NEWSLETTER 19TH JANUARY 2024

SPRING TERM | WEEK 2

Dear Families,

Happy Friday! We hope this newsletter finds you well and ready for a restful weekend. As we reflect on the past week, we're excited to share some wonderful updates and important information with you.

1. Focusing on Our School Values:

We're thrilled to introduce a new annual project centred around our school values: Friendship, Respect, Hope, Compassion, Trust, and Perseverance. Each child has designed a badge representing one of these values and our final badge designs have been picked, three of which are overleaf and I'm sure you'll agree they are brilliant. Throughout the year, they will focus on embodying and celebrating these principles. We invite you to join us in supporting your child as they explore and embrace these values. Stay tuned for more details on our badge celebrations in future newsletters and more details can be found overleaf about how you can support. Your child will receive a Values Passport on Tuesday next week.

Parents evening: The logistics for parents evenings will be communicated with you next week.

Uniform website now live: as communicated earlier in the week, the website for our new uniform suppliers – SHOTBOWL – is now live and accessible by clicking here. If you need to order any uniform, please contact them directly.

Gate opening time: You may have noticed that the main gates are opening just after 8:45am. Can you please aim for your children being in the school grounds just after this. Classroom doors will open 8:50am. Whilst we appreciate the mornings are dark and cold (!) having the extra 5 to 10 minutes in school really helps to settle the children into class.

Please also take note of the hard work of two of our children who are looking to donate food to a local dogs rehoming centre.

Have a great weekend and we look forward to seeing you all next week.

Best wishes,

Mr Reed

Inspiring all to
"live life in all its fullness"*
so that we may look back
with pride and move
forward with confidence.
*(John 10:10)

Dates for your diary

6th Feb – Parents Evening

8th Feb – Parents Evening

13th Feb – Y2 Trip to Oakham Museum

15th Feb – Woolsthorpe Class Assembly @ 3pm

16th Feb – Break up for Half Term

27th Feb – Start of Term 4

IMPORTANT INFORMATION & REMINDERS

We are a nut free school as we have children who are allergic to nuts. Please remember this when preparing packed lunches or snacks and avoid food containing nuts such as chocolate spread and pesto.

We will be sending completed exercise books home next week, please can you provide a carrier bag for your child on Monday.

If you need to drive to drop off or collect your child, please park with consideration of resident's drives, garages or access to roads. Please remember that parking on zig-zag lines at any time of the day is prohibited to ensure the safety of the children during the busier periods of the day.

PARKING

A gentle reminder to families to not use the staff car park when either dropping children to school or collecting them – this is purely for the safety of the children and staff.

MESSAGE FROM ST JOHN'S CHURCH

St John's church seek to be a welcoming church to everyone. It is important that for their own safety children are always accompanied by an adult. This would also apply when accessing the building outside of services.

St John's Church PCC

ATTENDANCE

Class	YTD %
Belvoir	99%
Belton	98.1%
Rockingham	98.9%
Burghley	96.2%
Woolsthorpe	95.2%
Tolethorpe	94.3%
Hambleton	96.4%

Our overall school attendance this week is 96.9% which is above the national average and we are always striving to be the best that we can be.

Well done to Belvoir Class who won the Attendance Trophy for the second week running with 99% attendance for all.

Thank you for the continued communication and co-operation with the different procedures in place.

STAR OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the children awarded Star of the Week in our Celebration Assembly this morning.



Belvoir	Topher
Belton	Edie
Rockingham	Grace
Burghley	Malia
Woolsthorpe	Matteo
Tolethorpe	Tallulah
Hambleton	Archie





LOCAL EVENTS

Pancake Party!

Crafts, games, drama and songs for all ages
Thursday 22nd February, 10.00 – 12.30 (with lunch)

Ryhall Methodist Church, Mill Lane, Ryhall

Children must be accompanied by an adult. Donations welcome on the day.

To find out more, or to book places, please

email: messychurchryhall@gmail.com

or text/call: 07592 625247











LIVING OUR VALUES EVERYDAY

Embracing Our School Values

We are thrilled to announce the launch of a new project that centres around our core school values. We want all our children to demonstrate and use our six core values, whilst also aiming to 'live life in all its fullness' and to be an active member of our fantastic community. Last week, all our students participated in an engaging activity where they designed badges focusing on one of our six school values: Friendship, Respect, Hope, Compassion, Trust, and Perseverance – each year group was assigned a different value. You can see our winning badge designs below.

How It Works

Values passport: Your child will come home with their 'Values passport' which will explain everything in more detail; if the children demonstrate the value of focus i.e. this term is hope, they earn the badge that has been designed to wear with pride on their school tie, or on their school bag etc.

- •Termly Focus: Every term, our students will concentrate on demonstrating a specific value. We believe that by immersing themselves in these principles, our students will not only enhance their character but also contribute positively to our school community.
- •Support Needed: We kindly ask for your support at home to encourage and guide your children in embodying these values. Simple, child-friendly discussions and activities can go a long way in reinforcing these positive behaviours. Please help with recording in the passport.

Badge Production:

We have been hard at work bringing the winning badge designs to life. The badges will serve as a tangible symbol of your child's commitment to, and demonstration of our values.

Celebrating Success:

Once a child has shown a commendable effort in practising a value (ideas included in the passport,) they will be awarded the corresponding badge to proudly pin to their tie/bag/clothing. These achievements will be celebrated during our daily collective worships/assemblies too.

Looking Ahead: A Year of Values

In the future, we plan to devote each half-term to a specific value, ensuring a well-rounded focus on all aspects of character development. Additionally, we 'resilience' will be a continual value, and we aiming to have some exciting events planned around this.

We sincerely appreciate your ongoing support and look forward to the impact that this will have.



DONATIONS OF DOG FOOD

Ava from Tolethorpe class asked if the school could support Three Counties Dog Rescue centre in Bourne. She has worked hard with Skylar to find out how best we can support them and what they require. They have come up with a plan to collect donations in school and pass onto the charity. A donation box will be placed outside the office doors each morning. Please see the poster for details of what is needed.





Dental Chews - Dog biscuits (Harrington or Bonio) - Tinned dog meat or tripe (Butchers brand) - Schmackos



Please take donations to the school office



Worried About A Child?

Should you have any concerns about a child, please speak to any member of school staff who can, where required, direct you to the relevant people.

Our staff trained to deal with potential safeguarding concerns and worries are:

- Mr A Reed (Designated Safeguarding Lead)
- Mrs D Jesson (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead)
- Mrs C Hicks (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead)
- Mrs E Jagger (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead)
- Mrs L Garwood (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead)