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Dear Parents

Newsletter and Updates 1 Spring Term 2022

Christian values focus: compassion and 'courageous advocacy'

Each term we take one of our 15 Christian values and explore:

- what it means, from the bible and other examples;
- ways we can apply the value to our lives today, in and out of school.

This term we are looking at **compassion**, which translates as '*suffering with*'. We are encouraging children to consider the following: *try to imagine what someone is feeling and then do something to help*. It would be great to hear about any examples of acts of compassion that you may see from your children at home.

Another linked idea is '**courageous advocacy**', which is a term used in church schools to describe the actions we take to support those with no voice or in need of support locally, nationally and globally. Our fundraising work, and the Reverse Advent Calendar for Baby Basics and Boxes of Hope projects are really good examples of courageous advocacy.

Spring term class topic plans

Copies of the spring term topic plans for each class were emailed to each family last week (except for Year 5 whose topics will change from half term). Please take a few minutes to read the plan and then try to support your child's learning throughout the term. Hopefully we have given you some useful starting points for discussion and activities at home.

Covid-19 in School

Across Cumbria, cases are high and rising in primary schools, We continue to have a high number of positive cases in Year 4 with a few in other classes. We ask that everyone supports our efforts to reduce transmission, particularly during drop off and pick up times outside school.

I would also remind parents of the current local public health advice which is for schools to request that household close contacts of positive cases *self-isolate and then take a PCR test after 5 days*. We understand that this is not mandatory, but it does help in the reduction of transmission.

Sporting success: Cross Country

It is good to report that some competitive sporting events are taking place this year, after the long Covid pause. Six cross country runners in Years 5 and 6 finished in the top 16 in their age group in the South Lakes trials two weeks ago. This means they qualified for the county level event. We wish them every success as they compete near Penrith on Wednesday afternoon.

Lunch Shop and School Money reminders

Please can I encourage all parents:

- to ensure that, if your child is having a meal in school, orders are made on Lunch Shop in advance
- that all bills received via School Money are paid in good time

Thank you

Yours sincerely

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