



Parent Newsletter

Friday 29th January 2021

Dear Parents,

Our Christian Value this half term is:

Perseverance

As Christians, we believe that God is always with us through every challenge we face in our lives.

We read in the bible: Let us run with perseverance the race that lies before us. Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, on whom our faith depends from beginning to end.

Hebrews 12 1-2

In our prayers, we can ask God to help us if we feel worried about facing a new challenge

Celebrating our children:



What Would Jesus Do Awards:

Honey Bees: Billie for showing such bravery and joining in with Zoom sessions.

Discovery: Ollie W for being brave and answering questions on our Zoom sessions (We love your new glasses too Ollie!)

Atlantis: Teddy for his aqua bead technicolour dream coat showing the Christian value of forgiveness.

Enterprise: James for showing great perseverance when completing difficult fraction work.

Endeavour: Alysia – Courage – taking on new challenges with a can do attitude and growing in confidence each time. She was on fire in the chat this week!



Atlantis- Myla

Enterprise- Leo, Maddie, Harry

Endeavour- Leyla, Josh, Adam and George

Stars of the week this week:



Honey Bees- Bluebell and Rafferty for being so well-behaved in the background of our Zoom lessons and for showing

curiosity in what we are doing.

Discovery Class- Thomas for amazing effort in all his work and even helping mum to cook the tea!

Dexter for putting in extra effort on our Zooms.
Felix for super caption writing using beautiful handwriting.

Incredible Hulk, Iron Man and Buzz Lightyear for bringing a smile to our faces during Zoom!

Atlantis Class- Annabelle and Oliver for their hard work and dedication to their learning.

Enterprise Class- Harry- for working extremely hard on his innovated chapter of the Stig of the Dump.

Lola- for being a superstar when working with fractions, Lola showed that you shouldn't give up and always keep trying.

Eliza - for constantly having her hand up and actively taking part in zoom lessons.

Maddie - for working hard in every aspect of her learning this week.

Endeavour Class: Harrison – Amazing work in French showing us all how to make a sandwich. (Video available on our website!)

Tilly Sanderson – working really hard in every Zoom session and using the chat brilliantly.

Charlie – showing dedication to his work and checking in with adults when he needs to maturely to complete tasks.

Indie – Attempting every single task set and using teacher time well to improve her work.

Well done everyone.

Parent Comments:



'Thanks for all you do, it is really helpful.'

'You are doing an excellent job.'

'You're all wonderful at getting back to us so quickly'
Phone Calls Home: This week Mrs Price has spoken to all our parents who are doing a wonderful job at home with their children's remote learning. Thank you for all your kind messages of support and appreciation. It was lovely to hear all the news from our families and hear everyone is keeping safe and well. Please contact us if you need any further support or guidance.



Please look on our website to see our children working hard at home:
<https://www.hoolesprimary.co.uk/our-classes/google-classroom/january-lockdown-gallery/>

Remote Learning Provision:

For more information. Please visit our website:
<https://www.hoolesprimary.co.uk/our-classes/google-classroom/remote-learning-provision-january-2021/>

**25.1.21 Teachers in school: Discovery-Mr Pitcher
 Enterprise-Miss Topping Endeavour –Mrs Cookson**

E Safety Tips:

What Parents & Carers Need to Know About WECHAT (17+)

WeChat is an all-in-one communications app for free text messaging, voice and video calls, photo sharing and games. Additionally, through "mini programs" (apps integrated into the main WeChat platform), it becomes a one-stop shop by allowing users to do things like send payments, make purchases or book taxis, flights and hotels. Headquartered in Shenzhen, China, WeChat is one of the world's most popular social media downloads, with around 880 million active users.

Risky Connections
 Users of WeChat can exchange contact info instantly through their own unique QR code. They also receive the QR code of anyone who scans their QR code which goes to a person of their choice. Users can also add a person to their WeChat without using their phone number and, more worryingly, there's an option to search specifically for nearby users, unless their device's location services.

Age-inappropriate Activity
 Recent reviews in Malaysia found WeChat is among the top three messaging platforms. Parents might give the app as a reward for good behaviour and not realise it can be used to access age-inappropriate content. WeChat is only an electronic communication tool and cannot be used to track a child's location. It is not a social media app and would not have to provide proof.

Random Contacts
 WeChat has a "discover" users' mode which allows you to connect with other people - either randomly or nearby - locally or worldwide through the scanner's QR scanner. The "discover" mode is similar to the "discover" mode you find on other social media apps. It is not a social media app and would not have to provide proof.

Surveillance Suspicions
 Some western journalists have alleged that WeChat is being used as a tool of the Chinese government to monitor users, collect information and track users' physical location. The Indian Government banned the app in 2020 over "data and privacy issues". In the USA, the Government has initiated legal proceedings to block WeChat, citing national security and data privacy concerns.

Questionable Impartiality
 There have been numerous media reports of WeChat blocking or censoring messages because of "restricted" keywords, usually related to politically sensitive subjects. For example, criticism of the Chinese Government's response to the Covid-19 outbreak. Some people's accounts have allegedly been blocked because of something comparatively innocuous that they posted. If it does occur, it is a question about the reliability and fairness of WeChat's content.

Advice for Parents & Carers

- Research it Yourself**
 If your child is interested in using WeChat, it's a good idea to download it yourself before they do, to help you decide if it is appropriate for them to use. Checking the app yourself will allow you to experience how easy it is to obtain, how users can create and share their own content, quickly make connections with other people, discover useful location services.
- Disable Location Services**
 If you are intending to let your child use WeChat, we would strongly suggest that you do not let the app access their device's location services. That will not only prevent location - and quite probably, unwanted - content requests from strangers, but it will also stop other users nearby being able to pinpoint your child's whereabouts.
- Adjust Security Settings**
 Unless a user alters it, the default security setting is that anyone else on WeChat (anywhere in the world) is able to see what they've posted - including photos and videos. What's more, when a user adds text, images or videos to their "moments" (in scrolling feed of friends' updates), not only their contacts but anyone nearby can see what they've uploaded.
- Remember Linked Accounts**
 Bear in mind that users can connect WeChat to their Facebook and Twitter. That makes it easy to share content from the app - including posts that were intended to be private. If your child does link social media accounts, encourage them to think carefully before posting. Similarly, WeChat offers in-app purchases of stickers and games, so you may want to discuss in-app spending with your child in advance.

Meet Our Expert
 Jonathan Taylor is an authority on online safety, social media and online gaming, having previously been a covert internet investigator with the Metropolitan Police for more than 10 years. He has worked extensively with UK and international officials to deliver training and guidance around the latest apps, platforms and dangers.

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St Michael's Church Worships:

Please visit the Church YouTube channel, by searching "St Michael's Church, Much Hoole" on YouTube.

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH
THIS SUNDAY
10.30 am join us for a Zoom Service on line for all the family
www.hooleparishchurch.com
 Last week's Zoom Sunday Service pilot was a great success with nearly 50 people aged 5 to 90 and break out groups for the children with Liz.
 Do come and join us this Sunday

FAMILY CHURCH
"Put on the whole armour of light"
PLEASE JOIN US FOR
LIGHT PARTY
SUNDAY 14th FEB. 2021
3.45 PM - on 'zoom'
 Please email lizboland@yahoo.co.uk for more info / zoom link

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CRAFT / QUIZ
GLOW STICKS
BIBLE STORY
ALL WELCOME

Thank you for continuing to read our newsletter. We hope it keeps you up to date with everything going on at Hoole St Michael.

