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Do to others what you would want them to do to you- Matthew 7:12

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Friday 19th November 2021

Newsletter No 5

- Headteacher's Welcome – and thank you
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Dear Parents and Carers

The school is particularly vibrant and fun today with excited children (and adults!) enjoying the great act of service which is Children In Need day. It has been lovely to see the effort people have put in and I am sure we will be able to share a fantastic fundraising total with you via Class Dojo once it's all been counted. Service is our value for this term and also one of our three overarching values, so it is lovely to see our vision lived out today.

We did actually start the week with a whole-school collective worship which explored different aspects of service which then continued with each class exploring the 'big question' of 'What acts of service do we see in our community?' This was an interesting question to explore because we first needed to consider what we meant first by 'community'. I had the pleasure of joining Oak Class for this session and was really impressed with children's contributions around acts of kindness (which tied in with this year's Anti-Bullying Week message), the environment and religious belief. Mrs Seymour has plenty of follow-up questions to explore next week!

Our children sing particularly well, it's so lovely when we're all singing together, smiling and joining in with actions too. As well as enjoying 'This Is Me' from *The Greatest Showman* accompanied by Mrs Jones and Mr Mobey on instruments, and really going to town on The Beatles, we have sung the *iSing Pop!* song 'Thank You' this week to celebrate both service and gratitude. We are really looking forward to our *iSing Pop!* Workshops in school next week.

Thank you to Mrs Baines who has started helping us look after the Library Bus.

Curriculum subject leaders and teams have been doing some important monitoring and planning work around our vibrant, inclusive curriculum this term which has included, but is not restricted to: how oracy is embedded within lessons throughout the school; how children's writing skills develop over a three-week unit; differentiation and pupil engagement in maths; assessment in science; the quality of our history teaching; philosophy for children; continuous provision in EYFS and KS1. I am attending a meeting today with Miss Lund and governors, each of whom is linked to a particular area of our school development plan, to organise how they will provide the next level of scrutiny, challenge and support as we move forward this year.

To aid our ongoing self-evaluation of the teaching and learning, the maths team will be sending home a survey soon so please look out for that.

Covid-19 Outbreak Management Plan

This week, in light of rising cases, you will have received a copy of our Covid-19 Outbreak Management Plan. The local authority has also produced a poster for parents and carers which is included as an attachment. Please have a read of both of these documents and also ensure you are familiar with the following statement that I posted on Class Dojo last weekend.

As Covid cases are now increasing, please can you be extra-vigilant to your child/ren feeling under the weather, vomiting and showing cold-like symptoms, in addition to the usual Big Three Covid symptoms. If in doubt, please keep them off and order a PCR test and keep in close communication with school via the Covid email address: covid@annedwardsprimary.co.uk. Remote learning will be provided for any non-symptomatic children who are well enough to complete it.



You will need to wear a face covering if you come inside the school building, eg for if you are volunteering, to speak to the office staff or for a prearranged meeting.

We are going to put an increased focus on handwashing and sanitising in school as well as some other measures such as staff wearing face coverings around the school and beginning to reduce some of our contacts now to hopefully avoid a complete reduction later on and aiming for our planned Christmas events to not be affected too much.

Please note that I believe the number of cases we have currently to be in line with or less than other primary schools I've had communication with; however, it is prudent that we take some additional steps.

I'm afraid we must consider the possibility of having to reduce some of our planned Christmas events and move others online, which could, unfortunately, include the *iSing Pop!* concerts in the church on Wednesday 1st December and the infant nativity performances on Thursday 9th December. I am currently exploring capacity among the staff and community to produce videos of these events, should we have to perform without an audience. Further details to follow as the situation develops.

Christmas Events

Please remember that I always include key dates in this fortnightly newsletter to help you see things in advance. Teachers and TAs will also use Dojo closer to the time to offer some reminders too. The admin team are going to do some work on the calendar accessible via our school website to ensure it is up to date but also includes timings; you will receive a ParentMail with a web link once this update has been completed.

In the meantime, as we enter one of the busiest periods of the year, please see below summary of expected festive events.

Phase Christmas Parties will happen during the last week of term and will be part of the normal school day and will not require any additional clothing or resources.

All whole School events are subject to our Covid-19 outbreak management plan as well as national and local guidance, and may be subject to change. We will, however, endeavour to provide as much notice as possible.

Event	Date and time	Year group/s	Additional information
iSingPop Concert	Wednesday 1 st December 1.45pm – Concert Starts	EYFS/KS1/YR6	All Hallows Church – Please see the letter sent on ParentMail regarding further information and complete the form for how your child will be collected. Tickets can be purchased via ParentMail for £3.
iSingPop Concert	Wednesday 1 st December – 5.45pm - Children are requested to be in church 6pm – Concert Starts	KS2	All Hallows Church – Please see the letter sent on ParentMail regarding further information. Tickets can be purchased via ParentMail for £3.
PTA Christmas Fayre	Thursday 2 nd December 3pm - Start	All	Please come along and support our Festive PTA Event.
EYFS and KS1 Nativity	Thursday 9 th December Matinee Performance - 1.45pm - Start 4.45pm Children to return to school for evening performance 5pm – Evening Performance Start	EYFS/KS1	Letter to follow shortly regarding individual costume requirements and tickets.
Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner	Wednesday 15 th December	All	£1 donation for Save the Children – Children can come to school in their festive outfits/Christmas Jumpers Please remember to order your child's Christmas Dinner via ParentPay

Church Christmas Service	Thursday 16 th December 9.30am Start	All	All Hallows Church – KS1 parents/carers and any new parent/carers are welcome to attend.
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New Parent/Carer governor appointed

The governing body are delighted to welcome Mrs Jo Hanson to the role of parent/carers governor. Jo has a child in Year 1 and many of you will know her from the community and as the chair of South Cerney Pre-School Playgroup. She will be a fantastic addition to the team. Welcome aboard Jo!

Yours Sincerely



Ian Moore
Headteacher

Key Dates

iSing Pop! workshops	22 nd -24 th November
iSing Pop! Concert (church)	Wednesday 1 st December (KS1 - 1.45pm and KS2 - 5.45pm)
PTA Christmas Fayre	Thursday 2 nd December – 3pm Start
Prayer Space Week	w/c 6 th December
Christmas Jumper Day and Dinner	Wednesday 15 th December
Church Christmas Service	Thursday 16 th December 9.30am – All Hallows Church
Last day of term	Friday 17 th December (1.30pm finish)
INSET Day – school closed	Tuesday 4 th January
First day of term	Wednesday 5 th January
Young Voices concert (Birmingham)	Thursday 27 th January
Heart Start Week	14 th -18 th February including skipping workshops 17 th / 18 th February
Last day of term	Friday 18 th February (3pm finish)
Half term	21 st February – 25 th February
World Book Day	Thursday 3 rd March
Parents' Evening	8 th March and 10 th March
Sports Relief/Comic Relief	Friday 18 th March
Class Photos	Monday 21 st March
YR5/6 Easter Experience	Tuesday 29 th March
Prayer Spaces in Class	Monday 4 th April
YR5 Cycling Proficiency	4 th April-8 th April – 25 th -29 th April
Easter Church Service	Wednesday 6 th April 9.30am
Last day of term	8 th April (1.30pm finish)
INSET Day – school closed	Monday 25 th April
First day of term	Tuesday 26 th April
Art Week	26 th – 19 th April
Bank Holiday	Monday 2 nd May
Yr 4 Braeside residential	4 th -6 th May
Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations	Friday 27 th May
Last day of term	Friday 27 th May (3pm finish)
Half Term	30 th May – 1 st May (3 days)
First day of term	Monday 6 th June
EYFS New parents meeting	Wednesday 15 th June
Sports Day	Wednesday 6 th July
12 th and 14 th July	Yr6 performances to parents
Last day of term	Thursday 21 st July (1.30pm finish) – change of date



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