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**This half-term's value is: Friendship**

*'Encourage one another and build each other up'*

1 Thessalonians 5.11



**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September**

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **This week**

This week, has been our third week in school. The children are well settled into their routines, have got to know their teachers and have learnt lots of new facts and skills.



A special thanks this week to Miss Barratt and Mrs Muir who have managed to teach children in the classroom and those isolating at home at the same time! Also well done to the children at home for showing our value of endurance – they have worked really hard and joined in with lessons throughout the day.

Our reception children have been developing their friendships this week.



They also have spent some time in the garden developing their sketching skills.

Year 5 and 6 enjoyed a visit from the Headteacher, staff and pupils from The Hart School. They met with the children on the playground and told them about the school and what they offer.

### **Covid**

I'm pleased to report that since my last newsletter we have had no reported positive cases of Covid with our school community.

Thank you for your continuing support of our Covid procedures and swift response if we have asked you to take your child for a PCR test. We are aware that it is not a pleasant experience so are grateful for your support.

### **Reminders**

- Share pictures of your children's achievements outside of school to Miss De Ste Croix by 8am Monday morning so they can be included in Celebration Worship.
- If you haven't completed your parental permission forms, please complete as soon as possible by clicking [HERE](#).



Year 4 have been working together to create number sequences.



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## Values

Here is our second home activity related to friendship. It would be lovely to have some photos of what you have done or comments that children have made to share with our school community.




**FAMILY FOCUS**  
**Friends of the Family**

This term's family challenge is to make a card or present for someone who is a **friend** to your whole family. You could add a gift tag saying...

*Our family has been thinking about friendship. This is a thank you gift for being a special friend to all of us.*

## Next Week in school ...

Here are some reminders for next week:

<b>Monday</b>	Year 6 leave for Residential Trip Keyboard lessons EYFS/KS1 Multi-skills Club
<b>Wednesday</b> 	Guitar and singing lessons Y3/4 Dodgeball Bags 2 school collection
<b>Friday</b>	Year 6 return from Residential Trip

If you have any questions about the above, or anything else, please contact myself or the school office.

Alison De Ste Croix  
Headteacher

DIARY DATES 2021/2022	
<b>AUTUMN TERM</b>	
27.9.21	Year 6 residential
29.9.21	Bag 2 school Collection
1.10.21	Harvest Festival
20.10.21	Parents Evening 3:45pm – 6.30pm
20.10.21	Parents Evening 3:45pm – 6.30pm
25.10.21 29.10.21	<b>HALF TERM</b>
1.11.21	<b>INSET DAY</b>
11.11.21	Remembrance event <i>Details to follow</i>
7.12.21 8.12.21 9.12.21	Key Stage 1 Christmas Production <i>Provisional dates - details to follow</i>
7.12.21 8.12.21 9.12.21	Key Stage 2 Christmas Concert <i>Provisional dates - details to follow</i>
18.12.20	<b>TERM ENDS</b>
<b>SPRING TERM</b>	
04.01.21	<b>INSET DAY</b>
05.01.21	<b>TERM STARTS</b>
21.02.21 10.02.21	<b>HALF TERM</b>
08.04.21	<b>TERM ENDS</b>
15.04.21	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>
17.04.21	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>
<b>SUMMER TERM</b>	
25.04.21	<b>TERM STARTS</b>
03.05.21	<b>MAY DAY – School Closed</b>
9.05.21 12.05.21	Year 6 SATs <i>Details to follow</i>
30.05.20 03.06.20	<b>HALF TERM</b>
06.06.21 & 07.06.21	<b>INSET DAYS</b>
21.07.21	<b>TERM ENDS</b>



## Colwich PTFA – Fundraising Event - REMINDER!!!!

# Bag2School

Clothes Recycling Collection – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear All,

We are delighted to announce that Colwich PTFA have joined Bag2School, which means we are able to raise funds for Power Maths Textbooks in exchange for unwanted clothing and household textiles.

Bag2School is the UK's leading textile recycler and fundraiser working with school. Since it began in 2001 they have paid out over £36 million and helped to divert over 350,000 tonnes of textiles away from landfill every year. Donated clothes are then sold to importers and wholesalers in many countries of Eastern and Western Europe, Africa and Asia, where they are sold to local market traders and shops at affordable prices for the next person to wear them.

Bag2School's mission is to:

1. Be the first choice fundraiser for schools.
2. Help promote the REUSE of clothes and shoes to benefit those who rely on second-hand clothes as their sole option for good quality items.
3. Build a sustainable future by using their resources to further the circular economy.

Getting involved with Bag2School offers several benefits:

- ✓ We raise funds for our school
- ✓ We are helping the environment
- ✓ It helps raise awareness amongst our children about the benefits of recycling and reuse
- ✓ It's an opportunity for a sort out and clear out
- ✓ Anyone can donate, so please ask extended family and friends to pass on to you their unwanted items

### Donating Days

Please bring your items in tied black bin liners to school any **during school drop off or pick up on Friday 24<sup>th</sup>, Monday 27<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2021** and a PTFA member will take it from you. If you are unable to donate on these days or during school pick-up or drop-offs, please contact the PTFA team and we will try to arrange a different date/time.

### Collection Day

Bag2School will be collecting all donated items on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2021**.

Thank you for your continued support!

Colwich PTFA



### Here's what you can donate to Bag2School:

#### 'GOOD QUALITY' items for re-use:

- ✓ Adult and children's clothing
- ✓ Paired shoes (tied together or bound by elastic band)
- ✓ Hats, scarves, ties and belts
- ✓ Bags & jewellery
- ✓ Underwear
- ✓ Soft Toys
- ✓ Household curtains
- ✓ Household linens, bedding & towels (bed sheets, pillow cases & duvet covers)

#### They **DO NOT** accept:

- Duvets & blankets
- Pillows & cushions
- Carpets, rugs & mats
- Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
- School uniform
- Corporate clothing or work wear
- Textile off cuts

#### GET IN TOUCH!

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