



St. George's CEP Newsletter

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'Bringing faith and education together'

Our value this term is **COURAGE**

Be strong, be courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the lord
your God will be with you wherever you go - Joshua 1:9

Welcome back....

We are pleased to welcome back all the children after half term. As we enter term 2 we focus on a new school value; **COURAGE**. This is something the children have shown in abundance and in the coming weeks we all need to ensure we continue to support one another. If any changes come our way our aim is to let you know with as much notice as we can.

Change is difficult for us all as we have to adapt to new routines, guidelines and this challenges us. There have been many positives – focus on wellbeing always been focal but has highlighted even further. Stripping back our curriculum has allowed more focus, engagement and enthusiasm for the pupils to enjoy their learning. Children seem to take this in their stride but that's down to the care and love they have around them.

Changes....

Today the children have had new changes and challenges presented – Year 6 have started bike ability, Year R are walking into school from the school gates, Year 3 have their new teacher starting (welcome Mrs Nesbitt!) and Year 5 welcomed back a friend in their class who they've missed for a few weeks as well as having a new Teaching Assistant (welcome Mrs Moss!). We also welcome Mrs O'Hara to the teaching team and Ms Cottrell to lunchtime supervision. These are all very positive ones!

Sadly, there has been a change of weather with nights drawing in and a chill in the air. Ventilation in school is something that all schools have been told to adhere too so can I take this time to remind you to layer up your children and ensure names are written in uniform and coats.

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HARVEST / Remembrance / Christmas

As a Church school we have wanted to ensure that we continue to follow Christian calendar events. We have had to try different things and last term Harvest was no different. Each class completed their own classwork which we shared on the class pages of our website – we hope you got to see them!

Our thoughts now turn to Remembrance – classes are busy creating their own memorials associated with poppy day coming next Wednesday. Then in a shorter term it won't be long before we start to think about Christmas. It will not only be different in our homes but in school too. Watch this space!



ATTENDANCE

Despite all of the challenges and worries we have faced I want to thank you all as our whole school attendance for term 1 was **95.9%**, 47% of the whole school having 100% attendance! This is fantastic, especially when you think that the same time last year were at 96.0%.



OTHER NEWS!



Congratulations to last term's Achievement Cup winners – William, Reece, Mia, Elliott, Alfie, Jay and Charlie - this year the trophies have been kept in school on the children's desks or in a special place in their classroom but each child received their own achievement star pin to keep!

Thank you for completing the HT survey – we are currently reviewing your responses in more detail.

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