



# Parent Newsletter

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Dear Parents,

## Our Christian Value this half term is:

### Courage

As Christians, we have the courage to believe that God is always with us.

This belief gives us the strength to face danger, overcome fear and make a stand for what is right. In our prayers, we can ask God to give us the strength to be courageous in our lives and to make the right choice.

### Celebrating our children:



#### What Would Jesus Do Awards:

**Honey Bees**- Ollie W and Thomas W, showing everyone else how to sit and listen.

**Discovery**- Annabelle, showing Courage in maths.

**Atlantis**- Joshua M, for showing Courage by reading his non-chronological report to his peers.

**Enterprise**- Edward, showing courage and determination at Forest School.

**Endeavour**- Tilly, showing Courage with all her contributions in class.



**Discovery**-Joe

**Atlantis**- Grace

**Enterprise**- Ruby and Sophie

**Endeavour**-Jude, Josh and Leo.

#### Stars of the Week:

**Discovery Class:** Evie, Aubre and Annabelle.



**Atlantis Class:** Grace, Emily, Alyssia and Isabella.

**Enterprise Class:** Lewis, Alyssia, Oliver and Harry.

**Endeavour Class:** Josh, Maisie, Arthur and Lois.

**Class DOJO:** Thank you for all your positive comments on our Parent's

Questionnaire:

'The Dojo provides a good level of communication between home



and school.'

'The new website looks great!'

'In all honesty we're happy with the communication between home and school.'

Just looked at the new website! It looks great, much easier to navigate around.'

'Class Dojo is brilliant, we are updated daily and reminded about upcoming events.'

'School newsletter is a good way to summarise the week and remind of upcoming events.'

'Class Dojo is certainly an excellent way to communicate and has proven very useful.'

'Teachers are brilliant at keeping us updated every day. Well done and Thank you.'

'Personally I prefer the old fashioned way of face to face, although the messaging through Dojo is helpful.'

'Dojo is the most immediate and accessible form of communication. Teachers do a wonderful job of updating parents with pictures and an overview of the children's day.'

'Stay and Learn sessions are really helpful in supporting at home.'

'I think you do a great job communicating in various ways.'

#### Events In School This Week:



This week we invited parents into school to work alongside their children in school. We would like to offer these sessions every term. The sessions focused on Guided Reading in school.

'Really enjoyed Stay and learn-very valuable session on reading and loved playing the games. Thank you!'

'Really enjoyed the session today, love seeing firsthand how the children learn. Thank you!'  
 'The session made my child feel happy and excited.'  
 'Brilliant to come in again and see how the children learn about reading. Thank you.'  
 'Thank you for a great morning. Really informative and great ideas shared for helping the children learn at home.'  
 'Had a very enjoyable time with my child. Welcome more sessions like this please.'  
 'I'm impressed at how quick the children work and how quickly they pick up the text. So impressive!'  
 'Enjoyed the lesson, good exploration of the text. I like the detective badge!'  
 'Great idea! An inside view.'  
 'Found the stay and read very helpful. We were given lots of useful information on the new style of guided reading.'



Forest School  
 Phonics searching  
 Children Multiplication Arrays  
 Historical skills-archaeological dig  
 2D shape dig



### Quotes from our children:

**Discovery**- 'I would like to go to the ice festival because I would like to see it and touch it.' (Summer)  
**Atlantis**- 'The new planet that the boy from NASA found accidentally is like Christopher Columbus who accidentally found America.' (Maddy)  
**Enterprise**- 'As technology develops companies should step up and protect us.' (Charlie)  
**Endeavour**- 'Social Media: People do fake things to achieve recognition on their page.' (Lois)  
 'Creators have to ensure there are guidelines for children.' (Jude)  
 'Filters make people appear younger than what they are-they're misleading as they are misrepresenting themselves.' (Maisie)



**New Hedging IMPORTANT**  
 Dear Parents/Guardians,

We should like to inform you of a new funding initiative here at HSM. As you might be aware, the front playground hedging is quite sparse and we need a new hedge planting in the field where the temporary orange fencing is. Therefore the Eco Council would like to raise money to facilitate new hedging. In aid of this project, HSM kindly asks you to donate £2 (per child) to the cause. Your child/children will be given a tag/luggage label to write on their name and a message of their choosing. All tags will be hung onto the new hedging in recognition of the donation. Please return the label and donation as soon as possible so that we can then purchase the seeding and plant it ASAP.

**Yours In Anticipation,**  
**Hoole St. Michael Eco Council**

### **Y6 Parent meeting.**

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Year 6 parents meeting last night. We hope you found it informative.  
 The Y6 Parent's Evening is on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February. We are inviting Y6 children to attend their Parents' Evening with their parents. This will help prepare them for their High School Parent's Evenings which they also attend. You will receive a letter from Mrs Cookson to book your appointment time.



### **School Office requests.**

- ❖ Please keep your ParentPay account up to date for toast and lunches.
- ❖ **Holiday requests**-Parents are reminded that we only authorise holidays during term time for exceptional circumstances. We also ask that we are given 2 weeks' notice as we need time to make our decision.

### **School Governor Vacancies**

We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor and a Foundation Governor. Thank you to Mrs Crosson, Mr Dawson, Mr Kirby and Mr Weldon for applying for the parent governor vacancy. Please return your Ballot papers to Mrs Price by Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January at 12pm.

## Important dates for your diary.

### Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January

- Brew, Book and Biscuit
- Governor votes due in

### Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January

- TARDiS Public Speaking Event

### WK Beginning-3<sup>rd</sup> February

- Pupil Voice Week

### Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February

- Safer Internet Day

### Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February

- Y6 Parent's Evening

### Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February

- Hubbersty Celebration assembly

### Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February

- HALF TERM

### Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February

- School opens
- Multi Faith Week (KS2-Sikhism)

**Please put these essential dates in your diaries.**

### Discovery

Discovery class have completed all of their stay and learn sessions. "We're working on our non-chronological reports with the theme of explorers" quoted Mrs Lever, the Discovery class teacher. They have also been working on place value in maths.

### Atlantis

Looking about how life is different now to the era when Jesus was alive. In maths, Atlantis have been exploring arrays. During English lessons, they have been writing a report about explorers, due to a letter from Tarleton Library they are now doing the second bit (about Neil Armstrong) that will help them in the creation of the final piece.

### Enterprise

In English and Topic, Enterprise have been very busy learning all about Water horse, funny learning can be modelling, writing or reading! They have also been very busy in maths doing division by splitting calculations and also doing counting backwards and forwards games. Lastly, Enterprise have been learning to 'walk like an Egyptian' in PE lessons, which sounds like fun to me!

### Endeavour

In maths, our class 4 children have been exploring dividing fractions by whole numbers and have even made a rule to help when calculating! Meanwhile, Year 4 have been working on area and perimeter of shapes in practical context. They have also been learning how to write a speech in preparation for the TARDIS cluster public speaking competition. "We have also been continuing our work on Baghdad in 900AD, this week about the house of wisdom," said Jude Harrison from Endeavour class. To conclude, Endeavour have also been drawing in the style of Dave McKean and working on shading and the cats from the book Varjak Paw.

Learning update by Jude.