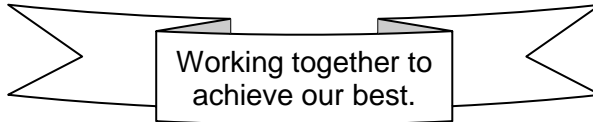




## Newsletter

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Dear parents/carers,

### **Our value this month is peace.**

At school, we have talked to the children about demonstrating peace through positive thoughts about themselves and others. We have discussed how peace is about getting along, being sympathetic to another person's viewpoint and understanding that their own behaviour has an effect on the behaviour of others. Sometimes they may need to ask for adult help to bring a peaceful situation about.

We are asking parents/carers at home to send in a note if they think their child has engaged with this month's value – peace. We will celebrate some of their achievements in assembly (if they are happy with this). Examples might be:

- Demonstrating a willingness to resolve a disagreement by talking and listening.
- Asking for help to resolve a conflict if need be.
- Admitting when they did wrong.
- Being able to take turns so that everyone is happy.
- Showing respect, not just for people, but for animals and the environment.

### **NHS Test and Trace Letter**

Attached to this newsletter is a letter from the NHS giving you information about when you need to be tested as obviously there is a need to ensure that only those who really need a test follow this procedure.

### **Parent/Teacher Consultation Meetings**

In line with our Coronavirus social distancing / safety precautions, we will not be conducting face to face parent / teacher consultation meetings this term.

Instead, we will be offering you a telephone or virtual meeting (via Zoom), spread over a three week period beginning Monday 2nd November.

We realise that you will not have the usual opportunity to see children's work and so we will be sending you a representative sample of writing before your consultation meeting.

Your child's class teacher will be emailing you shortly about this, to ask you to express some preferences regarding the type of meeting you would like and when you would like it. Please note though that we cannot guarantee that we will be able to accommodate everybody.

When you receive the email from the class teacher, we would be grateful if you could email back ASAP, thank you.

### **Tours and Talks**

With this newsletter is a letter for parents of children starting school in September 2021. This year we are following our social distancing precautions and inviting new parents to come and see us in very small group when the school is closed.

## Dates for the Term

As we said previously, there will not be as many events as there are normally although a slightly shorter date sheet is attached with this newsletter.

## Parent Forum

Our parent forum is very important to us because we greatly value the feedback that we get and the opportunity to discuss new and ongoing projects with a sample of our parents / carers.

All our meetings this term are being held virtually and in keeping with that we are planning to hold 2 parents forum meetings this term using zoom. The dates are as follows:-

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 10am  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 7pm

We would love to see our previous parent forum members and any new parent/carers who would like to join us. Could you please **email the school office** as soon as possible if you are able to take part on **6<sup>th</sup> October**. Please indicate which email address you would like to use and we will email a link to the meeting to all parents / carers who express an interest.

(We will collect details from you who would like to attend the November meeting nearer the time).

## Working together to keep everyone safe

We are aware that there are increasing concerns nationally at the moment with regards to Coronavirus and we wanted to reassure you that we continue to do everything we can to look after everyone in school. The children are being very sensible about the regular handwashing and are getting into a routine now with it. We are ensuring that there is regular cleaning during and after school, especially focusing on regularly touched points, such as door handles etc.

I would like to say a huge thank you to the staff who are all working very hard, as a team, to keep all the children and each other safe. I would also like to say a big thank you to all our parents/carers for all your support and patience through these difficult times.

Yours sincerely,

