



Head's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

The end of January is here and thank goodness for that. It has certainly been a dark, difficult and cold start to the year. However, amongst all the challenges we have been uplifted by the children and their brilliant attitude to learning, both at home and in school, and cheered by how we are keeping going as a school community, and staying connected all day and every day. Thank you as always for all your help, support and patience. It is disappointing news to hear that we cannot reopen for all year groups after the half term, as we had so desperately hoped, but I remain optimistic for 8th March with the date ringed in my diary! March 2021 has to be so much better than March 2020.

Following my text, please can I repeat my request that you have a look at our [Remote Education](#) page, under the **Curriculum** tab on the school website. This includes the new policy for Remote Education which I would urge you to read as it outlines the roles and responsibilities of all stakeholders in the school, including staff and parents. Most useful of all, we have uploaded weekly timetables for every class to cover each week up until half term, and we will upload the next set of timetables up until 8th March at the beginning of the next half term. If you require any resources at home to support these lessons, we can arrange these for collection.

We will be delaying our annual RE Week, which is usually held at the beginning of February, until week commencing 15th March in the hope that the children will be all back in school to enjoy the vast range of experiences planned. However Reading Week will still go ahead, during the first week of March to coincide with World Book Day. We will be taking time to consider how we can engage all the children, in school and at home, in a variety of activities, challenges and competitions to promote a love of reading – watch this space for more details!

In Whole School Worship we shared our dreams for the future and the children disclosed what they would like to be when they grow up (there was quite the selection). We then listened to the story of **The Three Trees**. Each of the trees had a plan for its future but God had a different plan for them, and eventually God used each one of them to play an important part in the life of Jesus, from his birth to his death. We concluded that we all have hopes and dreams for our future and that is a good thing, and if we ask, God will show us his plans for our future. We considered what the future holds for us. We cannot possibly know what will be in our future but we can make good, kind, choices to ensure that our future is as positive as it can be. Jesus taught us this.

Throughout the week, we continued talking about being kind and treating people properly. We discussed the meaning of kindness and shared the story of **The Good Samaritan** which Jesus told to help us understand that we should be kind in any situation, even if we do not know the person in need. As God teaches us, we should not turn our back on our neighbours. At this time, we pray for all our neighbours facing hardship or worry, during this difficult period. Finally, Class 5 led Family Worship focusing on the importance of kindness and how our tongues can be used to be kind and unkind. The children performed the fable of Aesop's **Food for Thought** which taught us that kind words are more important than anything. We prayed to God for guidance, care, sustenance and protection.

Dear God,

Thank you for the many neighbours we have at school, where we live, within the UK and around the world.

Thank you for all the different ways in which we can help our neighbours.

Please help us to notice when those around us need help. Amen

In your journeys to and fro,

God direct you;

In your happiness and pleasure,

God bless you;

In care, anxiety or trouble, God sustain you;

In peril and danger,

God protect you.

Amen.

Thought of the Week

Do not let kindness and truth leave you;

Bind them around your neck,

Write them on the tablet of your heart.

Proverbs 3.3

Warm wishes,

C. L. Garner

Guided by God, following in his footsteps

Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light on my path



STARS OF THE WEEK

Friday 22nd January

Reception Class: Alice Walker, Adelia World

Class 1: Jack Seal, Sophie Finn

Class 2: Cohen Barker, Daniel Sanderson

Class 3: Harrison Watson-Hoy, Elliott Paintin

Class 4: Millie Smith, Hugo Walden

Class 5: India Boodeea, Joshua Keir

Class 6: Lillie Cryne, Adam Campbell



STARS OF THE WEEK

Friday 29th January

Reception Class: Rupert Browne, Leo Hague

Class 1: Jack Elias Firth, Jack Thomas Lovick

Class 2: Henry Monaghan, Ollie Giles

Class 3: Seth McGrory, Sophia Gray

Class 4: Amber Hudson, Syd Larkin

Class 5: Jake Parkinson, Barney Morrison

Class 6: Ellis Thompson, Roman Flynn

Free School Meals

M&S has announced it will offer additional support to families receiving free school meals vouchers by adding £5 to every weekly £15 voucher.

Lancashire County Council Support

During the coronavirus pandemic, any resident in the Lancashire County Council area with significant financial difficulties who has been unable to sort out their benefit problems, can email wrsccovid@lancashire.gov.uk with their query. Please note this is a temporary service offer which could be restricted or extended at any time, subject to demand. There is also a financial support guide on the council website with information about help families may be able to get during the current crisis.