



Our Values for this half term are:

## **Happiness**

Healthy, well-being, Feelings

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2018

Newsletter No. 15

Dear Parents and Carers

### **Science Week**

Last week all year groups took part in our science week and were encouraged to conduct and enjoy science experiments and investigations, with the older years writing up their experiments using scientific language.

- **Foundation Stage** investigated the great outdoors and looked particularly at birds, creating their own cosy birds' nests.
- **Year 1** completed a 'bug hotel' experiment, investigating habitats of insects and creating a bug hotel for our school.
- **Year 2** investigated the burning of materials to find out which materials did or did not catch fire. The children were surprised by some of the results.
- **Year 3** completed an experiment called squashed tomatoes. The children investigated materials that they could find outside and in teams created a basket to carry and protect their tomatoes down a ramp.
- **Year 4** investigated the human skeleton. Groups were required to create a skeleton to protect a teacake! The skeleton experienced a 10ft drop with the children making predictions about the fate of the teacake.
- **Year 5** experienced a mixture of exciting experiments and activities including the coke and Mentos Experiment, The Skittles Experiment, The Pencil Trick and The Balloon Trick.

Ask them to perform some of the tricks and explain the science afterwards if you dare.

### **Thought for the week**

We would like to let you know about an enhancement to our successful Values programme. At the beginning of this term we introduced a 'Thought for the Week' linked to our Value for the term. This is in the form of a saying or quote.

The 'Thought for the Week' will be displayed in the classrooms and around school. There will be opportunities to discuss and debate the 'Thought for the Week' during class assemblies and PSHE lessons. Stories and poems which link with the 'Thought for the Week' will be shared. We hope that this will encourage children to be reflective and to question their thoughts, beliefs and values in a constructive way. As always, we will aim to nurture tolerance, respect and openness in our discussions.

**Sports Day** – Further information will be sent out from your child's class teacher nearer the time.

Foundation Stage	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	9.15 – 10.15am
Year 1	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	9.15 – 10.15am
Year 2	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	2-3pm
Year 3	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	2-3pm
Year 4	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	2-3pm
Year 5	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	2-3pm

Yours sincerely,

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