023

Headlice

Unfortunately, headlice are a fact of life in a primary school, but we know that they cause distress and discomfort to many, as well as being expensive in terms of treatment. Please click on the image below for lots of useful information about how to treat headlice successfully. Do check your child's hair for lice regularly and if you find any signs of the lice or their eggs, please treat.



Winter PE kit

Please make sure that your child has suitable PE kit in school for all weathers.

During the winter months, children need to have joggers and a warm jumper as well as shorts and a T-shirt.

PE kit should be kept in school at all times.

Please also make sure that your child has a warm coat with them at all times – children are outdoors for playtimes except in very extreme weather.