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Head Teacher's News

The cold has really set in at school this week and the necessary ventilation of the school has meant the heating has been working overtime! It is one of the elements of making the school COVID-secure that really troubles me, as I worry about the environmental impact. We are trying to offset this by being more careful with other areas of our practice.

Thank you so much for everyone who has contributed to our One Can Trust collection. The collection point will be back out the front of school on Monday, so please continue to contribute where you can.

Next week in school, we will be focussing on assessing the children's learning. This will involve the children in KS1 and KS2 taking some informal papers. This is not something the school has done before, but it will become part of our essential system of assessing the children's learning moving forward. The whole process will be done in a nurturing and supportive way to ensure the children are comfortable. The teachers will use the findings from this assessment to identify any further gaps or themes in learning that they have not already found. They will also provide a useful baseline for us to monitor the children's progress against.

Attached to this newsletter is a notice from the Buckinghamshire Safeguarding Team regarding an incident that took place near a local school. Please take a moment to read it. Safeguarding children from harm is a vital function of the school so, if you have any concerns about incidents such as this, please report it to the police immediately and contact the school so that we are able to collaborate with the Safeguarding Team to take appropriate action.

We have now started holding Collective Worships via Zoom on a Monday morning. This is a chance for us all to come together as one school whilst we are still operating in bubbles. Last week, we talked about the value we are currently focussing on in school, Respect. I have been very pleased to see each class focussing on respect and to hear children talking about what it means and how it can be shown around the school. Next week, we will be handing out our first values award as part of the Star of the Week celebration and I look forward to seeing who shows the respect necessary to earn the award! This week, we shared the story of Gideon, a Mustard Seed from the Bible, who was the least important member of an insignificant family, yet was selected by God to lead just 300 men to drive an army of tens of thousands from Israel. He was a truly inspirational character and a great example of our vision - *Nurture.Grow.Shine*.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and look forward to seeing you on Monday

Sam Browne

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Meet the Governors

Today, our Head Journalists interviewed one of our governors. Here is their report on the meeting:

Q – What’s your name and what is your link to the school?

A – My name is James Ford and I am a Parent Governor at the school. My two children also go to the school.

Q – Why did you decide to become a governor?

A – I wanted to have a say and manage the needs of the children. I also wanted to help the school where my children go.

Q – Do you have any special roles?

A – I am the Key Stage 1 governor and also help with the wellbeing of the children.

Q – How do you help the school?

A – I make sure that everyone has the same opportunities as each other.

Q – What is it that you enjoy about being a governor?

A – I really enjoy being involved in my children’s school.

Q – What do we (the children) do that makes governors proud?

A – You all try hard and are very well behaved. I am always proud to be a governor at the school.

Q – What is your favourite thing about Radnage CE Primary School?

A – My favourite thing is seeing the children grow.

Thank you to James for agreeing to be speak to us and watch out for our next interview!

Isla and Eirin
Head Journalists

Star of the Week

With no celebration assembly on a Friday, we’re having to do Star of the Week in a slightly different way, but make sure you visit our Facebook page to see the celebration.

Eliza for showing respect and continually pushing herself to learn her high frequency and red words

Jimmy for effort and independent learning in Maths

Zachary for exceptional learning effort across the curriculum

Immy for persevering in maths and teaching others how to use long division

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One way in which we can raise funds for the school is through Amazon Smile. Most of us use Amazon rather a lot, and by following this link: <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/> and then searching for Radnage, you can raise funds for us simply through your normal shopping habits. Make sure you select Radnage CE Primary School Parent Teacher Association and, if possible, install the Amazon Assistant extension to your Chrome browser.

Diary Dates

Date	Occasion	Location	Who?
December 2020			
Fri 4 th	Christmas Crafternoon	In School	All children
Fri 4 th	Deadline for returning raffle tickets	School Office	Everyone
Fri 4 th	Reindeer Raffle Draw	School Office	Everyone
Mon 7 th	Deadline for hamper items	School Office	Everyone
Thurs 10 th	Year 5/6 Greek Day	Classroom	Year 5/6
Fri 11 th	Christmas Jumper Day	Whole School	Everyone
Fri 11 th	Last day to post Christmas Cards	Whole School	Everyone
Fri 11 th	Christmas Hamper Raffle Draw	School	Everyone
Fri 18 th – 1:30pm	Break up for Christmas	Whole School	Everyone

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