



Sedlescombe Newsletter No. 20

WORSHIP THEME - HONESTY Be honest with family and friends

We continue our theme of honesty this week by considering why it is important to be honest with those around us. Children will consider stories in the Bible where people were not honest with their family and friends and the consequences of this. These include Jacob and Esau and Joseph's brothers. We will remember that Jesus teaches his followers to be honest in their speech and to keep their promises. Our Big Questions for you to follow up at home from this theme are: 'Is being dishonest ever

WELCOME BACK

I hope that the children have settled back into the new term well. Last week we told the children about the changes we have made to the behaviour policy in terms of the consequences when children make a mistake or a poor behaviour choice in the classroom. Today we have told them about the changes we are making to both the rewards and consequences at playtimes.

BEHAVIOUR REVIEW

I have attached a double sided summary of the policy for both the classroom and the playground for your information. This will serve as our Behaviour Policy while we trial the changes until the end of the summer term. At this point we will evaluate the success of these changes in improving children's behaviour and encouraging children to make the right choice.

Rewarding children for getting it right is at the heart of the policy. It is hoped that by raising the profile and number of rewards that children will want to make the right choice. In recognition of this some more new rewards have been introduced. There will now be a Party Point Champion from each class each week. The child with the most Party Points in each class, each week will have afternoon tea with me so that I can get to give my attention to the children making the right choices.

We are also introducing Playtime Points to encourage children to make the right choice at playtimes and the class in each Key Stage with the most Playtime Points will earn an extra playtime.

However, children are still learning so will make

mistakes, and will all make mistakes sometimes. It is important that there are consequences when this happens so that children learn from these mistakes and are encouraged to make a better choice in the future. The consequences start with a warning so that children have the chance to change their behaviour and put it right before introducing a consequence. The consequences are centred around the children having Time Out at the time of the poor behaviour choice so it is immediate and to try and break the pattern of behaviour.

In revising the policy we also wanted to make sure that parents/carers were informed when a poor choice is made so that we can work together to support the children in making improvements.

I am hoping that this new policy encourages the children to make the right choice, whilst giving a very clear message about what is not acceptable behaviour at school.

STAFFING UPDATE

Miss Kesper has been successful in securing a new deputy headteacher post for September so will be leaving us at the end of the summer term.

Miss Kesper is moving to a larger school in Eastbourne, which is much closer to her home. This will be a non-teaching post in which she can decide if she would like to progress to the role of headteacher in the future.

I know that she will be very much missed by everyone at the school as she works very hard to ensure that she provides the children in her class with the very best education and to do her best for all the children in the school. I have very much enjoyed working with her since September and shall be sad to see her leave, but wish her all the very best in this move to a new school.

We will be advertising for a new deputy headteacher for September at the end of this week and will keep you updated on how this appointment is going.

GOOD WORK WORSHIP

A reminder that Class Vivaldi is doing their Good Work Worship this Friday at 2:45 pm; family and friends are invited to watch. The following Friday Class Mozart have their Good Work Worship at 2:45 pm in the school hall.

