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Dear parent(s)/ carers,

Welcome back for the second instalment of the Spring term! As the weather starts to improve there is a positive feeling in the air again. As we prepare for the season of Easter, our focus Christian value is **COURAGE** this half term. Staff aim to help children to have the courage to face any anxiety they may have, to be courageous in their learning but most of all to speak out, stay safe and be the best version of themselves. We will be exploring the value courage in collective worship and throughout the school day. We urge parents and carers to help us at home in supporting your child to have an understanding of what it means to have courage.

"Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1.9

WORLD BOOK DAY 2022





This week, we saw some amazing 'book character' outfits in school with World Book Day. The children came to school dressed as their favourite characters, including Harry Potter, Mary Poppins, Paddington and Matilda. Have a look in our Gallery for more photographs!

This year is the 25th anniversary of WBD and we celebrated in school through exploring story and texts, dressing up and writing book reviews. The charity recognises 6 elements which support children to read for pleasure:

1	Being read to regularly
2	Having books at home and school
3	Finding time to read
4	Having trusted help to find a book
5	Giving children a choice in what to read
6	Making reading FUN

Did you know?

Reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator of a child's future success, more than family circumstances, parents' educational backgrounds or income.

-Organisation for Economic Co-Operation & Development



Helping Ukraine families in times of need

I am sure you are more than aware of the devastating events in Ukraine at the moment. Whilst we are geographically quite far from these events, some of our community members may have connections and family in the region. Recent news and social media can be distressing and hard to watch, especially for our young children. It is important, even if your child has not seen the news, to create a safe space for children to discuss their thoughts and worries. We want our children to feel hopeful and to actively help. The sunflower has become a symbol of hope in the Ukraine - perhaps you could plant these with your child(ren) at home as a sign of hope and courage.

A member of our school community is driving a large trailer to Poland/ Ukraine at the weekend and we put out a plea this week for donations to send during this incredibly hard time for families in Ukraine. Thank you to all of you who kindly donated items to be shipped across, your donations will make a real difference to many families and are hugely appreciated. In times of adversity we must hold onto hope and courage and try to reach out to those in need.

Covid update

We have been keeping up to date with all the latest changes in guidance from PHE (Public Health England) and the government. A summary of the recent changes to self-isolation are -

- If someone develops symptoms or has a positive test result the [guidance](#) still advises people to stay at home to avoid passing the infection on to others. Many people may no longer be infectious after 5 days and so as previously, if people have no temperature and negative LFD tests on day 5 and 6 the risk of them being infectious greatly reduces and so can safely return to normal routines.

The schools operational guidance outlines that in most cases parents and carers agree that a pupil with the key symptoms should not attend the school given the potential risk to others. If a parent or carer insists on a pupil attending your school as a confirmed or suspected case of Covid-19, you can take the decision to refuse the pupil if, in your reasonable judgement, it is necessary to protect other pupils and staff from possible

- infection with Covid-19. We advise schools to communicate this to parents and encourage parents to follow the latest guidance around isolation if symptomatic.
- Close contacts are no longer required to self-isolate or advised to take daily tests, and contact tracing has ended.

Control measures remain in schools to reduce risk as follows:

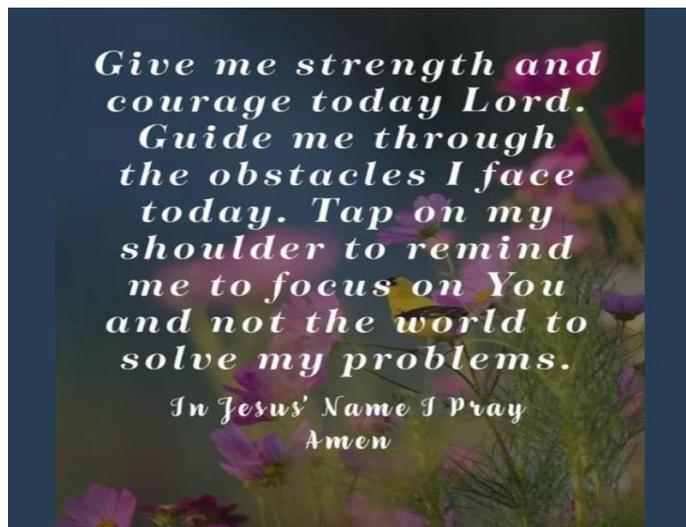
- Ensure good hygiene for everyone.
- Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes.
- Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.
- Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19

Reminders

Secondary school Admissions - You should now have received information from Devon County Council regarding your Y6 child's secondary school place.

School lunches - Please remember to order your child's school lunches in good time so that the kitchen can prepare the orders early in the morning, many thanks.

Our prayer for courage:



Wishing you all a restful weekend. Kind regards,

A Petersen

Dates for your Diary

07th March - Homework Projects due to be brought into school

09th March - Cross Country @ North Tawton Primary School

16th March - Homework Celebration for parents at school - 2.30pm

18th March - Red Nose Day - Non School Uniform & Donation of £1.00

21st March - Cross Country @ Sleekers Farm, Sourton

08th April - Last Day Of Term

11th April - Easter Holidays

25th April - All students return to school

02nd May - Bank Holiday

30th May - Half Term

06th June - All students return to school

22nd July - Last Day Of Term

25th July - Summer Holidays

GALLERY



WORLD BOOK DAY DRESSING UP



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



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Relay races up at the community field

