



# Sedlescombe Newsletter No. 12

## 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 we have been reflecting on the Bible verse from Proverbs and looking at how kindness can grow and spread. In particular we have been thinking about how just one act of kindness by one person can help kindness to grow and spread like seeds.

We wanted the children to know that their acts of kindness can make a difference, even if to just one person. Simple things like a smile, a hug, a listening ear or a helping hand can make someone feel better. But these acts of kindness can be caught by others and encourage them to behave in the same way; this way wounds are healed, differences forgotten, friendships made. Being kind not only helps others, but helps us too.

## PTA WINTER FAIR

Thank you to everyone that came along and supported the PTA Winter Fair, especially to those that volunteered their time on the day and to our brilliant PTA who organised the event. The event was well attended and it was lovely to see so many of our school family from past and present.

The fair was a great success and raised over £2,300. Thank you and well done to everyone involved.

## COUNTRYFILE RAMBLE

This afternoon we finally completed the last of our Countryfile rambles to raise money for Children in Need. The weather made it tricky, but we didn't give up and each class has now completed their ramble. I had the pleasure of accompanying all the children on their rambles and they were all a pleasure to spend time walking with. It was lovely to see the children enjoying the countryside, chatting to their friends and raising money for such a good cause. If you are able to make a donation to Children in Need this would be greatly appreciated.



## PARKING PROBLEMS

We have already had a child hit by a car this year, yet despite this we still have a minority of parents who are parking in a dangerous and disrespectful manner. This week I have received a complaint from a very upset neighbour because a parent used her private driveway to turn around on, effectively trespassing on her property, and then when she went to challenge the parent received some very abusive gestures and comments. This does not represent our school in a positive manner in the local community.

In addition to this we have a number of parents driving down to the school gate at the start and end of the day. Parents should not be driving past the entrance to the village car park unless they have a blue badge. This includes when arriving late for school. It is too dangerous, as there is not a large turning space and puts the parents and children at risk at these busy times of day.

## PTA CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT

A letter and poster were e-mailed home yesterday with all the details for this event. Places and film choice can be booked on the School Gateway up until 5:00 pm on Thursday 8th December. The event starts straight after school and finishes at 5:45 pm. We look forward to welcoming lots of children.

## CROSS COUNTRY AREA FINALS

Thea and Samuel from Y5 and Isla and Ava from Y6 took part in the local area cross country finals yesterday and represented the school amazingly well. Congratulations and thank you to all of you. A special mention for Ava and Isla who have qualified for the next round competing against schools from other parts of the county. Well done!

## BOOK SWAP

A reminder that Book Swap takes place on Tuesday after school. For the first time ever, there will be a BOOKSWAP FOR PARENTS- and all other adults of course! So when your child comes along to swap their book, bring a book you have read before to swap for a new read. We are looking forward to seeing lots of you (both children and adults) book swapping on Tuesday. We have also attached a Winter Rich reads Special if you were looking for some ideas for Christmas presents or Christmas holiday reading.

## CHRISTMAS CARDS

From Monday the school Christmas Post Box will be out for all the children to post their cards to each other. We please ask that all cards are posted and not given out by the children on the playground or in class as this can cause a lot of disruption and sometimes upset.

The PLT will empty the post box daily and deliver the cards to class for the children to enjoy opening together. The last day for posting cards will be Thursday 15th December.

## WEEK AHEAD REMINDERS:

- Tuesday @ 3:30 pm Book Swap in Y6 (children & adults)
- Wednesday @ 9:05 am Music assembly for children learning to play an instrument (parents of children playing are invited to attend)
- Wednesday: Deadline for booking Christmas Dinner.
- Thursday at 5:00 pm booking for Christmas Movie Night closes on the School Gateway
- Friday @ 3:30 pm to 5:45 pm PTA Christmas Movie Night

