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# Your Tuesday News 17<sup>th</sup> November 2020 'TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING TOWARDS GOD'

### Worship

Yesterday in worship the children were challenged to think about what they were put on earth to do. They then listened to the Gospel reading which this week was The Parable of the Talents. The children reflected together on how they can put their gifts and talents from God to good use and not keep them hiding away. In reflection, the children listened to a story called 'The Dot' whose message is no matter how small your talent may be, putting it into practise will help it to grow and flourish. We also discussed how important it is to recognise talents in other people and help them to nurture them. In this way, we are all working together to make God's place a better place. We then prayed together and set our mission for the week: to work hard this week using our talents. This of course fits in perfectly with our school mission statement 'Together we are exploring our special gifts; Together we are growing towards God'

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### In November We Remember

Following our Remembrance Day worship last week, on Wednesday we observed a 2minute silence in school to pay our respects to all those who gave up their lives while fighting for our futures in the two world wars. Also, during this month, we have been remembering all of our loved ones who have sadly passed away by bringing in photographs of them to put on our remembrance display. There is still time for children to add to this if they wish to. Children in Year 2 last week created some simply stunning pieces of art work in response to learning about Remembrance Day.



# EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS:

# Our Attendance Target for this year is 97%



Well done to Year 1 who are our attendance champions this week. Well done also to all the other classes who have achieved over 97%.

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE w/b: 09.11.20.	%ATTENDANCE this year to date		
FS2	<mark>98.32</mark>	<mark>97.54</mark>		
Year 1	<mark>99.51</mark>	<mark>98.32</mark>		
Year 2	<mark>98.90</mark>	<mark>97.92</mark>		
Year 3	not in school	<mark>98.22</mark>		
Year 4	not in school	<mark>98.76</mark>		
Year 5	<mark>99.12</mark>	<mark>97.29</mark>		
Year 6	<mark>97.92</mark>	96.26		
Average	98.75	<mark>97.24</mark>		
TARGET	97.00%	97.00%		

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# TOGETHER WE ARE EXPLORING OUR SPECIAL GIFTS

Congratulations to our merit winners last week: Aoife Blyth, MCKenzie Moore, Sarah Ahmed, Nate Kite, Mia James, Owen Sutcliffe and Orla Hudson. Well Done everyone!!

Mrs Haines' Headteacher's Award: Isaac Kiwomya for working his socks off on Google Classroom.

Big Cat Reading Award: Willow Lillington for her fantastic commitment to reading at home.

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3.	Rhys Leak	Year 4 2020		6.	Year 2 2020-21	10,445,226
				7.	FS2 2020-21	279,132

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### **Other Faiths**

This week, our children are exploring the faith of Hinduism, whose special festival of light known as Diwali took place on Saturday. The children are learning all about the beliefs, artefacts and special customs which form part of the Hindu faith.

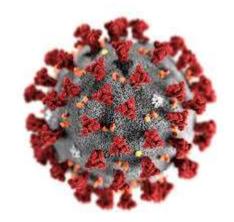


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If you are worried or concerned about the wellbeing of any of our pupils, please ask to speak to Mrs Haines, Miss Burgess, Miss Martin or Mrs Laptew

# Covid 19 Update

We are really looking forward to welcoming back our Y3 and Y4 children this Thursday and our Breakfast Club/After School Club bubbles on Friday this week. We thank all of these children and families for supporting our school by isolating at home for 14 days and engaging so well in their home learning. We are all so proud of you! Over the weekend, we had to close our Foundation Stage bubble for 14 days, due to a member of staff testing positive. Our Foundation children are all now busy doing their learning at home whilst isolating. Thank you to them and their parents/carers for helping towards keeping our school safe.



## **Deep Clean**

Over the weekend, a professional deep clean took place in every area of our school in order to make it as safe and clean as possible following the different bubble closures. We continue to work hard to ensure the best possible safety and education for all of our children during this difficult time.

### **Isolation and Testing advice**

Please remember that if you are advised that your child should isolate for 14 days due to being in close contact with a positive case, you should only get your child tested if they show symptoms. If you do decide to have them tested and the result is negative, your child still needs to continue to isolate for the remainder of the 14 day period, as they could develop symptoms at a later point:

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Unfortunately, for the remainder of this week, we will only be able to provide cold dinners for children choosing a school dinner, as our kitchen staff are all isolating at the moment. We apologise for this and we will ensure we inform you once the kitchen is back up and running. Thank you for your understanding.

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The School Nursing Team was due to be in school this Thursday administering flu vaccination nasal sprays to all children whose parental permission was given a few weeks ago. Unfortunately, they are also short staffed due to covid related issues and so this now needs to be postponed. We will communicate a new date to you as soon as it is rescheduled. Again, thank you for your understanding.

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# FREE AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVE ZOOM SESSIONS

To help students achieve their 60 minutes of physical activity day Kanga will be running free online after school activity clubs.

All the clubs will be run online via Zoom and will require minimal equipment that can be found in the house. For example, a pair of socks rolled up to make a ball.

Each club will run for approximately 30minutes.

