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Reliability

Reliability means that others can depend on you. You keep your commitments and give your best to every job. You are responsible. You don't forget, and you don't need to be reminded. Other people can relax knowing things are in your reliable hands.

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You are practicing **Reliability** when you...

- Make promises you can keep
- Really care about doing what you promise
- Return things you borrow
- Plan ahead
- Do your best and finish on time
- Find another way if obstacles occur

Affirmation
*I am reliable. I keep my promises.
 Others can depend on me.
 Nothing can stop me from giving my best.*

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Virtues -
This week's virtue is "Reliability".

Foundation stage

This week our focus is the celebration "Christmas " we will be talking about this celebration and how the children celebrate in their homes. We will be sequencing the Christmas story and the Reception children will be writing words or captions to go with the pictures. This year will be slightly different in school as we cannot have a nativity production in the hall . However we do have a surprise planned for you so please watch this space!
 In Maths we will be looking at one more using blocks, counters and pretending children are getting on a bus.

Key Stage 1

Seahorses - Seahorses have been busy painting their poppies which look fantastic and will be ready to take home soon for you all to see. We have also been reading different poems and talking about our favourite ones and explaining why. We also went outside and looked for signs of Autumn. This week we are reading a story about a little hedgehog called Hovis who needs a new home and is hoping the children will help him. The children will be describing Hovis and finding out hedgehogs survive in the wild. Next week they will start thinking about what type of house Hovis would like - you could start thinking about this at home. In maths we are starting subtraction so please carry on practicing number bonds to 10 and within 10.

Turtles - Although we did not get to the beach on Monday, I am sure the children told you that they had a great time at the park. They were still able to give me lots of information on seaside habitats in our Science lesson. In literacy, we have started looking at Winter Poetry. The children have been encouraged to read poems to the class. They will be writing their own poem this week. We continued our History lessons on Remembrance and learnt about the Remembrance ceremony. We are still waiting for our clay poppies to dry but are hoping to paint them soon. The children were also very proud of filling their rewards jar and enjoyed a film and a few snacks on Friday afternoon.

Key Stage 2

Year 3/4 - Year 3/4 have been learning all about teeth this week as part of the science topic and guided reading. There is not much they haven't discovered on how they are used across the animal kingdom. The children have also been completing their addition and subtraction methods and solving two-part problems. If you have any questions about the maths and how it is taught, then please let me know and I will gladly organise a parent google meeting, where we can all have a go together. It would be after school so that you can take part with your child too. The children have been looking at languages and how we communicate through art. Their books caught the eye of Mr. Clayden last week and were shared with the school through our google assembly - well done.

Year 5/6 - Year 5/6 have had another busy week. We have come to the end of our addition and subtraction work in Maths and will now be moving on to multiplication and division. In History, some of the children have used our new set of Chromebooks to research an influential figure from World War 2. Any children who haven't done this yet will have the opportunity to do so this week. In Literacy, we are coming to the end of our letter writing unit. The children are full of ideas for this so we can't wait to read their letters from soldiers at the end of the week.



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Self Portrait Tea Towels - This week, our PTA have organised for the children to draw a self-portrait which will then be printed onto a tea towel - a lovely Christmas gift idea. These will be £4 per towel and there is no limit on how many you can order. A copy of the order form will be coming home in the next couple of days and is also attached with this newsletter. Completed order forms need to be in by **Monday 30th November** please.

KS2 & Nursery Christmas Dinner Pre-Order - Wednesday 9th December - Latest date to pre-order is Monday 30th November - Christmas Dinner will be served on Wednesday 9th December this year. The cost of this is £2.34 and can be paid for via ParentPay. If your child would like a Christmas dinner then you **must** pre-order it with the school office. Please give the office a call on 01326 562249 to put your child's name down and chose their options. (Reception & Key stage 1 will order in the classroom as normal).



Roast Turkey with all the trimmings
 Or
 Quorn Roast with all the trimmings

 Festive Shortbread Biscuit



Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 11th December - On this date children can wear their favourite Christmas jumper to school instead of their school jumper. £1 donation per child in aid of 'Save The Children'.



Children's Hospice Southwest School 'Santas On The Run' Freestyle - Friday 11th December - This year the children will take part in a sponsored lap of the field/PE session (in their class bubbles) all in aid of Children's Hospice Southwest. As it's also Christmas Jumper Day they will already be feeling festive! Coin collector cards will be coming home in the next few days - every little helps and pennies can be added to these too - Our top fundraisers will receive a medal! We ask that the coin collector cards be handed back in on **Thursday 10th December** to give us time to tally up the totals.

Tempest Individual Photographs - Monday 9th November 2020 - POSTPONED until spring term.



Would you like to join our PTA? Our PTA is looking for new members. If you would like to get involved you please get in touch with the school office where we can give you the contact details.

We will also add the most recent PTA agenda to the parent/PTA tab on our website if you would like to have a look.

Coronavirus Test Results - If your child has been off of school waiting for coronavirus test results it is imperative that you inform the school office of the negative test result before your child returns to school. You can call the office on 01326 562249.

Coughing Definition - There seems to be a lot of confusion surrounding what constitutes a persistent cough. Here is a definition from the BBC: **Coughing a lot for more than an hour, 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours.**

Calendar - School term dates 2019/20 - Important dates for your diaries are as follows:
Christmas Dinner - Wednesday 9th December 2020 -pre-order with the office before 30/11/20
Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 11th December 2020
Sponsored Santas On The Run Freestyle - Friday 11th December 2020 - Sponsors in by Thursday 10th December 2020
Christmas Holidays - Monday 21st December 2020 to Friday 1st January 2021
INSET Day - School closed to all children - Monday 4th January 2021
February Half Term - Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February 2021
Easter Holidays - Friday 2nd April to Friday 16th April 2021
May Bank Holiday - Monday 3rd May 2021
May Half Term - Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2021