



Parent Newsletter

Friday 19th April 2024

Dear Parents,

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:

Discovery: Henry for showing the Christian values of compassion and friendship towards our new Honeybee children

Atlantis: Spencer for Wisdom and Friendship. Being a fantastic friend and support to new Honeybees when they were outside.

Enterprise: Evie for showing the Christian Value of friendship. Being a lovely friend and spotting those who might need a little extra support.

Endeavour: Brooke for showing the value of friendship around our school, looking after all of her school friends and helping adults in school too.

Stars of the week this week:



Discovery: Oliver.

Atlantis: Toby E, Rory and Bluebell.

Enterprise: Ted, Sofia and Harlow.

Endeavour: Annabelle, Henry and James.

Parents will receive an invitation to our Celebration Assembly, now at 3pm, via Dojo.



Our GRIT Champion:

Get Ready I am Trying!

Atlantis: Jake for giving 100% grit in every lesson.

Enterprise: Emily for getting stuck in to all learning all week.

Endeavour: Bailey digging deep with his writing, producing some high-quality setting descriptions.



Discovery: Our new Honeybee children enjoyed being outside playing listening games.

Atlantis: We have been outside drawing and recapping the Easter story.

Enterprise: Building super sentences and effectively spotting the verb.

Endeavour: This week, we have been outside finding out facts about the Amazon rainforest, collecting research and learning new vocabulary.



Discovery: We have loved observing the caterpillars and talking about what will happen.

Atlantis: Atlantis have planted seeds that we will observe grow over the half term.

Enterprise: Dengineer den building fun!



Endeavour: A team from Endeavour took part in the TASA swimming gala at Edge Hill. We came third in our medium school group and saw some amazing individual performances. We all came back with a medal too!

Whole School Cricket Taster:



Active April:

Active April 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1. Commit to being more active this month, starting today.	2. Spend as much time as possible outdoors today.	3. Listen to your body and be grateful for what it can do.	4. Eat healthy and natural food today and drink lots of water.	5. Turn a regular activity into a playful game today.	6. Do a body-scan meditation and really notice how your body feels.	7. Get natural light early in the day. Dim the lights in the evening.
8. Give your body a boost by laughing or making someone laugh.	9. Turn your housework or chores into a fun form of exercise.	10. Have a day with less screen time and more movement.	11. Set yourself an exercise goal or sign up to an activity challenge.	12. Move as much as possible, even if you're stuck inside.	13. Make sleep a priority and go to bed in good time.	14. Relax your body & mind with yoga, tai chi or meditation.
15. Get active by singing today (even if you think you can't sing!).	16. Go exploring around your local area and notice new things.	17. Be active outside. Plant some seeds and encourage growth.	18. Try out a new exercise, activity or dance class.	19. Spend less time sitting today. Get up and move more often.	20. Focus on 'eating a rainbow' of multi-coloured vegetables today.	21. Regularly pause to stretch and breathe during the day.
22. Enjoy moving to your favourite music. Really go for it!	23. Go out and do an errand for a loved one or neighbour.	24. Get active in nature. Feed the birds or go wildflower-watching.	25. Have a 'me' evening: night and take time to recharge yourself.	26. Take an extra break in your day and work outside for 15 minutes.	27. Find a fun exercise to do while waiting for the kettle to boil.	28. Meet a friend outside for a walk and a chat.
29. Become an activist for a cause you really believe in.	30. Make time to run, swim, dance, cycle or stretch today.					

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS Happier • Kinder • Together

Discovery: We spent time in our PSHE lesson having a mindful moment thinking about our family and all they do for us.

Atlantis: We have completed a body scan meditation to really notice how our body feels.

Enterprise: We have listened to our body and be grateful for what it can do.

Endeavour: We have been using our work in Happy Minds to think about the importance of being grateful and how this can help us during times of stress.

Home/School Values: This half term our Christian Value is Friendship. Please see activities for home discussions below.

FRIENDSHIP
HOME SCHOOL VALUES

This term we will be focusing in school on the value FRIENDSHIP. We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together.

TALK TOGETHER
about Friendship

Learning to be a good friend, someone who can be trusted and is loyal, takes a lifetime. Talk together about how friends come in all shapes and sizes. Some are young, some are old. Some are always there, some we see only occasionally.

- How do we choose our friends?
- What makes a good friend?
- Are we a good friend to others?

READ TOGETHER...
Through the roof

Jesus reached a town called Capernaum and made his way to a house near the town gate. The crowd had gathered quickly and now even more people were pushing and squeezing into the small house, wanting to see him, hear him and touch him.

The excitement was infectious and four friends who lived in a street nearby came in all shapes and sizes. They met together and decided that they absolutely had to take their friend Joshua to Jesus. Joshua was paralysed and couldn't walk. They'd heard that Jesus performed miracles and could heal the sick. This was a chance they couldn't miss.

Wasting no time they carried their friend on his bed mat to the house, but jostling crowds blocked the doorway. They couldn't give up now. Their friend must meet Jesus. There was only one way. They carried him on to the flat roof of the house and carefully removed part of the roof to make a large hole.

Knocking ropes to the corners of the bed mat they gently lowered Joshua down right in front of Jesus. Imagine the surprise of all the people looking on. But Jesus smiled kindly at Joshua. "Take up your bed, and walk!" he said. Slowly, faltering and hardly daring to believe it was happening, Joshua stood and took a step forward. He could walk. He could actually walk! Thanks to Jesus and his friends, Joshua's life was changed forever!

Bible story based on Mark 2:1-12

THINK TOGETHER
Words of Wisdom

"A good friend is worth their weight in gold."

Anon

That's a lot of gold! Why do you think that this is such a popular proverb?

FAMILY FOCUS
Friends of the Family

This term's family challenge is to make a card or present for someone who is a friend to your whole family. You could add a gift tag saying...

Our family has been thinking about friendship. This is a thank you gift for being a special friend to all of us.

QUIZ Picture puzzle

Take the first letter of each object to discover who helped the paralysed man.

and

FASCINATING FACTS

Friendship Bands

Friendship bracelets are usually handmade and given to a special friend. According to American tradition you must wear the bracelet until the cords break and it falls off naturally. In this way you honour the love and hard work your friend put in to making it.

Raksha Bandhan

One special type of friendship bracelet is a Rakhi. Each year, normally in August, many Hindus mark Raksha Bandhan. The festival is a celebration of family life and in particular the relationship between brothers and sisters. They remember and talk about special times together, and think about loyalty, closeness, trust and their everlasting friendship.

- Traditionally sisters tie a sacred thread, a Rakhi, on to their brothers' wrists.
- In response the brothers give their sisters a gift promising to help them whenever the need arises and to always protect them.
- Celebrations continue throughout the day with gifts of sweets and special food as families enjoy the time they share together.

HALL OF FAME

A dog is a man's best friend

Near the village of Beddgelert in North Wales is a beautiful sculpture of a very special friend.

According to legend, the monument marks the resting place of the faithful dog, Geleert, who once belonged to the medieval Welsh Prince, Llewelyn the Great. A tombstone tells the story of a fateful day when Llewelyn went out hunting leaving the faithful hound, Geleert, to guard his young son. On his return Geleert sprang to greet his master, but Llewelyn noticed some blood on his fur. He rushed inside his house. To his horror the first thing he saw was his son's cot. It was empty!

The frantic father turned on the dog, thinking he must have harmed the boy. He killed Geleert there and then with his sword. At that moment a child's cry rang out through the house. Llewelyn searched and discovered his boy unharmed, but nearby lay the body of a mighty wolf which Geleert had killed before it attacked the small child.

Prince Llewelyn is said never to have smiled again and with tears of sadness he buried Geleert in this place, which became known as "the grave of Geleert", or in Welsh, Beddgelert.

HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE

Use your imagination to make the best friendship bracelet ever - using knotting, threading beads, twisting ribbon, whatever you can think of. The more original the better!

or, if you prefer...

make your own large version of the picture puzzle (over the page), joining 5 or 6 words about friendship. Either draw pictures or cut them out of magazines.



Music Lessons:

Many of our children enjoy learning a Musical Instrument in school. We have some places available so KTB are offering your child a free taster session.

🎵 KTB Music at Hoole St. Michael's

FREE TRIAL DRUM LESSON



Secure your child's place for a free trial drum lesson by contacting
Kate M via: ktbmusic@live.co.uk.

Please include your child's full name & class

First come first served, only 6 places available.

Closing date for entry: 25th April 2024

Lessons take place in school on Monday afternoons as standard

Important dates for your diary!

Monday 22nd April:

- Class photos. (No PE Kits today please)

Wednesday 24th April:

- EYFS, Y1, Y3, Y5 Parent's Evening

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- TASA Orienteering (Y5/60)

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Wednesday 1st May

- Atlantis Farm Trip

Friday 3rd May

- Whole school Cricket Event

Thursday 9th May

- Girl's Football competition

Wk. Beg Monday 13th May

- Y6 SATs Tests

Thursday 23rd May

- Hubbersty Worship at 3pm
- School finishes for half term

Please continue to check your messages on Dojo for more information.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.