

Headteacher's Weekly Briefing: 13/11/2023

“Be on your guard, then, because you do not know the day or the hour.” Matthew 25:1-13

Well done to St David's class who had the best attendance again last week – great work!! I'm sure John Bear will enjoy another week in their classroom!

This week is **"Anti Bullying Week"** across the country, which has the theme of **“Make a Noise About Bullying”**. We are having an assembly on Wednesday morning, led by St Nicholas' class as part of our “Kindness” Mission Day which will focus on this theme and help us to think about being respectful to others, how we can be a good friend and living out our school value of **Kindness**. It is also **World Kindness Day** today which is a day when the whole world tries to promote and celebrate acts of kindness - this day serves as a reminder of the positive impact that kindness can have on individuals, communities, and the world at large

We are encouraging everyone to think all week about showing kindness to those we meet and in everything that we do, act and say. I hope that you will join in with this at home - Let's continue to make our school a happy, safe and friendly place to be. To end the week, we are asking everyone to come in wearing odd socks to celebrate everything that makes us all unique and special!

This week we are also thinking about the word **“Be ready”**. In the Gospel this week, Jesus tells us a story about how it is important to be ready and prepared for whatever will happen. Jesus asks us to be ready and prepared to be kind and loving to others whenever we have the chance. Are you ready to try and help people when they need some support?

We are also thinking about our school value of **Self-Control**. Stop and think before you do something, is this the best choice for me?

Pope Francis tells us: **“Being a disciple means being ready to bring the love of Jesus to others.”**

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal—What an amazing collection of Christmas shoeboxes we are starting to have in the school foyer!!! All shoeboxes or items for our class shoeboxes need to be in school by this Friday 17th November. Thank you for your amazing generosity as always.

Poppy Appeal – Thank you again for your generosity for the poppy appeal last Friday. Altogether we collected over £100, which is wonderful!

Reminders for the next couple of weeks:

Monday 13th November: Individual & Family Photos

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Tuesday 14th November: Mental Health Worries Workshop for Parents (9am) – please just come along to this tomorrow morning which will be taking place for parents/ carers in the main hall

Wednesday 15th November: ***St Nicholas (Mr Muskett) Class Assembly (9am): Make a Noise About Bullying***

Friday 17th November: Odd Socks Day-celebrating what makes us all unique for Anti Bullying Week – children can come into school on this day wearing colourful odd socks. School uniform should be worn as usual.

Wednesday 22nd November: We are delighted once again to be taking part this year in the special sponsored run in support of St John's Hospice. This year it will be a Reindeer Run!! - More details to follow!!

Friday 24th November – Own Clothes Day – Raffle Prizes for Christmas Raffles

Have a great week! - and remember **CHOOSE KINDNESS** this week:

*"Your smile might be the brightest light in someone's day, so let your **kindness** shine - smile at whoever you can, whenever you can."*

Best wishes,

Mrs M S Bulmer