

Small School Big Ideas

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A Nut Free School

Dear Parents,

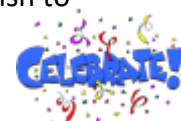
Many thanks again for all your continued support as we work together through these difficult times. You will have seen from last week's letter that our Remote Learning Offer is continually under review and we will be trying new approaches this week and next, to help the children (and you) to feel even more supported. Please, as always, feedback to us what is working and what isn't.

Celebrations

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Zoom Celebration Worship once again. We will do this every week as it is a great opportunity to celebrate the work that has been achieved and a good way to finish the week. I will stay on Zoom at the end again in case any of you wish to speak with me about how the week has gone or if you have any queries.

Last week, the awards went to:

- Arthur (in Rowan) for his fantastic topic work and sharing lots of photos with his teachers
- Will (in Willow) for persevering with technical problems and joining in well with zoom sessions
- Betsy (in Oak) for her participation in class zoom calls and the effort she puts into her work.



Last week the Headteacher's award went to Tanith, for her focus and perseverance all week and particularly for showing kindness to other children. This is something we all need to think about at the moment and which sometimes becomes forgotten when we are all so busy trying to cope with all that Covid is bringing.

Picture News

Story: 'Clap for Carers' has returned in 2021 as 'Clap for Heroes'.

Question: How can we show our thanks to those who help us?

Virtual Assembly: Found on the Picture News website, just add /discuss

Resources to use at home can be found on the Home learning page of our school website.



Part of the Puzzle

Picture News have also launched a lovely project which I would like to encourage all our children to take part in. Attached to this newsletter is a jigsaw puzzle piece for your child to fill with words, drawings or colours that represent him or her. This will symbolise that we all have a part to play during this difficult time and we are all part of the big picture. When you have completed the piece, take a photo of it and email to help@picture-news.co.uk and share it with school on Seesaw or email, then display it in your window and see who else has shared

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their part of the puzzle in their window! To be part of the gallery (available to view on Picture News Facebook and Twitter) please email photos by Friday 5th February.

We will then create a Part of the Puzzle display at school to look forward to the time when we can all be back together again.

If you do not have a printer at home, let the school office know and we can print one off for you to collect.

Lockdown support for children, young people and parents

CYC has produced a leaflet to give pupils simple information about who to go to for help during lockdown and we hope it supports their mental health during this challenging time. Please follow this link: <https://www.york.gov.uk/downloads/LockdownSupportCYP>

Family First Magazine

Below is a link to a free e-copy of Family First magazine, packed full of information to help keep children happy, learning & entertained at home during lockdown- We hope it helps in some way.

https://issuu.com/sevenstarmedia/docs/ff_issue_7_digital211220

Blue Peter on YouTube

Blue Peter on YouTube at CBBC has been launched and they have asked us to share the message below with you, for entertainment outside of home-schooling hours:

“Blue Peter is the longest running kids TV show in the world and we are uploading videos to it that are suitable for 5-11 year olds. We have world record breaking challenges, arts and crafts, environmental videos, cooking and baking how tos, inspirational films, gaming, celebrity appearances, dance routines and music performances. We also feature ways of getting a Blue Peter badge, behind the scenes footage and extra content about our incredible presenters Adam, Lindsey, Mwaksy, Richie and Henry the Blue Peter dog.

If you think your pupils would be interested in this, please do send this out to your parents and ask them to subscribe to <https://www.youtube.com/bluepeter> - (it's obviously completely free to subscribe!) and don't forget to watch the live programme on CBBC at 5.00pm every week, or on BBC iPlayer.

Thanks so much for your time,
The Blue Peter Team!”

It sounds great fun, we hope you and your child(ren) enjoy it.

Many thanks,
Mrs Christison
Headteacher