Grimsargh St Michael's Newsletter

5.01.2021

Congratulations!

Our children, both in and out of school, have, yet again, been working extremely hard and have produced many pieces of work to be proud of. We must continue to thank you, parents/ carers, for supporting your child at home with their education while working at the same time...you are doing a great job so well done. As always, certificates were presented in class celebration assemblies today– certificates for children working at home will be sent home in the post. A huge well done to our **STARS** for this week:

Reception (Miss Lemmings): Henry B & Theo L

Year 1 (Miss Threlfall): Mia-Rose P & Finley G

Year 2 (Miss Sweeney): Anabelle L & Amelia T

Year 3 (Mrs Patterson/ Mrs Slattery): Sophia W & Noah S

Year 4 (Mr Brooks): Hooriya A & Lexi H

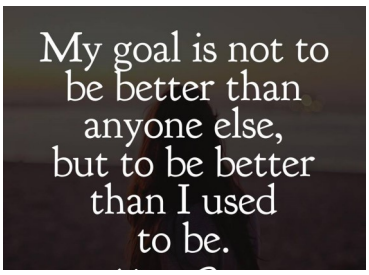
Year 5 (Miss Wheatcroft): Joseph R & Oliver K

Year 6 (Miss Cross): Amber L & Luke E

MENTAL HEALTH

This week each class has spent some time learning about the importance of a healthy mind. Children have completed a variety of activities linked to the importance of expressing themselves and being unique.
We celebrated the end of national mental health week today by all wearing clothes that we feel comfortable in and that celebrate who we are.

Please explore our 'Children's Mental Health Week' resources, a link to which you will find within your child's class webpage, and reinforce the importance of a healthy mind. There is a fantastic Growth Mindset video to watch with your child also.



DIARY DATES

'**LIVE**' sessions:

8th February
Virtual Key Stage Worships
KS1: 9:15am
KS2: 9:45am

10th February
Virtual class lesson

12th February
Virtual class quiz & celebration

KOGS

KOGS is open for those who have requested places and will be in the school hall. The form for you to request places will be sent on a weekly basis and is to be completed for the following week. The telephone number is 07867485252
Children attending will remain in their class bubbles. There is no official limit per bubble but numbers will be risk assessed on a weekly basis.

Nursery

Nursery is currently open during this lockdown period.

If you have a pre-school child or know friends/ relatives with children aged 3 or over and would like them to attend please give them a call on 01772 793313

COVID REMINDERS

We have now completed 5 weeks in school since the Christmas break and so far have only had to partially close one bubble which is testament to you, parents/ carers, our children and school staff for adhering to our Covid risk assessment. I am aware of schools who have had multiple bubble closures this half term which is obviously extremely disruptive for parents/ carers. It is paramount that you continue to support us in following our school rules so we are as safe as possible and are thus more likely to remain open for vulnerable children and those of critical workers.

- Please remember to wear your mask when dropping off and picking up your child. This is something I am asking you all to do to protect each other, our children and our school community. Wearing a mask is more for the protection of others rather than to protect the wearer.
- Please follow the one-way system in place for arriving at and leaving school via the two gates at the far end of school. I understand this is difficult when the weather conditions are poor as they have been recently and if this is the case, and you are unable to follow this system, please do what you can to remain 2m+ away from others. This system is designed to protect you and your child.
- Please continue to use the waiting zone if you have more than one child at different drop off times.
- Please inform school as soon as possible if your child is off with Covid symptoms and again once they have received their test result.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING EACH OTHER AND OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

HEALTHY SNACK

Please ensure that if you send your child with a snack for break-time, it is a healthy one rather than crisps or chocolate biscuits. I feel that some children are possibly taking items from what is supposed to be their packed lunch so teachers will keep an eye on this!

Critical worker children

Please would you let the school office know on 653600, before the start of the school day, if your child is going to be absent.

We know it can be difficult getting your child to school on time, especially in the current climate, but please adhere to school rules re waiting until 9am to send your child through the main entrance if you are late.

Road Safety

Please could we ask that children are not dropped off on the main road to make their own way into school, please make use of the church car park.

The road outside school is very busy so all children needing to cross, should do so with either Mrs Hall or go under the bridge.

Thank you.

WORSHIP

It has been great to see so many of you continuing to join us in our weekly Key Stage Worship. As last week, we had **31 families** join us this week for our Early Years & KS1 Worship and **43 families** for our KS2 Worship.

THANK YOU

Thank you for your continued support and understanding in this challenging time. Please continue to keep your child at home if you can.

STAY AT HOME...STAY SAFE