



Dear Parents,



We have used the theme of 'one kind word' from Anti-Bullying Week across the whole school this week, thinking

about how our words have an impact on others. We have used this week to reinforce our definition of bullying, using the word 'S.T.O.P.' to help us which reminds us: Several Times On Purpose'. Being unkind once doesn't necessarily mean bullying but we have been clear that this can lead to bullying which is why none of us in school, adults or children, will allow this to happen.

Young Voices

Parent tickets that were requested have now been ordered for the Young Voices event on 7th January. These will be sent to us nearer the time and in turn will be set up for payment via your Parentpay account prior to distribution. Thank you very much.

Responsibility

Our Christian Value this term is 'responsibility'. We have learnt about this through the theme of climate change, Remembrance Day and Anti Bullying week with reference to a Christian perspective on taking care of others.

In the coming week we will focus on personal responsibility. Having spoken to other headteachers, we are not the only school to notice that one of the losses for children during the pandemic is their sense of responsibility. This can be attributed to many things, the loss of normal routines, the removal of responsibilities around school such as delivering resources to others for fear of passing on contamination, the teacher giving children pencils etc. rather than them moving around the room and picking things up themselves. However, we are finding that this is impacting on their learning and their ability to take responsibility for a range of things.

Dates

NOVEMBER

24th – Pandas Class Trip to Lincoln Central Mosque
26th – PTA Treat Day
29th – Good Lookin' Cookin' taster session – **Netball Club Cancelled!**

DECEMBER

3rd – Football Qualifiers*
6th – Film Club
8th – Whole school trip to Pantomime
15th – Christingle Service at Church (4pm) **CANCELLED by St Helen's Church**
17th – Last day of term; Christmas Service at Church, 9am

JANUARY

7th – Young Voices, Sheffield
21st – Game of Actual Life – Pandas Class

MARCH

29th / 31st – Parents' Evenings

MAY

9th - 12th – Y6 SATs tests
18th - 20th – Year 5/6 Residential

JULY

22nd – end of term

*small number of children participating – separate communication to be sent out via Parentmail.



This week we will focus on taking responsibility for our personal items, e.g. if you have lost your jumper/pencil/PE bag, it is your responsibility to look for it first before asking for help. We would like children to take responsibility for tidying their own resources away in the classroom or playground, for picking things up that have fallen on the floor, for finding a pencil when they have lost theirs and most importantly for taking a proactive approach to their learning. We will talk about this in Collective Worship all week. We would be really grateful if you could build on this at home too, by perhaps giving children responsibility for small jobs appropriate to their age. This could be something really simple such as carrying their own items to school, their book bag, water bottle etc. Or by asking them 'do you need to take anything special today?' rather than automatically giving them £1 for Children in Need. Maybe it could be giving them responsibility for putting washing in the machine, or helping with the recycling. However, small the job, we feel that this creates a sense of belonging, community and ultimately a sense of self-worth. We will be rewarding pupils showing responsibility this week using values points and will be highlighting this in all classes.

Class Learning



This week all classes have completed some work on Anti-Bullying Week. Polar Bears class have looked at the effect unkind words have on our feelings, using a paper heart to show this. Each time something unkind is said it leaves a crease in the paper to show the effect of this. They have tried to fix it with kind words but found that the creases still remain! A useful lesson!

The Leopards and White Tigers classes have used the Pixar film 'Birds on a Wire' to explore the feelings of others when they are left out of a group.

Leopards class have written speech bubbles of kind words they could use in these situations.

The Pandas class have also used a paper heart to think about kind words they could use to make others feel better.

School Meals



A reminder about our taster session for you and your children to try some of the Good Lookin' Cookin' menu on Monday 29th November, straight after school in the hall. Feel free to come along and have a try!

Please note that Mrs Botham will be cancelling netball in order to join the queue and because she knows many of the children will want to be there too!

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Breakfast Club

A reminder please that Breakfast Club starts at **7:45am**. The staff arrive earlier than this in order to set up the food and activities for the children. Children must wait outside with their parents until staff have turned off the burglar alarm and checked the building is safe before entering. A member of staff will let the children in at 7:45am. Thank you very much for your support with this procedure.

Christmas Nativity

The Polar Bears and Leopards class have already begun rehearsing for their nativity play which is called, Star Shine Star. They will be performing this on the afternoon of Tuesday 14th December and again in the evening at 5:30pm. Ticket information will be sent out separately in due course.

Children in Need

On Friday we raised £66.61 for Children in Need, thank you very much for all your contributions.

Parent Governor

Our new Parent Governor is Mrs Michelle Howard. We look forward to welcoming her onto our governing body and valuing her contributions to our school.



Water Bottles

We still have plenty of coloured water bottles available to purchase, they are £3 each. You can either pay with cash, or if you email enquiries, this can be set up on Parentpay if you prefer.

Active Travel Link Reminder:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=4I_ewOP1L06Lz_HFSzjyi0fKIOtWtvhGse87nNu9SDBUOVhNOU4ySVpDSzBZUEVONVhPRIMyS1BUMi4u

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Values Points and Celebration Assembly

25th Nov	Big Values Awards catch up – all classes
3rd Dec	White Tigers and Polar Bears sharing work Out of school Awards
10th Dec	Pandas and Leopards sharing work Values Awards for all classes
17th Dec	Christmas Service at St Helen's 9am

Parents will be contacted via Parentmail on the Wednesday of the week in which their child will receive a Values Award.