



Bishop William Ward C of E Primary School Newsletter

Happy, respectful, lifelong learners

'I have come so that they may have life, and have it in all its fullness' John 10:10

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2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Despite some initial problems accessing tests, we are now seeing attendance return to more normal levels and fewer children seem to be needing to isolate due to showing symptoms of Covid 19. Nobody at the school has tested positive for Covid 19. However, if this does happen, the most likely outcome is that the class of the person affected would need to isolate at home for 14 days. This would mean that we immediately switch to our **remote learning** plan. For this to work effectively, we will need you to set up a new part of Class Dojo. Look out for details coming home about this on **Wednesday**. Year 4 are trialling it for us this week, so if your child is in that class, they will have some information for you today.



The **Achievement Cups** for September were awarded to Oceana and Toni. Well done!

Children in the Gold Book this week:

Foundation: Axel

Year 1: Charlie

Year 2: Leo

Year 3: Daisy

Year 4: James

Year 5: Isabel

Year 6: Grace



We would like to say a **HUGE THANK YOU** to the McGlade family for donating a cooking pot for use in Forest School. The children really enjoyed their hot chocolates at the club this week!



FOREST SCHOOL

NEW CATERING MANAGER

We will be welcoming **Joanne Larwood** onto our staff team after half term as our new catering manager. In the meantime, an agency chef will be providing meals at lunchtime.



We will be starting up the **Times Tables Rock Stars trophy** again next week, so make sure your child logs on and gets practising. Knowing your times tables is the best way to improve confidence in Maths. Children are expected to know all times tables by the end of Year 4.



Year 1 have been experimenting with colour, starting with a base colour and adding white or black to change the shade.



Reading Challenge

We are nearly quarter of the way to 100,000 minutes of reading! That means we need to speed up a little bit if we are going to get there by Christmas. If your child reads for ten minutes, they can colour in a square. There are always extra sheets in the classrooms if you run out!

Covid 19 Risk Assessment Update

The children continue to be very understanding about the extra rules and expectations in place around keeping the school as safe a possible with regard to Covid 19. We mustn't become complacent, so please keep reinforcing our key messages at home – hand washing is vital and we need to keep space between each other.

Testing seems to be improving, with children rarely being out of school for longer than a couple of days. If you need to book a test, we have found the best times to go online are **10am** and **8pm**.

Please make sure that you are neither late or early for your child's allocated entry time – we have had a few crowds gathering, particularly before school. Also, please keep the 2m distance between adults when collecting. Thank you!

Mr Bull