



Sedlescombe Newsletter No. 03

WORSHIP THEME - Thankfulness The importance of sharing

This week we have been building on the idea that being thankful for what we have can make us happier to the idea of how sharing what we have can also make us happier.

This week we have read the story Stone Soup. The story is set in China and three monks visit a town where no-one comes to say hello or to offer them any help. Instead everyone shuts themselves in their homes. In this village everyone keeps themselves to themselves, but no-one seems very happy.

The three monks decide to make a special recipe called Stone Soup to teach the village an important lesson. A little girl in the village is curious and comes to help. She offers to get a bigger pan from her house and other people in the village start to get curious about the visitors and the Stone Soup. Before they know it the villagers are all offering to give ingredients for the soup to make it even better. In the end, by working together and sharing they make an incredible Stone Soup that they all come together to share, bringing happiness to the village once again.

This reminds us all of the importance of being thankful for what we have but also the importance of sharing this with others. This is the perfect introduction to our harvest reflections that will be starting in preparation for our Harvest Festival celebrations on the 14th October.

PARENT FEEDBACK

In preparing our school improvement plan for this academic year we have been reflecting on the responses from the parents that completed our online Parent Survey last academic year.

A full summary of the responses to each of the questions has been sent out with the newsletter and you will see that there is lots to celebrate but there are a few points that you would like us to improve.

We were particularly pleased that everyone who completed the survey said that their child felt safe at school and the comments about children bring known and our school feeling like a family. The key areas that you wanted us to improve were as follows:

- **Communication**—you said you would like more notice of school events.
We have sent out known diary dates for the year ahead and posted these on the school website. These will be updated termly.
I have added a week ahead reminders section to the newsletter to flag up events in the coming week.

- **More Information about Children's Learning**—you said that you would like to know more about what the children are learning.
We will be creating knowledge organisers for each topic so you know not only what the children are being taught but the key knowledge they need to know at the end of each topic. Watch out for the first of these in term 2. This will be in addition to the class newsletter.
- **Parents' Evenings**—you said you would like these to return to being face to face.
We have set out parents' evenings dates for this school year and they will be face to face. They have been timed to take place after the end of term 2 data capture and end of term 4 data capture so the children's latest assessment results can be shared with you.
- **Clubs**—you said you would like more clubs especially for the younger children.
We need some help with this because as a small school we only have limited staff available to support with this. See Help Needed Flyer

DIARY DATES

These have now been sent out to all parents and have been added to the School Calendar on the website. We have tried to set as many dates for the school year as possible so that you can plan to attend parent events such as Sports Day. The dates will be updated at the start of each term so that the most up to date version will always be available on the website and on the website calendar.

SPECIALIST MUSIC TEACHING

I am very pleased to tell you that with funding from the Barnsley Trust we have been able to secure specialist music teaching for our children in Reception and Year 2 from Create Music (formerly East Sussex Music Service). This is because we want the children to have the best possible start to their music teaching and we think this is the best way to ensure this. The children are all ready enjoying their weekly Wednesday session with Mr. Dahlberg.



WEEK AHEAD REMINDERS

- **Year 6 Bikeability** takes place all next week for those children who have signed up. Children can wear their own clothes.
- **Tuesday Coffee Morning with CLASS** to support with children who struggle with the transition from home to school. 9:00 with Mrs. Oakley—sign in at the office.
- **Friday PTA Sweet Donation Day** wear muffin in return for sweet donation. Poster attached.
- **Friday PTA AGM and Macmillan Coffee Afternoon** at 2:30 pm. Cake donations needed please.

