



# Sedlescombe Newsletter No. 19

## WORSHIP THEME - PATIENCE

We started this week by looking at a Bible story to help us learn about the importance of showing patient. In the story Joseph had been locked in prison and had to show great patience whilst waiting to be freed. This day eventually came when the King was told that he could tell the meaning of dreams. The King had a dream in which there were 7 healthy cows surrounded by luscious green grass and 7 cows who were thin and starving with nothing to eat. In another dream he dreamt of 7 healthy ears of corn and 7 ears of corn that were suffering from not being watered.

The dreams concerned the King but he could not work out what they meant so he sent for Joseph. Joseph told the King that the dreams were sent from God warning the King that following 7 years of great harvest and plenty of food there would be 7 years of famine. Joseph told the King that the people would have to show great patience and save food from the plentiful times for the times of famine. We must learn to be patient.

We also looked at the work of Dalton Ghetti, a Brazilian born artist who makes tiny works of art from the ends of pencils by carving the pencil lead. These miniature works of art take months and sometimes even years to create as he can only work on them for a couple of hours at a time. But he says it helps him to relax and meditate. Here is a link if you want to look at some of his amazing miniature creations:

<http://www.daltonghetti.com/shop.aspx>

## START OF DAY ROUTINE

At our termly governors' meeting on Monday evening the parent governors informed me of some concerns that parents have about the new gates not opening until 8:40 am each morning. The concerns were that:

- Children do not get an opportunity to play with their friends before school which can be a useful transition for some children
- Opening the gates later is making parking worse as parents are trying to arrive in a narrower time frame so there are more cars arriving at the same time
- Parents are also parking dangerously making it more dangerous for children waiting for the gate to open and walking to school
- Some children are being left unattended which makes parents feel uncomfortable and worried

about who is looking after them

It was really useful that these concerns were raised on behalf of parents as I was not aware of these issues. I have listened and reflected on these concerns as we do not want to put our children at increased risk by opening the gates later and equally we do not want children to be left unattended on the playground without a teacher on duty.

Having heard the concerns I am going to make the following changes to our morning routine:

- The outer gates will open at 8:35 am so that parents can come into the school grounds and are not lining up by the road.
- The gates to the playground will then be opened at 8:40 am when the teacher on duty comes onto the playground. This teacher will then be available on the playground and stand by the playground gate to ensure children who have been left do not try to leave. Children will then also be able to socialise with their friends before the bell is rung.
- The bell will be rung at 8:45 when all children should begin entering the school building. The member of staff on duty will then go to the main school gate to meet and greet pupils as they arrive at school.

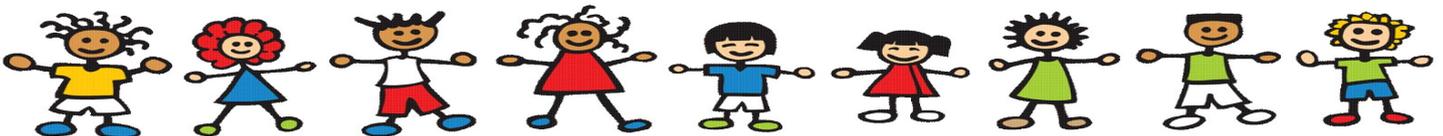
We will review these arrangements at the end of the term to see if this has addressed the concerns raised. Do let me know when I am on the gate if this is helping. If not we will then review the situation again. Please remember we are always here to listen to your concerns and get feedback on how things can be improved and what is working well.

## PARKING

This has been really bad recently and having listened to your concerns about the gate I would please ask that all parents take on our concerns about parking. A reminder that unless you have a blue badge no one should be driving down past the entrance to the carpark and there is no parking in Streetlands.

Thank you for your understanding with the later opening today. This gave us longer to clear the paths and make sure the children could get in safely.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.



# Wonderful Weekly News

★ Star Workers 
<b>Mozart:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christopher</li> <li>• Layla</li> </ul>
<b>Van Gogh:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cain</li> <li>• Luca</li> </ul>
<b>Lowry:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lisa</li> <li>• Jasper</li> </ul>
<b>McCartney:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daniel</li> <li>• Holly</li> </ul>
<b>Da Vinci:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beau</li> <li>• Kian</li> </ul>
<b>Picasso:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ben</li> <li>• Rosy</li> </ul>
<b>Vivaldi:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Angelica</li> <li>• Lily S</li> </ul>

★ Star Writers 
<b>Mozart:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lydia</li> </ul>
<b>Van Gogh:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beau</li> </ul>
<b>Lowry:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nathaniel</li> </ul>
<b>McCartney:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sophie</li> </ul>
<b>Da Vinci:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aubrey</li> </ul>
<b>Picasso:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Raya C</li> </ul>
<b>Vivaldi:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Archie</li> </ul>

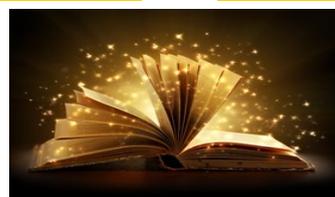
 Maths Wizards 
<b>Mozart:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ava</li> </ul>
<b>Van Gogh:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kaydon</li> </ul>
<b>Lowry:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sam</li> </ul>
<b>McCartney:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Logan</li> </ul>
<b>Da Vinci:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Frankie</li> </ul>
<b>Picasso:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Faith</li> </ul>
<b>Vivaldi:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jake</li> </ul>

Party Point Champions	
<b>Van Gogh</b>	<b>Da Vinci</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maisy</li> </ul>
<b>Lowry</b>	<b>Picasso</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arthur</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Millie</li> </ul>
<b>McCartney</b>	<b>Vivaldi</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tabitha</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Isabelle</li> </ul>
<b>KS1 Playtime Champions</b>	<b>KS2 Playtime Champions</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lowry</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vivaldi</li> </ul>
<b>Congratulations</b>	

Gold Book Awards for Outstanding Work
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ellis Yfor his amazing use of inverted commas when writing a dialogue. Also for the detail that he added to create effect.</li> </ul>

**Attendance Award**

★ **Picasso** ★



**Congratulations Everyone**