

Friday 8th January 2021



In a Lockdown panic? Hold on....

Everyone will agree that lurching into another **National Lockdown** has been another sudden side-swipe, fuelling uncertainty and panic. Everyone is affected, which does little to alter the grim reality, but may provide some unity in experience.

There are sources of help from last time that may still be available, or possibly, new ones emerging. **PLEASE, pause and be kind to yourself, your spouse/partner, your child, your neighbour, your teacher.** Explosive conversations and emails are distressing for everyone. Try to find ways to give yourself time to process information and think. Links like this may be of use: [Kids | #StayAtHome](#) (**Please note, not all have been thoroughly checked, so parents/carers need to exercise caution.**) Although the situation is grim, our previous experiences show that things will improve, so firmly hold on to **hope!** We will aim to share useful resources and local contacts as things develop.



Please ensure you read all school emails & Newsletters, so you are up-to-date with requests & instructions.

Christian Value Certificates

This week we are pleased to recognise the following for all their endeavours and displaying our school values:

Class R (Miss Levy)- The whole of **Class R** for showing **perseverance** in their hard work and enthusiasm towards their learning.

Class 1 (Mrs McLean & Mr Langston)- Jonty for showing **perseverance** with all of his work. Luca for showing **respect** in his behaviour towards others.

Class 2 (Mrs Robinson & Mrs Wilde)- The whole of **Class 2** for showing **perseverance** and keenness towards learning.

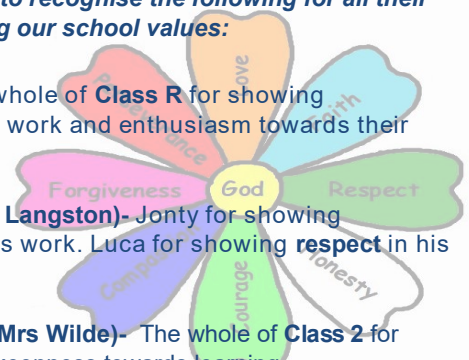
Class 3 (Mrs Roll) - Class 3 home and school learners for **perseverance** as they've worked so hard this week and got to grips with new ways of learning, attending all video lessons, uploading assignments and showing patience with adults working out the technology!

Class 4 (Miss Sweeney)- Zac for showing **love** and **compassion** for helping others and continuing to be such a considerate learning partner to others, even when not on-site.

Jonny for showing **love** and **compassion** - for always being the first to offer help and support to others when they need it, an admirable trait!

Class 5 (Mr Qureshi)- Leo for showing **compassion** and helping people so much at home using Teams. Ebony for showing **perseverance** in some great reading and comprehension work.

Class 6 (Mrs Edward)- Matthew for showing **courage** in his amazing effort in PE this week. All the Class 6 home learners for showing **respect** and making an amazing start to the home learning this term



Dear Parents/Carers,
How quickly things change! We have suddenly gone from the relief of my last Newsletter in December, to the grim reality of another National Lockdown. It has been a tempestuous week, with awful COVID statistics in our area, our nation and globally, as well as scenes of violence and civic disturbance. None of these situations are what we want our children to experience, so please remember to mitigate their exposure to casual adult conversation and all sources of news; images and words can quickly escalate fear in our children.

Term for teachers started on Monday and I want to share with you a Bible verse that we looked at together, before we began to grapple with preparations for the next few weeks. The Apostle Paul wrote to the believers in Philippi from his prison cell in Roman prison, to encourage, to thank them for their generosity and to wisely guide them: ***"Finally, ... whatever things are true, whatever things are honorable, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report; if there is any virtue, and if there is any praise, think about these things."***

Whilst we endure inconvenience, ill-health, mental fatigue, household challenges and professional difficulties, firmly holding on to those positives will give us hope and strength at times when everything else may fail.

Thank you to the families and friends who have sent messages of support this week. When things have felt bewildering and confrontational, knowing there are those who care and support helps us to persevere. We will try to find ways to keep connections strong.

With best wishes to you all, Miss Minnis