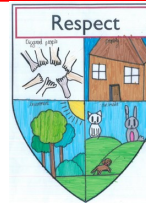


Oldswinford Cof E Primary School

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Spring Newsletter: 4th March 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a fab first week back with so much going on. My favourite day this week was definitely Thursday when I got to read stories to every single class (while we drank hot chocolate!) It certainly was a privilege to be able to do this. It also made me realise what polite children we have at Oldswinford. I lost count of how many children said thank you for the story as they walked past me on the gate at home time.

When we explored Lent this week we tried not to think about what we could give up but rather what we could do more of.... being kind, tidying our rooms, giving people a compliment, smiling, helping others.... Let's hope this season of Lent is filled with kindness.

Have a lovely weekend, take care and we look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Take care,
Ellie Game

Update:

- We have been notified of 7 positive cases across school at the moment. Thank you for continuing to test if you are concerned and thank you for reporting them to us. Public Health are keen for us to continue reporting so they can keep a check on the numbers across Dudley.
- Next week sees us begin to relax some safety measures across school and children will begin to mix outdoors. We will be supporting the children with this as we know it has been a while since they have been able to do this.
- You will have had a parentmail about hot dinners from the 14th March - don't forget to order them if your children would like them.
- We will still be making sure we ventilate rooms, sanitise/wash hands regularly, promote catch it, bin it, kill it approach and keep to our enhanced cleaning.
- If your children shows any symptoms of Covid they should get a PCR test and isolate. They should not come to school.
- Thank you for your ongoing support.

Worship

We haven't started our new value yet as there were so many other things to think about this week. During our worship we looked at Lent, Fairtrade, World Book day and a gentle look at the conflict in Ukraine.

I know all our thoughts and prayers are with the people of Ukraine and we are looking for ways in which we can support. We know our school community is keen to help as I've had a number of letters from children and messages from parents. I will get back to you as soon as we decide what is best. I received this prayer this week from a child in year 3... it's says it all perfectly.

Dear God

If people need help, please give them help. Give the world peace and forgiveness. Help us to be kind and helpful and think about others before us. Help us to be grateful and happy for all we have.

Amen

British Science week is coming up... every class will be conducting an exciting science experiment at some point during the week beginning 14th March!

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4 O'Clock Church will be on the first Sunday of each month,

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