



# School Newsletter

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'Let us spur one another to acts of love and good deeds.' Hebrews 10:24



Dear Exbourne Friends and Families,

Happy New Year to all of you and your families. I hope you have all had a peaceful Christmas and made lots of lovely memories.

It was lovely to welcome the children back on Wednesday. We have had a busy three days catching up with news and getting excited about our new topics!

## **Perseverance**

Our theme this term is Perseverance. In Worship this week we looked at examples of perseverance on the sports track and we learnt about Paul in the Bible and how he persevered with his beliefs even though he was persecuted and beaten.

We looked at Bible verses including: “Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.” James 1:12 (NIV)

Our prayer was:

Dear God,

Sometimes, it’s hard to keep trying when we find things hard or when everything seems to be going wrong.

Please help us never to give up, but always to persevere.

Please help us to be people who encourage others to keep trying as we all aim for different goals in life.

Thank you that you never give up on us.

**Amen.**

Over the coming weeks we talk more about perseverance and reward examples we see in school. Please do talk about this at home and let us know of any achievements we can share and celebrate.

### **Staffing**

Exciting news! On Friday, Lisa Paton and I were interviewing for a new member of teaching support staff in KS2. We had a very impressive candidate who has accepted our job offer! We are just waiting for references and DBS checks be completed. As soon as we have these she will be able to start.

### **Questionnaires**

Can I please urge you to complete the two questionnaires – here are the links and explanations again:

**Ethos** It’s time to revisit and refresh our Exbourne ethos statement. What words sum up the ethos of our school? I will collect the ideas from staff, children and parents for a relaunch in January. Please add your ideas here: [Exbourne Ethos](#) or email me at [tpenny@dmatschools.org.uk](mailto:tpenny@dmatschools.org.uk)

**Wrap Around Care** Some parents have requested we provide after school care at school. To gauge interest and financial viability, please fill in this brief form. [Exbourne Wrap Around Care](#)

With very best wishes for 2024,

Tara Penny

Principal