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Learning and achieving in a caring community

"Do to others what you would have them do to you." - Matthew 7:12

Our special chosen Bible story is the Parable of The Good Samaritan.

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Newsletter No 2

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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this finds you well. It is hard to believe that we are already in the fourth week of this new academic year! We've achieved lots already, including Yew Class hosting our first Open the Book for Parents and Carers last Tuesday and groups of children in Key Stage 2 preparing for our first inter-school sporting event of the year when they will compete in the cross-country tournament at Kingshill this Wednesday. And there's so much more to come!

If you are the parent or carer of a Year 4 child then please come along to our information session about the Braeside residential at 2.30 tomorrow (Tuesday 26th September).

Our School Vision

Last week, we held a Vision Week to help focus on what makes us at the start of a new academic year. Today, Reverend McKenzie and I are going to lead collective worship together to share the children's reflections and responses from last week.

Our *vision* is **Learning and Achieving in a Caring Community**. This is our theologically rooted Christian vision and I am going to write a paragraph to explain this in theological terms to share with you all soon.

Our *Golden Rule* from the Bibles comes from Matthew 7.12. There are many different wordings for this depending on the translation so I asked Revd McKenzie to review this. She has chosen the following wording: **Do to others what you would have them do to you**. This is from the New International version of the Bible, which is the version that is used in All Hallows Church plus also the words from the Youth Bible that we give the Year 6 children when they leave Ann Edwards. We will often translate this into wording for the children such as 'Remember to treat people how you want to be treated'. It would be brilliant if you could reinforce this at home.

Our *special biblical story* is **The Parable of the Good Samaritan** as this is all about treating our neighbours with love, being universal in our kindness and be inclusive to all.

You should see the link between all of these. The Golden Rule and the Parable help us learn and remember how to be a caring community. We are currently exploring with the children what we mean by the 'learning and achieving' part so do feel free to ask about their views on this at home.

Back to your Roots Day

We had initially planned to celebrate our KS2 German curriculum by holding a German Day on Tuesday 3rd October, which is when Germans celebrate Unity Day on the anniversary of the reunification of East and West Germany in 1990. However, we reflected on this and will now instead be holding an enrichment day that we are going to call **Back to your Roots Day** to celebrate every child's heritage. At Ann Edwards Church of England Primary School, we have children and staff with roots in each of the four nations of the United Kingdom plus, to name but a few, Nepal, Fiji, The Republic of Ireland, India, France, Germany, Turkiye and Italy.



To celebrate this, children and staff are invited to wear something to celebrate their heritage on the day - this could be an accessory, clothes in the colours of the national flag, sports kit for that country or full traditional dress. We also invite everyone to bring in traditional food to speak about then eat themselves (to avoid issues around allergies) at morning break. Mrs Rothery and I will kick things off in collective worship in the morning by talking about our own roots as well as showcasing our German curriculum. Mrs Rothery will then make the traditional German dessert Spaghetti Ice Cream with each of our upper key stage two classes; parents and carers of children in 5 and 6 will receive a specific letter about allergens. Children throughout the school will have opportunities to share their roots during the day. We look forward to sharing some of the day's highlights with you!

Children's Personal Belongings

Please remember that children should not bring toys, trading cards or fidgets in from home. We have had a couple of incidents this term where upset has been caused when something has been accidentally broken by another child and a disagreement over football cards. To avoid any continuation or escalation of these issues, children must keep these items at home and use the play equipment provided by school. Some children are supported by sensory toys such as fidgets which will be provided by school and organised by our SENDCo, Mrs Singh.

Safeguarding

To help safeguard children online, I am sending home two helpful posters with this newsletter:

- Online Safety for Under 5s
- What Parents and Carers need to know about Minecraft

Open Morning

We will be holding our annual Open Morning for prospective families on Tuesday 17th October from 9.30 to 11.00. If you have a child due to start school in September 2024 then please do come along, plus also do pass the message along to friends and family.

Did you know?

...That you can find more information about our Wellbeing (formally PSHE and RSHE) curriculum [here](#).

Yours Sincerely



Ian Moore
Headteacher

Our PTA Amazon wishlist can be accessed here: list can be accessed [here](#):

Key Dates:

Braeside information session for Parents and Carers

Back to your Roots Day

Phonics Workshop for Parents and Carers

Yr5 & 6 Trip SkillZone

Parents Evening - Yr1 - Yr6

Harvest Festival Service – All Hallows 9.30am (EYFS Parents)

New EYFS Open Morning 9.30 – 11am

Parents Evening - EYFS

Y6 Residential – Morfa Bay

Y4 Residential – Braeside

Half Term

First day of Term

Open the Book – (Yr5/6 Sycamore Parents) 9am

Y6 Morfa Bay assembly 9am

Children In Need

Open the Book (Yr3/4 Chestnut Parents) – 9am

Tuesday 26th September, 2.30

Tuesday 3rd October

Thursday 5th October, 2.15pm

Mon 9th/Tues 10th/Weds 11th Oct

Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th October

Friday 13th October

Tuesday 17th October

Tuesday 17th and Thursday 19th October

Monday 23rd – Fri 27th October

Wednesday 25th – Fri 27th October

Monday 30th – Friday 3rd November

Monday 6th November

Tuesday 7th November

Wednesday 15th November

Friday 17th November

Tuesday 21st November



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Y4 Braeside assembly 9am
 Whole school visit to Christmas Tree Festival
 KS1 Christmas Production – Dress Rehearsal to pupils
 KS1 Christmas Production

 PTA Christmas Play
 EYFS Nativity
 Church Christmas Service – All Hallows (Y3/4 Parents)
 Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner
 Last day of term
 INSET Day – school closed
 First Day of Term
 Open the Book (Yr3/4 Holly Parents) 9am
 Last Day of Term
 INSET Day – school closed
 Half Term
 Open the Book (Yr2 Birch Parents) 9am
 Scholastic book fair
 Open the Book (Yr1 Bay Parents) 9am
 World Book Day
 Tempest Class Photos
 Comic Relief
 Prayer Space Week
 Parents' Evening
 Easter Service – All Hallows (Yr1/2 Parents) 9.30am
 Last day Of Term
 Easter Holidays
 First day of Term
 Y5 Cycling Proficiency (2 weeks)
 Open the Book (Yr1 Beech parents) 9am
 Bank Holiday
 KS2 SATS
 Open the Book (Yr 5 Oak Parents) 9am
 Experience Pentacost – All Hallows (Year 5 /6) 10am – all day
 Experience Pentacost – All Hallows (Year 5/6) – AM
 Last Day of Term
 Half Term
 INSET Day – school closed
 First Day of Term
 Prayer Space Week
 Y4 Multiplication Check
 KS1 Phonics Check
 EYFS New Parents meeting
 Y6 Leavers Service Gloucester Cathedral
 Open the Book (Apple Parents) 9am
 Armed Forces Day
 Sports Day
 Y6 Dress Rehearsal to pupils
 Y6 Performances to Parents

 End of Year Church service (Yr5/6 Parents)
 Last day of Term
 INSET Day – school closed

Wednesday 22nd November
 Monday 11th December
 Tuesday 12th December (PM)
 Thursday 14th December PM and
 Evening Performances
 Friday 15th December
 Monday 18th December
 Tuesday 19th December
 Wednesday 20th December
 Thursday 21st December (1.30pm finish)
 Friday 22nd December
 Monday 8th January
 Tuesday 16th January
 Thursday 8th February
 Friday 9th February
 Monday 12th – Friday 16th February
 Tuesday 20th February
 Thursday 22nd – 29th February
 Tuesday 5th March
 Thursday 7th March
 Tuesday 12th March
 Friday 15th March – TBC
 Monday 18th – 22nd March
 Tuesday 19th & Thursday 21st March
 Friday 22nd March
 Friday 22nd March (1.30pm finish)
 Monday 25th March – Fri 5th April
 Monday 8th April
 Monday 15th April – 27th April
 Tuesday 23rd April
 Monday 6th May
 Monday 13th – Friday 17th May
 Tuesday 21st May
 Tuesday 21st May
 Wednesday 22nd May
 Friday 24th May
 Monday 27th – Friday 31st May
 Monday 3rd June
 Tuesday 4th June
 Tuesday 4th – Friday 7th June
 Tuesday 4th June – Friday 14th June
 Monday 10th June – Fri 14th June
 Tuesday 11th June 5.45 – 6.45pm
 Wednesday 12th June
 Tuesday 18th June
 Friday 28th June
 Wednesday 3rd July
 Monday 8th July PM
 Tuesday 9th July PM and Thurs 11th
 July Evening
 Wednesday 17th July
 Friday 19th July (1.30pm finish)
 Monday 22nd July