



Friday 19th November

NEWS & VIEWS

Achievement & Enjoyment

Headteacher Mr S Bowsher



Headteacher's Comment:

Our children know our 6 school values and what they mean really well. I hope all of our parents also know the values as I often talk about them in News and Views. Several of the values were especially prominent this week.

Firstly Honesty. I had conversations with a few children this week about the meaning of this and how they were demonstrating it so well. I've also had to have conversations with a number of parents since September about a lack of honesty relating to time off school. It is not ok to call the school and say children are unwell when actually going on holiday for a long weekend or even a week. It is really obvious when the children talk about going away to their friends and teacher before and afterwards which they inevitably will. It is especially obvious when you have 2 children in school and they are both off 'unwell' on a Friday and Monday that you may be on holiday. You are all aware that having time off for holidays in term time will not be authorised, but not telling the truth about it to the school and making the children part of that is even less acceptable. I know I'm only talking to a very, very small minority of people here, but please be honest with the school and please don't have time off in term time for holidays. We are all role models to the children.

While I'm talking about attendance, if your child is genuinely off school unwell and you leave a message or speak to someone in the office, can you please give specifics about it. Otherwise the office staff have to call you back to check the symptoms to see if they are any of the COVID symptoms. This takes time from their already busy morning. If they are one of the 3 COVID symptoms you will need to book a PCR test for them.

Now for something more positive (and not in the COVID sense) – the Cambridge Dictionary announced its word of the year this week which is 'Perseverance'. A number of children have mentioned it to me as they have heard it in the news. I think it relates to the Mars rover in the dictionary's case which is aptly named as people have had to work for a long time and wait a long time to land something on Mars. Our children know the meaning in terms of school and trying and practising something to get better at it. The young man who demonstrated this to me with his handwriting knew the meaning as did the Year 2s who were in bike club with me this week learning to ride. Really great examples of perseverance in action.

Fairness and Friendship – 2 more of our values; his time relating to charity. Thank you to all the parents who sent their children in with money for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal last week. We raised a massive £518. Today we collected money for Children in Need and I'm sure we have raised another £400. And finally, the LPPA. £159 was raised from the clothing collection and now loose change challenge is in full swing. We thought we would be trying to fill the bottles up for this until sometime in the New Year, but no, 3 were filled today. We will keep collecting coins though. Amazing!



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I haven't mentioned Respect and Responsibility (although I'm sure they could be mentioned somewhere above), so maybe at the weekend you can think about these and try to get the children to demonstrate them. A headteacher's award to anyone who demonstrates it and it is shared on twitter or they tell me about it on Monday.

Have a great weekend.



Mr Bowsher's Superstar Award

Blake in 4S – for demonstrating the value of friendship.



Stars of the Week

RS	RT	1A	1P	2B	2G	3B
Joseph	Lily-May	Georgia	Tilly	Leon	Alayna	Josh
3C	4D	4S	5B	5L	6R	6S
Laila	Izzy	Alfie	Demi-Mai	Rex	Emma	Chloe



Reading at Home

6 classes read at least 4 times. It's going in the wrong direction at the moment. Well done to the 96%.

Class	Table shows numbers of children and percentages from Monday 15 th November to Friday 19 th November (percentages are rounded) Times Read						Percentage Read 4 & 5 times %
	0	1	2	3	4	5	
RS	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	1 (3%)	4 (14%)	23 (80%)	94%
RT	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	4 (15%)	10 (39%)	11 (43%)	82%
1A	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	5 (17%)	25 (83%)	100%
1P	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	4 (14%)	24 (86%)	100%
2B	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	3 (11%)	24 (86%)	97%
2G	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	8 (27%)	20 (67%)	94%
3B	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (4%)	4 (15%)	21 (81%)	96%
3C	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	3 (11%)	25 (89%)	100%
4D	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	6 (22%)	21 (78%)	100%
4S	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (7%)	4 (15%)	21 (78%)	93%
5B	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	2 (7%)	26 (90%)	97%
5L	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	2 (7%)	26 (90%)	97%
6R	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (6%)	29 (94%)	100%
6S	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	3 (10%)	27 (90%)	100%
Total							96%



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Weekly Attendance

Another week below 97%. Hopefully this will be better next week.

Weekly Attendance – week commencing Monday 4th October 2021

Class	RS	RT	1A	1P	2B	2G	3B	Whole school
Attendance	97.6%	88.9%	97.7%	95.0%	98.6%	97.3%	97.3%	
Class	3C	4D	4S	5B	5L	6R	6S	96.7%
Attendance	100%	97.5%	97.5%	97.6%	95.6%	96.5%	97.0%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
3C	2B	1A



Yearly Attendance

Yearly Attendance – from 2nd September 2021

Class	RS	RT	1A	1P	2B	2G	3B	Whole school
Attendance	97.2%	94.7%	97.0%	97.6%	98.7%	96.2%	97.5%	
Class	3C	4D	4S	5B	5L	6R	6S	96.9%
Attendance	97.7%	98.5%	97.8%	96.5%	95.6%	96.5%	95.3%	

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
2B	4S	3C



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