

Friday, 22nd May 2020



Dear Parents/Carers,

We've made it! Technically, next week is the half-term break, so we will all benefit from a pause to online teaching and home learning! This has been a busy week on site, looking after our small group of children and beginning to prepare for potential phased re-opening in the future. The prospect of any change creates questions and potential concerns, which in our current situation is very understandable. We will be sharing more information about our planned approach in the days ahead, but we are aware that all our plans may need to adapt, if the Government and County Guidance changes. So, whilst we await the Government's announcement next Friday, we continue to prepare for possible phased re-opening in the safest ways for our school. Different schools will make different arrangements, dependent on their particular circumstances and constraints. You will be able to see one of our classrooms, ready to receive pupils under the new guidance, on page 4.

Thank you to all our families for the supportive and helpful messages that have arrived this week. This has been an incredibly stressful time; the staff long for complete normality to return, when it is safe to do so.

I hope everyone enjoys the long weekend and week off from learning. Hopefully, the weather will be favourable, so we can enjoy time in outdoor spaces for relaxation and fun. Please take good care and stay safe.

With best wishes to all, **Miss Minnis**



This week our on-site learning team celebrated "Dinosaur Day"! The group created templates for their dinosaur biscuits, went on a Dinosaur Hunt and created beautiful shadow drawings.

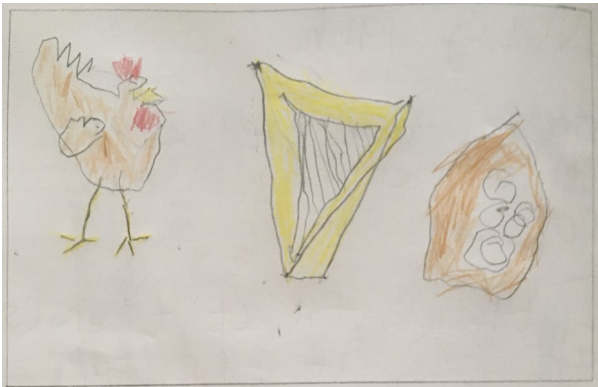
## Christian Values

This week, even though we are not all together, we are pleased to recognise the following for their endeavours:

<b>Naoise K-R</b> <b>COURAGE &amp; PERSEVERANCE</b>	<b>R</b>	For always trying his best and challenging himself in all his work
<b>Charlie T</b> <b>FAITH &amp; PERSEVERANCE</b>	<b>1</b>	For doing everything in a cheery, positive manner; for believing in himself and never giving up
<b>All of Class 2</b> <b>PERSEVERANCE</b>	<b>2</b>	For working so hard during the term
<b>All of Class 3</b> <b>PERSEVERANCE &amp; COMPASSION</b>	<b>3</b>	For continually taking the time to care for one another and not giving up when things get tough
<b>All of Class 4</b> <b>ALL OF OUR VALUES</b>	<b>4</b>	For supporting each other and remaining so positive this term
<b>Marley C; Robbie W;</b> <b>Max R; Sophie R;</b> <b>Yvaine P; Seb M</b> <b>COMPASSION</b>	<b>5</b>	For making colouring-in sheets for younger children and to Seb for helping with DIY
<b>Phoebe T</b> <b>HONESTY</b>	<b>6</b>	For creating a thoughtful, honest piece of writing for the Chevening "Book of Hope"



**Home Learning Gallery - Year R**  
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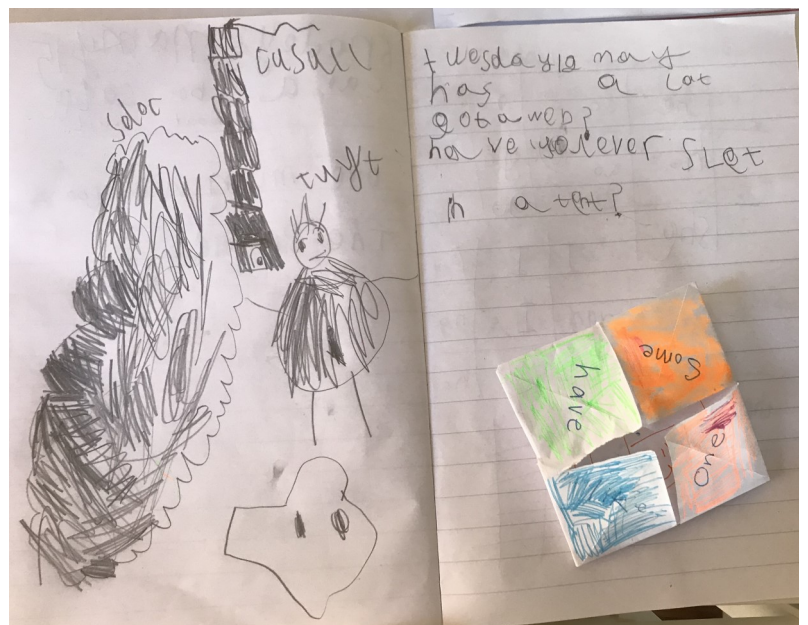
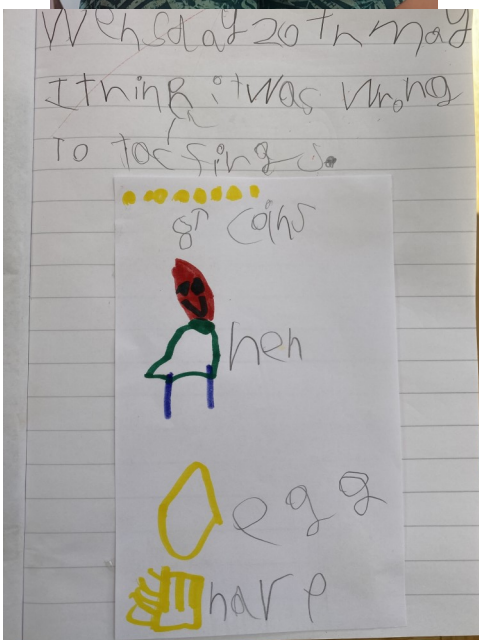


I think it was long  
 because it is harder  
 to steal.  
 If I were in the  
 darts cast I would  
 leave.



Jack stole a hen and  
 a magic harp and  
 he stole money too.  
 I think he was long  
 because it is not his.  
 If I was in the castle  
 I would sing him a  
 lullaby to send him  
 to sleep.

**Class R have been reading the classic children's tale, "Jack and the Beanstalk" in Literacy this week. They also created "chatterboxes" to help with their Phonics.**





**Home Learning Gallery - Year 6**  
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Class 6 have been studying British artist David Hockney in Art this week. Here are two fabulous examples of work similar to his “joiners” period.

Class 6 finished their study on the book “Wonder” this term summed up with a great review by Patrick.

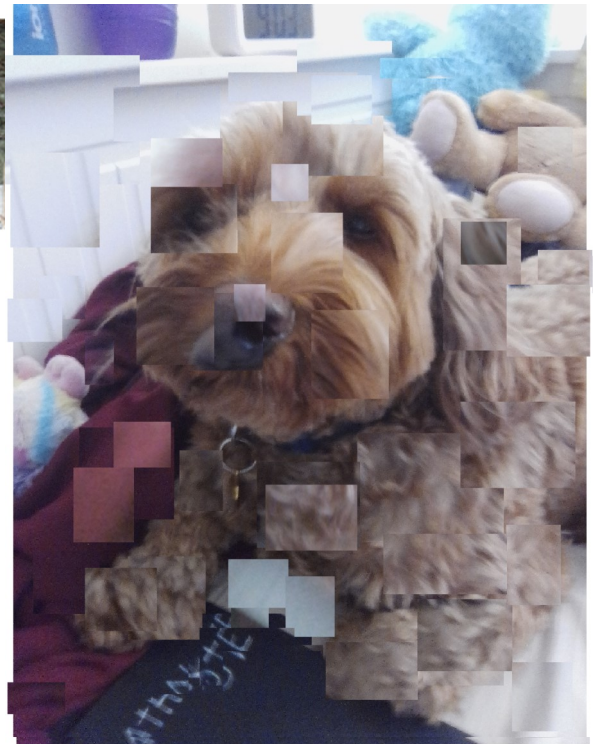
**Why Wonder is an important book to read**

Wonder is a book that is about a boy called August Pullman who has a facial disorder. It consists of how he goes about his daily life, and what challenges he tackles throughout middle school. The themes of this book are family, friendship, courage and acceptance (how different characters learn to accept August for how he looks), I will get into this more later.

Wonder is important because it teaches us how we should judge people not by the outside but by what's on the inside. A way you can show this is, in the book there is a character called Julian, and towards adults he behaves fine, but towards kids he can be a bit of a bully. Julian judges August by his appearance.

However, people like Summer or Jack look beyond his abnormality, and look on the inside and see he is a kind, funny and smart kid.....

....In summary, I think this book has a great story line and an important message that I think we should all follow. And as I mentioned above it's always important to judge people by the inside not outside. It teaches us to accept everyone for who they are. And always be kind no matter what the situation.



**Last Chance to add to the “Chevening Book of Hope and Reflections”**

Are you inspired by this lovely artwork by Florence in Y5 titled “Scary Can Have A Bright Side”. This vibrant artwork tells the story that “isolation can be scary, like tigers, but it turns out it can have a bright side so I added some colour. Without the everyday rush I have learned to ride my bike, and my skateboard, learned different art techniques, explored woodland and fields and written to my Nonna in North Wales, who writes back to me which I really like.”



## **Preparations on site for the possible re-opening of schools**

This week, staff have started to make the necessary changes around the school site in order to be ready for more children to return whenever that may be. We are using the Hall and some other rooms to store resources, equipment and furniture that are not in use.

The Government and County Guidance mean that the rooms available for groups of children look very different to normal. In light of this, and so we can help prepare children for any return to site, please talk through the changes in the photo below.



### **Changes in Financial Circumstances**

As many families have experienced considerable change in circumstance due to COVID-19, I would like to draw your attention to the process for applying for Free School Meals. Your child might be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

You can apply on-line [here](#).

### **An Act of Kindness during Kindness Week**

We were thrilled to receive a generous donation from Katie Williams (Steve, her husband, is the Olympian who opened our Chevening School Pool during its grand re-opening last year). Mrs Burrlock, our Chair of Governors was pleased to write to Katie, "A huge thank you to Vodafone for supporting our School Ball fund raising event and the kind donation towards the swimming pool project through Vodafone's employee Matched Funding Scheme."





## Worship & Prayers: Thy Kingdom Come!

*This week's Thy Kingdom Come Prayer initiative has moved online. Starting on Ascension (21.05.20) and finished on Pentecost, one of this year's themes is about showing God's love and care even during lockdown.*

*Mr Qureshi has demonstrated his love and care for others by relooking at our school values and linking them to mental wellbeing. The new Christian Values and Well-Being may be useful for prayer and reflection, especially during Mental Health Awareness Week.*

### Christian Values and Well-being

Love is central to everything we do. Jesus describes it as the greatest commandment. Let's be loving to each other but also ourselves. Love is a noun and also a verb!  
**Remember that God loves you!**

Things will be very difficult at times but perseverance is a Fruit of the Spirit that we can all encourage. Things are hard at times but they will change. Let's encourage each other to persevere.

When things are difficult people may say or do things we don't like, and they don't mean. We need to remember to forgive others and ourselves and learn to live and love together.

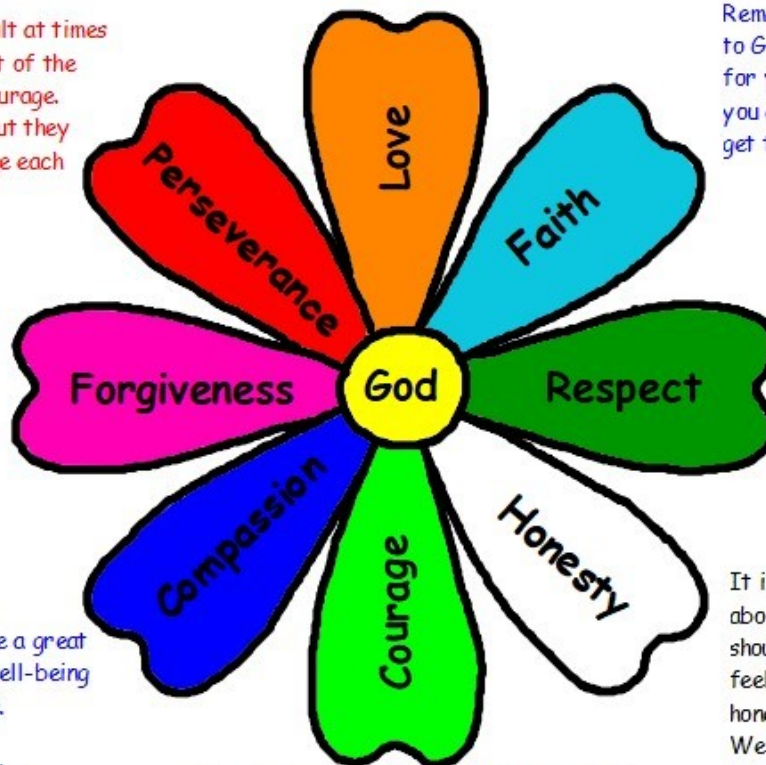
Compassion is a great gift. Remember that you can have a great effect on others people's well-being when you are compassionate. Sometimes we need to be compassionate to ourselves too.

Courage is so important to us. It does not mean that you do not get scared, it means that you continue anyway. Remember we can **ENCourage** others too. Let's help each other.

Remember that you can talk to God about anything. You can pray for yourself or others. He will hear you even though we may not always get the answer we pray for.

People will have gone through very different experiences. It is important that we respect each other's thoughts and feelings.

It is important that we are honest about how we feel to ourselves. We should not be ashamed of our feelings. We should also talk honestly to others when we need to. We can even use 'Worry boxes' to help.



### Mental Health Awareness Week 18-24 May

This Mental Health Awareness Week, Public Health England has launched new guidance on its ['Every Mind Matters'](#) platform to help people improve their sleep.

Sleep plays a critical role when it comes to maintaining positive mental health. To help you sleep better, visit Every Mind Matters to access simple NHS tips and advice to start getting a good night's sleep #everymindmatters.

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*Mr Garrett, giving Class 1's Bear, Albert Snuzzle, one last hug before the half-term!*

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