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“Educating for Life In All Its Fullness”

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This afternoon I would like to say a very well done to the following children for really making the extra effort this week to impress.

<u>Class 1</u>
Excellent Early Learners Aminah R Joshua D
<u>Class 2</u>
Wonderful Work: Henley H Brilliant Behaviour: Seb B
<u>Class 3</u>
Wonderful Work: Arthur H Brilliant Behaviour: Edwin K
<u>Class 4</u>
Wonderful Work: Sofia A Brilliant Behaviour: Romy M

Uniform

A really big thank you this week to everyone for looking at the uniform information last week and making improvements where needed. The children looked very smart this week and it would be great to maintain this. Thank you.

Something I didn't mention last week was **Smart Watches**. An increasing number of the children are currently wearing these to school. Whilst we are reluctant to put a blanket ban on them, we are concerned over a few issues.

Firstly their value. We are concerned that losses or breakages of such valuable items could cause upset. Please remember that the children bring things like this entirely at their own risk. School cannot spend lengthy amounts of time dealing with any potential losses and attributing fault.

Secondly, in school they must be used for telling the time only (as a watch). The children must not use any of the 'smart' functions on school premises. All staff and other adults in school have to adhere to strict rules around the use of phones and other such devices for safeguarding reasons. The children must do the same for the protection of themselves and others. There will be a zero tolerance rule on this. Any child caught using, or suspected of using, the smart functions on these devices will not be allowed to continue to wear their device to school.

The safest and simplest thing is not to bring them to school. A simple watch does what it needs to do in terms of helping the children learn about time, but without the connected problems.



Music In Worship – Try Everything.

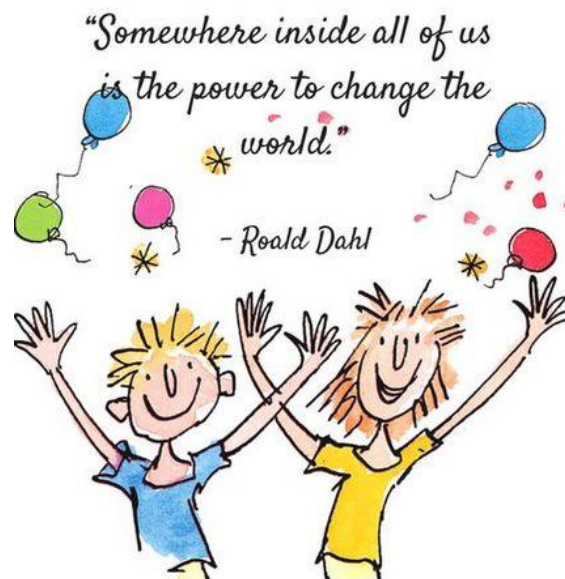
This week's song is called 'Do Something' by Matthew West. This song was inspired by real life events when Matthew West met a girl who had helped orphans in Uganda. When no-one else would help them, she fought for them and when Matthew West asked her what it was that made her fight for these children, she said, "I just kept thinking, 'if I don't do something, who will?'"

Here is the YouTube link for the song: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b_RjndG0IX8

Wellbeing and Positive Mental Health

Over the last couple of years wellbeing and mental health awareness has become quite a hot topic. In school we have put a number of actions in place to raise awareness, reduce any associated stigmas and support where needed. We are keen to support a positive mental state within our community and as a result, diminish the need for support in the future.

Last year Mrs Reynolds successfully completed training to become a Mental Health First Aider. Having this knowledge, and her skills in school, is a fabulous resource to support us all with wellbeing. She has suggested that it would be fabulous to have a 'Statement of the Month' that we can all reflect on, and make us smile. The first is from Roald Dahl and I am sure you will agree that it is a good one to start with.



Events and Dates for this half term – More details of each will be in future newsletters or by separate communications.

Date	Event
WB 7 th February	Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 8 th February	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 10 th February	Y5/6 Girls Football Game
WB 14 th February	Scholastic Book Fair in school
Friday 18 th February	Last day of the half term
Monday 28 th February	Training Day
WB 28 th Feb and 7 th Mar	Parents Evenings
Thursday 3 rd March	World Book Day
Friday 4 th March	D:Side Workshops (Drug Awareness)
Friday 18 th March	Bag2School collection for PTA
Friday 25 th March	Wear a Hat Day (Brain Tumor Awareness)
Friday 1 st April	Last Day of School before Easter

Have a good weekend.

Mr A. Ratcliffe

