



Sedlescombe Newsletter No. 17

WORSHIP THEME - New Beginnings

This week in worship I found an unopened Christmas present that I opened in front of the children. Once it was opened there was a box filled with lots of bits of paper. On each piece of paper was a message which included; 'I will eat fewer sweets and less chocolate', 'I will do more exercise', 'I will say more kind words'. There was quite a long list of 10 things that I should be doing. I asked the children what they thought these instructions were and they told me that they were New Year Resolutions, things that I should try to do more of.

Usually when I do New Year Resolutions they are things that I shouldn't do or should give up, such as 'Don't eat chocolate'. These are very negative and as soon as I eat chocolate I give up and feel that I have failed. These were positive achievable goals, eat less chocolate is much more achievable than not eating it at all. We thought about resolutions as things which are achievable positive changes. What positive difference can you make?

INCREASED COVID CASES

We currently have an increasing number of COVID cases in school and we are monitoring this situation carefully and taking precautions to try and limit the spread. This includes additional cleaning in the affected classes and keeping some classes in bubbles so children are not mixing classes.

We know this is a worrying time for parents, but children who are well do still need to attend school. We are not allowed to authorise any absences because you do not wish your child to come to school because some children have tested positive.

As children are not being contacted by Track and Trace when they are close contacts of children at school I have made the decision to e-mail parents letting them know that there has been a case in their child's class and therefore it is important to be vigilant and to test daily. I feel that this will help parents to look for signs and symptoms and to be aware if your child is feeling unwell that they may have been in contact with a child who has COVID. Again we hope this will help to keep you informed and help us all to work together to limit the spread as much as possible.

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION OUTCOME

I am pleased to be able to announce that the candidate with the most votes in our parent governor election was Beverley Coupar and once references have been checked she will be appointed as the new Parent Governor at Sedlescombe school. It is hoped that she will be able to join us at our next meeting on Monday 31st January.

Thank you to Peter Winchester and Emily Christy who also stood for election. As both have skills that would support the LGB we have recommended them to DCAT to be considered as business and community governors.

LITTER PICKING CHAMPION



This week I have been so impressed by Honey in Y1 who asked her parents to buy her a litter picker as she wanted to pick up the litter in the village. She spent last weekend going around Sedlescombe and visiting the Beach picking up litter and filled two bin liners with rubbish she found. This week after school she has also been walking around the village and outside school picking up litter and has now filled 7 bags with rubbish!

When I thanked her in school and asked her why she wanted to do this she said, "because I want to look after God's world and I want other people to look after it too." What an excellent example of putting our school values into action outside of school. Well done and thank you Honey.

Wouldn't it be lovely if we could all be inspired by Honey's efforts and even if we can't go out litter picking we commit to making sure that our litter goes in the bin and that we are not littering God's World.

INSET DAY

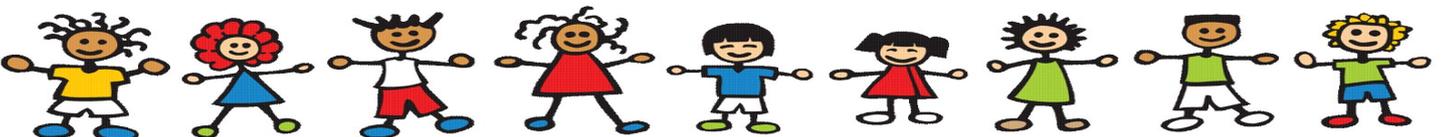
We have finalised the plans for our last INSET day this year which will have a safeguarding and behaviour focus. This will take place on Tuesday 19th April straight after the Easter holidays. Please add this date to your diary.

SCHOOL PHONE NUMBER

Please be aware that our school phone number is 01424 870585 and that this is the only number that you can dial into the school office on. When you dial this number you should get a choice of options to select from to allow you to talk to the correct person.

You may get a call from an alternative number as we have two lines that we can dial out on, however this number does not take incoming calls. If the phone just rings you are calling the wrong number. We know this has caused some confusion.

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend and that the sun continues to shine.



Wonderful Weekly News

 Star Learners 
Reception: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mia Oli
Year 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Darcey Sapphire
Year 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Charlie Erin M
Year 3: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amelia Sophie H
Year 4: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Caleb Joe
Year 5: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coral Jacob
Year 6: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Violet Coby

 Star Writers 
Reception: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harry
Year 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> William
Year 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lily
Year 3: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ava
Year 4: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rege
Year 5: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christopher
Year 6: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Iris

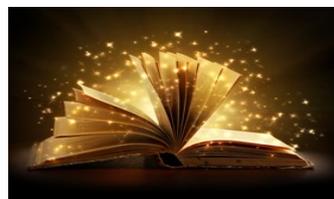
 Maths Wizards 
Reception: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arthur M-T
Year 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Villy
Year 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Esme C
Year 3: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Henry
Year 4: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Layla
Year 5: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tamzin
Year 6: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joshua

Party Point Champions	
Year 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ayda 	Year 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rudy
Year 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bella 	Year 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jacob
Year 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Isaac 	Year 6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Luke
Congratulations	

Gold Book Awards for Outstanding Work
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Honey (Y1) for being a great guardian of our planet picking up litter in our local environment. Christopher (Y5) for working really hard on his Egyptian newspaper article and publishing it to a very high standard.

Attendance Award

Year 5

Congratulations Everyone

