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News in School

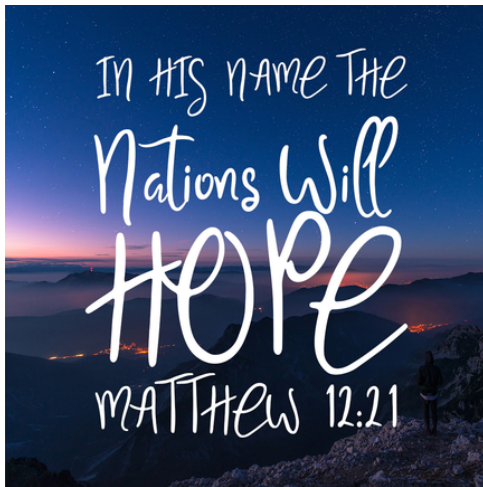
7th November 2022

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

Statement to Live By

This week's Statement to Live By is '**I can tell how to look after myself**' as part of helping the children to '**Grow towards human wholeness and develop a healthy life style in the body, mind and spirit and understand the connection between knowledge and living**'.

This week, please take the time to speak to your child about how they can look after themselves. Ask them why it is important to keep healthy. You may wish to discuss healthy eating, exercise, mental well-being, how to look after themselves whilst online, whilst they are playing outside, stranger danger etc. These examples, and many more, are just some of the topics they learn about in school through a range of curriculum subjects.



This term's Value - Hope

Throughout the coming term, the Value which the whole school will be focusing on is 'Hope'. In the liturgical calendar, the season of Advent will soon be upon us. During this times, as Christians, we wait in the expectation and hope for the coming of the Messiah, the hope that the prophecies from the Old Testament will be fulfilled and the hope that one day, Jesus will come again.

The first candle on the Advent Wreath to be lit is the candle of 'hope' and with each additional candle lit, we eagerly await the 'light of the world'.

Please find attached to this week's newsletter some information about Hope which you can use to discuss this term's Value at home. If your child would like a printed copy of the word search, copies will be available in class.

Thank you - All Saints Mass

Thank you to Mrs Beeton and Mrs Ross for supporting the children to church on Tuesday. Apart from the technical hitches with the music, the Mass was a huge success and the Y5 children read beautifully!

Parishioners, who were present, congratulated the children on their singing and behaviour throughout Mass and we even had a parishioner phone the school later in the afternoon wanting us to pass on her thanks to the children for a wonderful Mass.

Celebration/Remembrance

Liturgies

As a one off change to the usual Friday Celebration Liturgy, this week's Liturgy will be held on Thursday, 10th November. In its place on Friday, 11th November, Year 6 are leading the whole school with a Remembrance Liturgy to remind us of the sacrifice others have given in the past for our freedom today and for those who continue to bring about peace to our world. Year 6 will also represent and attend the Remembrance Service at Sleaford's War Memorial at 11am. On Thursday, Year R children will be also visiting the War Memorial to lay their own poppies in advance of Friday's service.



Poppies

As we turn our thoughts to those who have lost their lives throughout the different wars and conflicts, we invite you to write the names of people - maybe relatives close to your own hearts - who served their country in some way, on poppies and add them to our prayer tree in the foyer by the office.

Please feel free to take one home to complete and return back to school should you wish to do so.



Weekly Attendance

Well done to Y1 for a fantastic week in school! As you can see from the table below, there has been a significant improvement in the attendance in Y2, Y4 and Y6. Please try to avoid booking holidays during term time. These will be registered as unauthorised absences and the school will be beginning to fine parents for their child being on holiday during term time moving forward, in line with the Attendance Policy.

Throughout the term, I shall be monitoring attendance and punctuality and will be sending letters accordingly, should your child/ren be below the expected 97% attendance.

W/C	YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
17.10.22	99.31%	98.33%	91.25%	93.98%	93.21%	98.75%	83.92%
31.10.22	97.89%	98%	95.5%	93.7%	96.92%	97.06%	93.33%



Advent Liturgies

Throughout Advent, KS2 classes will be delivering an 'Advent Liturgy' each Monday, taking it in turns to explain the four themes of Advent: Hope, Love, Joy and Peace. The liturgies will be starting on the 28th November, and each consecutive Monday until the end of term, commencing at 9.00am. Please see the Dates in the Diary page for when your child's liturgy is. Family and friends are more than welcome to join us.

Children in Need

November is a very important month for us in school to support some important charities and focus on the importance of Missionary Discipleship, an important theme given to us by Bishop Patrick. It is a time in which we follow in Jesus's footsteps to go out and spread the Gospel message, doing good for others.

Children in Need takes place on Friday, 18th November. As part of our democracy work in school (linked to our British Values), we put three events to the children that they could choose from to raise money for this worthwhile cause. The choices included a non-uniform day, a bake sale or spotty games and the winner by a small margin was a bake sale.

Paper plates will be sent out next week, on Tuesday 15th, for cakes to be put on and brought back into school on the Friday. It is up to you whether they are baked or shop bought- we don't mind but would love your support. We kindly ask that on the Friday, children bring a monetary donation to buy a cake, which we will have available to them at break time. We hope that we will have enough cakes for sale at the end of the day for you to buy too and may even be able to have an auction with some of the bigger cakes. We will send a text out on the day to let you know if this happens so that you can come along and join in the bidding!



PTA Events

The PTA have been very busy organising events to raise money for the children in school. This term they will be:

- Hosting a whole school 'Advent Disco' for the children on Thursday, 24th November. Permission slips will be sent out shortly. **Please note the deadline for the permission slips to be sent back. The PTA CANNOT accept ANY requests beyond the specified date and your child will NOT be allowed to attend the disco.**
- Hosting a 'Water into Wine' stall at the Sleaford Christmas Market, Sunday, 27th November, in the White Heart Mews. Your child will be coming home with a carpet tube for them to decorate in a Christmas theme for them to use on the stall.
- Hosting a non-uniform day on Friday, 2nd December, with the 'payment' being a chocolate donation! A chocolate tombola will be held after school on Friday, 9th December.

Further details will be sent in due course.



Pantomime

Please remember to return your children's consent forms with the payment for the Panto at Newark Palace Theatre on the 7th December. If you have any issues making payment for this show, please contact either myself or Mrs Hunt.

If you have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mrs Hunt. We are always here to help!

Yours sincerely

Mrs N Malthouse
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

10th November	Celebration Liturgy
11th November	Remembrance Day Y6 Remembrance Liturgy
18th November	Bake Sale - Children in Need
20th November	Little Church
27th November	Sleaford Christmas Market
28th November	Y5 Class Advent Liturgy - Hope
4th December	Little Church
5th December	Y6 Class Advent Liturgy - Love
7th December	Whole School Pantomime A Date with Dan - Online Safety
12th December	Y4 Advent Liturgy - Joy EYFS/KS1 Nativity 6.30-7.30pm
13th December	Y3 Advent Liturgy - Peace EYFS/KS1 Nativity 2-3pm
14th December	Christmas Lunch KS2 Carol Service - 2-3pm
16th December	Final Day of Term 2 Class Christmas Parties