

Oldswinford Cof E Primary School

'Believe, Achieve and shine brighter together'



Spring Newsletter: 17th January 2020



Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy Friday everyone! I do hope you've all had a good week. We have been busy in school today listening to a string quartet tell us 'The Snowman' story. They were amazing and the children loved it. Our fundraising for Australia also went really well. We had so many children take part. Thank you for your support - I'll let you know how much we have raised as soon as a total has been counted up. Buddy has been in school today helping Year 2 with their science project. They have been trying to find the most suitable material for his bed. Fingers crossed he helped them find the right thing. Have a great weekend.

Best wishes, Mrs Game

Value of the half term...

Trust

'My God is my strength, in whom I trust.'

Psalms 18.2

In our worship this week we explored what this could mean. We then looked at the phrases 'God is my rock' and 'God is my anchor'. We then wrote our own metaphors about what God is to us.

We had the most amazing answers....

'God is my compass, he shows me the way'

'God is my shield, he protects me from harm'

God is my teddy, he comforts me'

'God is my light, he shows me the right way'

Parking

Can I please send out another reminder about parking.

A resident in Marlborough Drive was unable to attend a doctor's appointment on Monday as her drive had been blocked.

Please try to park considerately.

Volunteers needed!

Do you have a spare afternoon a week where you could come and hear readers in school?

We would love to get more parents/grandparents in school to help extend our reading provision. Please come and see me on the gate if you would like to know more.

Going Green - 20th January 2020

Just a reminder that we would like to support Dudley with this day on Monday 20th Jan. Children can come in mufti clothes with a green item or they can come completely in green if they wish!

Let's promote positive mental wellbeing - I'll be discussing it in my worship too!

I have had a request from a parent that I make you aware of this group that is meeting next week.

Frustrated at the inadequate pedestrian safety at the Cross? Worried about crossing the busy junction every day to get to school with young children in tow? Do you drive to school instead, as it's too dangerous to go on foot? A group of us are attending the Community Forum at Norton Community Centre on Monday 20th January. We want to raise this issue with local councillors. Come and join us – we are stronger together! Check out the Facebook page Oldswinford Cross Safety Campaign to learn more about it and get involved. Or contact Beth (mum of girls in year 5 and 2!) on 07862287313 or bethscri@yahoo.com if you want to talk about it at the school gates during a pick up one day!

Safeguarding

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff, governors, volunteers and the wider school community to share this commitment.

If you have concerns about a child the NSPCC helpline can offer advice.

They can be contacted on: 0800 800 5000

Alternatively, If you feel like you might need extra support then there is a process called 'Early Help' which can provide help where problems are emerging for children, young people and their families. More information can be found out about this by following the link below:

<https://www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/care-and-health/children-and-family-care/early-help-for-children-and-families/>

Useful dates:

23rd January	4 Craufurd Class Worship
24th January	4 Field Class Worship
31st January	Year 4 Roman day
17th February – 21st February	Half Term Holiday
28th February	St. David's Day Celebration
2nd March- 5th March	Book Fayre
5th March	World Book Day
9th March	Parents' Evening
11th March	Parents' Evening
19th March	FS Lion Class Worship
20th March	FS Crystal Class Worship