



Parent Newsletter

Friday 29th April 2022

Our Christian Value this half term is:

Friendship

We call God our friend and know that we can trust him.

Jesus shows us how to be a good friend.

We help each other to make up when friendships have been broken

We know how to help our friends when they are in trouble or unhappy.

Bible Verse

(Jesus' words at the Last Supper) 'Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you.' [John 15: 13-14](#)

Celebrating our children:



What Would Jesus Do Awards:

Honey Bees: Piper for showing the Christian value of love in everything she does and for giving the squishiest of cuddles!

Discovery: Spencer for showing the Christian value of service by making delicious cakes for the staff. Yum!

Atlantis: Emmy for service. She brought the water bottles out for her class and it took several trips! Thank you Emmy.

Enterprise: Grace for showing friendship and service this week.

Endeavour: Daisy L: Showing the value of courage and perseverance, working hard and digging deep.

Stars of the week this week:



Honey Bees- Ava.

Discovery Class- Rafferty and Jake.

Atlantis Class- Ted, Max and Noah.

Enterprise Class- Emily, Annabelle, Stanley.

Endeavour Class- George, Charlie

and Harry.

Lunchtime Ambassadors:



Honey Bees- Rory

Discovery- Bluebell

Atlantis- Sofia

Enterprise- Isabella

Endeavour- Alfie



Our GRIT Champion:

Get Ready I am Trying!

Discovery Class: Bella for being on fire with everything and showing GRIT. Call 999 Bella is on fire!

Atlantis Class: Summer for not giving up on her fraction maths. So proud of her perseverance, it's really paid off.

Enterprise Class: Eliza for determination with fractions.

Endeavour Class: Alfie for working hard and putting in maximum effort into each and every lesson.



Gardening Day: Thank you for all your generous plant and seeds donations. The children have been busy planting them today.

Honey Bees and Discovery: Planting sunflowers we grew as part of our science day before Easter. Helping Colin weave the willow in Forest school.

Atlantis: Cross my golden river in phonics!

Enterprise: This week we have been outside developing and applying nouns.

Endeavour: Geography – gathering research facts about the Amazon. Science – growing our own plants looking at the different ways plants reproduce.



Enrichment

Honey Bees and Discovery: Observing our incubator looking for our chicks hatching.



Atlantis: Brew, book and biscuit. Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and siblings that came. The children had a wonderful morning.

Enterprise: This week Enterprise did an incredible performance at Ewood park last night. They were amazing!

Tennis Competition: Mrs Patel went with 4 of our children to a Tennis Competition on Tuesday. They had a great day and came 4th place. Well done everyone.



Let's Go Sing: Our Enterprise Class went to Ewood Park on Thursday. Their singing was amazing and a 'one off' experience for our children to sing and dance with over 4000 children. Our children were true ambassadors for our school and sang beautifully. Their enthusiasm was a pleasure to watch. It was wonderful seeing so many school communities come together and sing after Covid restrictions.



Many thanks to our parents and staff who accompanied the children, we really appreciated your support.

Endeavour: We have been discovering the art work of Henri Rousseau – we created our own mini versions of some of his work in dry media.



Swimming Gala: Last Friday some of our Y6 children went with Miss Beswick to a TARDIS Swimming Gala. They swam multiple races and came second overall. Well done everyone.

Queen's Jubilee Celebration: On Friday 27th May we will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Everyone is welcome to join us from 1.15pm. There will be a carousel of activities:

- Craft Activities
- Corgi Trail
- Afternoon Tea

We are holding a 'Royal Scone Bake Off' You will be given a Royal Recipe to follow. Scones should be brought into school in the morning to be judged, then enjoyed at our Afternoon Tea Party. Please see details on Dojo.

Children will be in their House Teams so parents can spend the afternoon with all their children!

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about GROUP CHATS

occurring through messaging apps or social media and in online games. Group chats are becoming the most popular way that young people engage with their peers online, involving by definition three or more individuals. These groups allow users to send messages, images and videos to everyone in one place. While they are useful for helping friends, clubs or sports teams to coordinate, interests or members of a club to communicate and coordinate activities, they can also leave young people feeling excluded and bullied – or well as providing opportunities for inappropriate content to be shared and viewed.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

BULLYING

Unkind comments or images which are purposely aimed at an individual can be shared freely in a group chat – so being and often encouraging others to bully is less likely to be noticed. Young people can also feel excluded when a group chat is created in a larger group, it serves to exclude the bulk of the group, creating a sense of isolation that the victim feels.

SHARING GROUP CONTENT

It's important to remember that – while the content of the chat is private between those in the group – individual users can screenshot messages. Screenshots can be shared outside of the group or screenshoted by someone who is not a member of the group. Friends or family members can also screenshot messages and share them with others. It's important to be aware that once you've sent a message, you can't take it back.

EXCLUSION AND ISOLATION

This common issue with group chats can happen in several ways. Starting a new group chat, or adding someone to an existing one, can be a way of excluding a certain child. Likewise, the chat may focus on a specific topic that a certain child can't contribute to. A child can also feel excluded when a group chat is started for a specific purpose, such as an event that everyone else but them attended.

UNKNOWN MEMBERS

Within larger group chats, the more likely your child will be communicating with someone they don't know. These strangers may be friends of the host, but they are not necessarily friends of your child. It's important to be aware that they have no control over who is added to the chat. They have often put them there.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some messages in a group chat may include inappropriate words, swearing and unkind images. These can be shared and viewed by your child if they are part of that group, whether they are aware of it or not. Some chat users have a disappointing message function, so they can't be removed from the chat. If you're worried about inappropriate content, it can only be viewed once or for a short time.

NOTIFICATIONS AND FOMO

A new batch of large group chats is being created every day. These chats are often on a mobile device and are often on a mobile device. They are often on a mobile device and are often on a mobile device. They are often on a mobile device and are often on a mobile device.

Advice for Parents & Carers

CONSIDER OTHERS' FEELINGS

Group chats are often an arena for young people to gain social status. This could come from being able to do or say things on a mobile, which could be used to exclude others. Encourage your child to consider how their group chat might be used to exclude others. If your child does send a message at their group chat, support them to reach out, show empathy and apologise for their message.

GIVE SUPPORT, NOT JUDGEMENT

Remind your child that they can confide in you if they feel excluded or excluded in a group chat. Instead of responding to the person who's upset with them, validate their feelings and help them to put them back in context by discussing one that can be used to resolve the situation. If a child feels they can't speak up if they're in a chat where others are being picked on.

BLOCK, REPORT AND LEAVE

If your child is in a chat where inappropriate content is being shared, advise them to block the users sending the messages, report them to the host or the platform and exit the group. If any of the content is abusive or illegal, report it to the police. It's OK for them to simply leave a group chat if that doesn't feel comfortable for them.

PRACTISE SAFE SHARING

In any device or platform, it's vital for young people to be aware of what they're sharing and what they're receiving. Discuss the importance of not revealing identifiable details in their messages. At school or college, they wouldn't like to be seen without. Remind them that once something is shared in a group, they lose control of where it may end up and how it might be used.

AVOID INVITING STRANGERS

Lately, many individuals online hide their true identity. It's important to be aware of this when you're invited to a group chat. Encourage your child to think about why they're being invited to a group chat – and, especially, to never accept a group chat invitation from a stranger.

SILENCE NOTIFICATIONS

Having a phone or tablet constantly with notifications from a group chat can be a nuisance. Encourage your child to turn off notifications for a group chat, but that it can still be part of the group chat, but that it would be harder for them to know or make the notifications and catch up with the conversation at a time when needed.

Meet Our Expert
Dr Claire Duffin is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed an international anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various educational papers and conducted research for the Australian government concerning internet use and sending messages of young people in the UK, US and Australia.

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Hoole Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration

You are warmly invited to attend the Civic Service for the Queen's Jubilee at St Michael's Church 10.30am on Sunday 5th June 2022.

This will be followed by a BBQ and Picnic on St Michael's School field 12-4pm.

It will be a Community Event for all ages. Activities for younger children will be held in the school during the Service.

Please RSVP by email, indicating whether you are able to attend the Service and if you intend to bring a guest, so we can allocate reserved seating at the front of Church.

Important school dates for your diary.

Thursday 5th May

- Brew, Book and Biscuit for Enterprise Class. 10am.

Friday 6th May

- No Celebration Assembly or Newsletter. Please check Dojo.

Wk Beginning 9th May-KS2 Test week.

- Y6 have SATs Tests but Y3-Y5 will also have assessment.

Friday 13th May

- Brew, Book and Biscuit for Honeybees and Discovery Class. 10am.

Wk Beginning 16th May-KS1 Test Week.

- Y2 have SATs Tests but Y1 children will also have assessment.

Wk Beginning 23rd May

- Whole School Writing Week

Wednesday 25th May

IMPORTANT TRANSITION MEETINGS (New Times)

- Honeybees and Discovery at 3.30pm
- Atlantis at 4pm
- Enterprise at 4.30pm
- Endeavour at 5pm

Thursday 26th May

- Ascension Day Worship in church. 9am. Everyone Welcome.

Friday 27th May

- Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration. 1.15pm.

Please put these essential dates in your diaries.

Church News:

Please join us for

ROYAL CHURCH

Sunday 15th May - 3.45 pm
at Much Hoole Village Hall

Come dressed as the King / Queen or in Red, White, Blue

Refreshments Games
Bible Story Craft
All Welcome

