

## News from Mr Edwards-Grundy

It has been great to welcome your children back to school this week, clearly refreshed from their Easter break they are ready to learn and enjoy everything that school has to offer.

The sunshine has been a real bonus this week, it was especially beneficial for Year 1 and Year 4 as they started Forest School this week. I hope the photos shared below make you smile as much as I did.

Our Value for this month is Courage and in Collective Worship we will be thinking about what it means to have courage in all sorts of different situations. This morning we were reflecting on the many situations in which we need to show courage, with children and staff sharing examples from their lives.

It is easy to think that courage is for heroes, people doing amazing things, but this past season has required extraordinary levels of courage from all of us.

For your children, as for us as adults, courage is in the every day; it is the day-to-day experiences that require bravery. Courage is not about not being afraid, it is about being afraid but keeping going anyway. In school, sharing your thoughts, being prepared to have a go, tackling new or unfamiliar learning or making new friends all require courage. Day by day I am so impressed with the courage that your children show.

As we start the new term, with lots of new learning and experiences ahead of us, we will all need to show courage at different times, take risks and be brave.

Christians believe that they can draw strength from God to help them face anxiety and show courage. In the remaining weeks of this month we will be exploring more about what that might mean for each of us.

In school we will be celebrating all the ways in which your children reflect our Value of the Month. This weekend can I encourage you to notice and celebrate the ways in which your children show courage, from trying a new food to persevering learning to ride a bike to practicing a new skill.

I hope you enjoy the sunshine!

## Please share your views

Last year, with the onset of the pandemic, our usual parent/carer survey did not take place.

Although during the year there have been opportunities for the parent body to feedback to the school, it is great to circulate our annual survey once again.

We would be really grateful if you would take time to complete the survey, which informs our thinking and planning for the year ahead.

The survey will be open until Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May.

At the end of the survey there is an opportunity for you to leave any other comments that you wish to.

[\*\*Take the survey\*\*](#)

Collated feedback from the survey will be shared with you towards the end of May.

## Parents' evenings

Early next week you will be invited to book a parents' evening session with your child's class teacher. These sessions will take place online, as they did in the autumn; you will be offered the choice of a Teams meeting, or a telephone call. Bookings will take place via e-schools.

Appointments will take place starting the week beginning May 3<sup>rd</sup> and will continue in the weeks that follow.

## Use of the school for polling

As usual, the school is being used as a polling station for the local elections on 6<sup>th</sup> May.

Given the time that children have been out of school however we will remain open to all children on polling day.

Additional precautions are being taken to ensure our site remains not only secure, but Covid-19 secure.

## News from around the school

This week, Year 1 and Year 4 have started Forest School. Forest School provides children with a whole raft of opportunities to learn whilst being outside. Children are encouraged to explore and develop new skills, to take risks and learn more about themselves.



We are enormously grateful to Henry of [Blue Monkey Trees](#) who free of charge carried out a lot of work on the Forest School site to ensure that the trees were safe for our children to climb. We are also grateful to the volunteers who are ensuring the high level of child to adult ratios needed to run Forest School safely.



## Congratulations to our winners!

On Monday there was excitement in school as the winners of the Easter bunny trail received their prizes; chocolates for the children and wine for the parents.

Congratulations to our winners Noah, Arthur and Emily, Esme, Theodore and Charlie and well done to everyone who took part.