



Dear Parents,

This week we have been continuing to focus on our Christian Values of Endurance, Responsibility and Resilience in school. During our Collective Worship we have also been thinking of ways we can help ourselves and each other when we are finding things difficult. This is having a cuddle with your Mum or Dad; spending time with your pet; going for a walk/scooter/bike ride; reading a book; talking to your friends and lots more. Last week we also talked about Black History Month and the amazing story of Rosa Parks. There is an excellent Horrible Histories song which the children really enjoyed dancing to! As we cannot sing in school at the moment, each day during Collective Worship, we have a period of reflection time to think about our learning. The children, and adults, really enjoy a few minutes of quiet time in a busy day.

Learning This Week

The Polar Bears class have been printing with circles using the artist Wassily Kandinsky as their inspiration. Emily, Martha and James shared their finished pieces with the other classes on Friday afternoon. The children explained that they had tried to make their printing look like representations of the planets to go with their project learning.

The Leopards class have been creating story maps based on the characters of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. They have now turned their maps into stories. The other classes were amazed to see how much Vinnie, Sophia and Bradley had written – more than a page for their finished stories!

White Tigers class had been writing postcards as if they were evacuees to their families at home, this was inspired by their book, 'Letters from the Lighthouse'. James, Danny, Harry R, Scarlet and Ava J read their postcards out and explained how it linked to their learning about WWII.

Pandas class have been continuing to create log books in the style of Charles Darwin, staining the pages with tea and using their excellent subject knowledge to create pages about finches and other aspects of their learning related to adaptation. Niamh and Chloe shared two excellent examples from their books.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

OCTOBER

20th/22nd – Parents' Evening via Zoom

21st Oct – Flu Vaccination

22nd Oct – end of half term

23rd Oct – INSET (staff training)

26th – 30th Oct – half term

NOVEMBER

Week beg 16th Nov – Anti-Bullying Week

DECEMBER

4th – Polar Bears Visit to Church

17th Dec – end of term

18th Dec – INSET (staff training)

JANUARY

4th Jan – start of term

FEBRUARY

15th – 19th Feb – half term

MARCH

31st March – end of term

APRIL

1st April – INSET (staff training)

19th April – start of term

MAY

Week beg 10th May – Y6

SATs & Christian Aid Week

26th-28th May – Year 5/6 Residential

31st May – 4th June – half term

JUNE

7th June – start of term

JULY

21st July – end of term



Sports Ambassadors



Mrs Eaton is doing a great job taking care of PE while Mrs Botham is still on maternity leave. Her class took part in a sports event in school on Friday called 'Active English/Maths' which the children really enjoyed. We are still entering sports events over each term as we did previously although this are not at any other venues this term or involving any other schools due to the coronavirus restrictions. Carres Outreach have done a brilliant job of creating alternatives!

Next half term, each class will have a Sports Ambassador who will set sporting challenges for their class to try out during break times and lunchtimes. White Tigers class have already chosen William M as their ambassador.

Poppy Collection



We have received the box of poppies and poppy-related items in school this week which the children can purchase if they would like to support the British Legion charity. We are not allowing the children to touch anything they are not buying and are asking them to bring items home once purchased unless attached to their clothing. They are asked to wash their hands after touching coins. We have paper poppies available for a donation (although we are suggesting at least 20p), these have pins with them but we will not be distributing these for obvious reasons! We also have snap bands for £1.50; poppy reflectors and zip pulls for 50p and wristbands for £1. I am suggesting one item per child until everyone has had a chance to purchase something then they can buy more later. The box will be in school all week and after half term. Many thanks for supporting this brilliant charity.

Fitness Profiling

Carres Outreach who support us with the development of sport across school will be visiting us on Thursday again. They will be carrying out Fitness Profiling as they do each year. This helps us to identify any particular year groups, gender or individuals who may benefit from additional opportunities to engage with sport and also for us to target funding where it is most required. They carry out a series of activities and measure progress of all children in school.

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Results are only shared with our school and recorded in a confidential manner. We assume everyone is happy for their child to take part in this unless you let us know otherwise. The children generally love this opportunity for additional PE!

Parents' Evening

Hopefully you have managed to book your Parents Evening appointments successfully and have received the Zoom codes for each class and evening. There are four opportunities over the two evenings, to see our new maths scheme, PowerMaths, in a bit more detail and find out about how our learning has changed this term.

Road to Tokyo

Our Road to Tokyo challenge is underway! This is an event for everyone in school to take part in. The aim of this challenge is for our school to work as a team and cover the **5855 miles** from Carre's Grammar School to Tokyo. Staff and children can use different methods of being active to build up the school's total. This can be anytime, anywhere as long as the distance is recorded and uploaded to the Microsoft form attached. The idea is to be able to inspire the children to want to go outside and exercise and have better overall health for the future by building healthy habits. To enter from home as any of you can, simply record your journey using the link below. The form is open now. This is not a race. We would like to see great examples of self-belief and determination to reach a goal as a team, regardless of how long it takes you to get there!

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=4I_ewOP1L06Lz_HFSzjyi0fKIOtWtvhGse87nNu9SDBUNIRGN0IGVkywQU01N09NVExTMIIVN09YNC4u

Pandas class have added over 70 miles to our total this week during their PE lesson. Mrs Eaton has added to it with her mud run over the weekend too. Keep going everyone!

Litter Pickers Extraordinaire!

Charlotte and Lottie in Pandas class are continuing with their weekly litter pick. Last week they reportedly collected two bin bags full of rubbish on the road from the village out to the A17. What a brilliant effort girls, well done. This has been coupled with Jack and Bradley carrying out litter picking duties around the village of Caythorpe this last weekend, worryingly they apparently filled half a bin liner within 40 minutes, good work boys!

Staffing News

This coming week will see Mrs Hutchinson, dinner supervisor and teaching assistant (until July 2020) finally hanging up her apron after 15 years of being part of our school. We wish her well in her retirement and thank her wholeheartedly for her kindness and dedication to all the children – and there are many – who have been in her care. We will miss her willingness and caring nature. Currently, we have additional dinner staff, including myself, to cover lunches taking place in classrooms, we also have Mrs Christine Shepherdson, who is relief staff so that we can manage staffing at lunchtimes to ensure effective supervision.

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Finally, thank you so much for your continued support over what has been a very challenging term. We do appreciate that many of you feel increasingly anxious about the national situation regarding coronavirus, as do the staff. Please can I reassure you that none of us in school are complacent regarding this and are doing our utmost to keep the children safe; staff continue to spend much of their break times and lunchtimes cleaning down equipment and ensuring that practical resources are safe for the children to use.

The school governors have recently visited school to approve our measures and I am in constant contact with the local authority and local health to ensure we are following guidance as closely as we can. The children have been fantastic in their reaction to a different way of being at school and take the hygiene measures very seriously. We have been really impressed with how well they have adapted to school life again.

Despite the press coverage, we are finding that they are picking up their learning quickly and we are making good progress in helping them to continue with their education as smoothly as possible. This is due in part to the excellent teaching staff we are so privileged to have at our school and to your hard work during the lockdown and continuing support. We hope all of you can enjoy some rest and relaxation over the half term holiday – the children certainly deserve it too!