



# Sedlescombe Newsletter No. 11

## WORSHIP THEME - KINDNESS

“When you are kind to others, you help yourself; when you are cruel to others, you hurt yourself” Proverbs 11:17

This week in worship we have looked at the Bible verse from Proverbs and what this means about how we treat each other and how being kind can be good for our self-esteem and mental well-being.

We revisited one of Mrs. Harvey's favourite books 'The Bucket Full of Kindness'. In this story we learn that we all have an invisible bucket of kindness and the only way to fill your own bucket is to fill other people's, because kindness is contagious. When you are kind to people they will be kind back and this is how we fill each others' buckets. We also thought about what it means to be a bucket dipper, someone who is unkind and empties our buckets because they think this will make them feel better.

We also read one of Mrs Harvey's new favourite books, 'Mixed' by Arree Chung. A read aloud can be found [here](#). In this story the Reds, Yellows and Blues all live in harmony until the Reds decide that they are better than everyone else and suddenly no-one is getting along. Until a Blue and Yellow meet and know that they are better together and before you know it they have made Green!

Eventually all the colours begin to mix and find out that life is better when they are accepting of everyone and get on together. They find out that being kind to others is much more positive for everyone.

## YEAR 3 READING AREA

Here is quick peak at another class reading area. This week it is the turn of Year 3 with their rainforest inspired reading area.



The children love going into the tree house to read, or even get cosy in the little den under the tree house. There are lots of great book choices to encourage the children to read as well as the children recommending books to each other. What a great space to spend time reading in!



## PLAYGROUND UPDATE

Well Phase 1 of our playground is looking great, but the weather has not been kind to us this week and this has meant that works have had to come to a halt which I am so disappointed about for the children. We had kept it a secret

so that they wouldn't be kept waiting, but the heavy rain has meant the final part of this phase cannot go ahead at the moment.

The ground is so water logged in areas that it cannot be compacted. This means that if the finishing touches were to be put to the ground works, very quickly sink holes would start to develop and then the brand new surfacing would have to be dug up and have holes cut into it to do the repairs. We do not want this, so the company will be checking in on site each week and as soon as the ground is dry enough to be compacted they will be here to complete the works. This means that I am not able to say when the work will be completed. This is such a shame and I know the children are going to be so disappointed. It has been so lovely to see them dashing out to play this week to see what is happening. We may have to wait, but I hope you all agree it is going to be worth waiting for!

## STAFFING UPDATE

I am really sad to say that Mrs. Dann, the Year 6 TA, will be leaving us at the end of this term, having been at the school for over 23 years. We are really sad that she is leaving as she is such a valuable member of our school team, but we wish her well as she is leaving so that she is able to spend more time with her elderly parents and grandson. We are currently advertising for a new TA to start in January. The advert is on the East Sussex website and if you know anyone who might be interested do please let them know.

## NATIONAL DATA

OFSTED have released their data dashboard for all schools which they use to highlight where schools are doing well and where they need to improve. On our data dashboard we had no areas of concern highlighted, but even better the dashboard highlighted that we were in the top 20% of schools nationally for progress from KS1 to KS2 in both reading and maths. Given that the children had lockdown this means that a number of our children made greater than expected progress. We are really pleased with these results as it shows that the improvements we have made in maths and our whole school focus on reading are working.

## WEEK AHEAD REMINDERS:

- Saturday @ 12:00 pm Winter Fair— I hope to see lots of you there supporting the school to raise money
- Thursday: Flu Jabs for children with consent
- Thursday: Cross-Country Finals—good luck to Samuel Y5 Thea Y5, Isla F-S Y6 and Ava Y6
- Friday: Y1 and Y2 Countryfile Ramble for Children in Need (wear walking clothes to school and bring wellies)

Have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing lots of you tomorrow.

