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This half-term's value is: Friendship

'Encourage one another and build each other up'

1 Thessalonians 5.11



Thursday 23rd September

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week

This week, some of our classes have taken their learning outdoors.



Year 6 have been having an amazing time at Kingswood residential centre. As part of the week, they have had the opportunity to take part in: buggy building, climbing, team building activities, bush-craft, nightline, zip-wire and many more things. Over

the week they have been demonstrating many of our values, in particular, trust and friendship. By the pictures I've seen they've also been really brave!



Year 5 children finally took part in their Bikeability sessions and gained useful skills in how to check their bikes and how to set off safely on their journeys.

Home school/Communication

Following feedback from some parents this week, I just wanted to clarify how best to use the different types of communication we have between home and parents.

Class Dojo messaging

This is for parents and staff to share useful information regarding children that does not require immediate attention. It can be used to share well-being information from both home and school as well as queries. It is not suitable for urgent messages as it isn't always checked throughout the day or evening.

Email

This can be used as above as well as to contact the school office with queries. Any absence reports should be emailed to the addresses below, not teaching staff.

office@colwich.staffs.sch.uk admin@colwich.staffs.sch.uk

Telephone

This should be used for all urgent communication and for reporting absence. It can also be used for queries. When reporting an absence on the answerphone, please be specific about symptoms.

01889 881286





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School Photographs

The school photographer will be in school on Tuesday 5th October to take individual pupil photos. The photographers will be adhering to all our Covid guidelines.



Covid-19

Tomorrow you will be receiving an up-date letter regarding Covid measures in school.

Next Week in school ...

Monday	Keyboard lessons EYFS/KS1 Multi-skills Club
Tuesday	Individual photos
Wednesday	Guitar and singing lessons Y3/4 Dodgeball

Values

Here is our third home activity related to friendship. We'd love to see some pictures of your friendship bracelet.



HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE

Use your imagination to make the best **friendship** bracelet ever – using knotting, threading beads, twisting ribbon, whatever you can think of. The more original the better!

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

Alison De Ste Croix
Headteacher



FASCINATING FACTS

Friendship Bands

Friendship bracelets are usually handmade and given to a special **friend**. According to American tradition you must wear the bracelet until the cords break and it falls off naturally. In this way you honour the love and hard work your **friend** put in to making it.



Raksha Bandhan

One special type of **friendship** bracelet is a Rakhi. Each year, normally in August, many Hindus mark Raksha Bandhan. The festival is a celebration of family life and in particular the relationship between brothers and sisters. They remember and talk about special times together, and think about loyalty, closeness, trust and their everlasting **friendship**.

- Traditionally sisters tie a sacred thread, a Rakhi, on to their brothers' wrists.
- In response the brothers give their sisters a gift promising to help them whenever the need arises and to always protect them.
- Celebrations continue throughout the day with gifts of sweets and special food as families enjoy the time they share together.



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DIARY DATES 2021/2022	
AUTUMN TERM	
5.10.21	Individual Photos
20.10.21	Parents Evening - online <i>3:45pm – 6.30pm</i>
21.10.21	Parents Evening - online <i>3:45pm – 6.30pm</i>
25.10.21 29.10.21	HALF TERM
1.11.21	INSET DAY
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>
17.12.21	TERM ENDS
SPRING TERM	
04.01.22	INSET DAY
05.01.22	TERM STARTS
21.02.22 25.02.22	HALF TERM
08.04.22	TERM ENDS
15.04.22	GOOD FRIDAY
17.04.22	EASTER SUNDAY
SUMMER TERM	
25.04.22	TERM STARTS
02.05.22	MAY DAY – School Closed
9.05.22 12.05.22	Year 6 SATs <i>Details to follow</i>
30.05.22 03.06.22	HALF TERM
06.06.22 07.06.22	INSET DAYS
20.07.22	TERM ENDS