

# Newsletter

## Our Values

As it was RE and Arts week last week, this Monday we had double the Values Awards certificates to give out.

There was a lot to celebrate with children being recognised for being 'patient, considerate and cooperative', 'showing kindness and thoughtfulness', 'demonstrating humility on the playground', 'co-operating and caring' and 'persevering in learning'.

It was a particular joy to celebrate with Harry this week, who showed enormous courage to join in swimming with his classmates, it was a fanatastic achievement.

Well done to all the children whom we celebrated this week and to all of those who we know are quietly and consistently showing the values day by day.



During Collective Worship throughout Lent we have been using some materials produced by the Archbishop of York to help us think about the Christian journey to Easter.

This week we were reflecting on how to be compassionate towards one another, thinking particularly about being compassionate even when we are at the end of our resources. The children thought about Jesus' feeding of the 5000 and how he asked the disciples to see what food they had... Children easily understood how hangry the disciples must have felt!

Compassion, like all the Values that underpin our Vision, is never easy, but it is even harder when we are tired (or hungry!) and our resources are low. As we head into the last week of this term, everyone is getting tired, but the challenge to all of us remains to continue to demonstrate our Values.

When I showed round some prospective parents this week, it was a delight (as it always is) to see your children not only learning well, but living well. During parent consultations this week, I know that many of you have been told what a privilege it is to have your children in school. Do ask your children where they have been successful this week in showing our Values and what they are going to work on during our last week of term... even when they are tired.

## Covid-19

It is almost exactly two years ago that we shut the school and went into lockdown for the first time. What a roller coaster couple of years it has been since then.

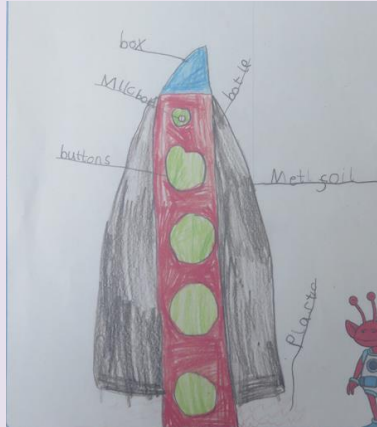
As you will know, the National Guidance in relation to Covid-19 changed today. A new chapter begins as we now learn to live with the virus and we each take more personal responsibility in relation to the virus.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all of your co-operation and support through the challenges of the past two years – it has made all the difference to us being able to keep the school open whenever we have been permitted to do so. We have all appreciated your understanding and your willingness to adhere to our Risk Assessments. On behalf of all the staff, thank-you.

## News from Around the School

In Collective Worship today, children from around the school shared work that they have been doing this week, there was such a lot of great work it was really hard to choose what to share in the Newsletter.

Everyone loved the rockets that have been made by the children in Year 1. The children have been thinking about what materials would be best to make a rocket, they all agreed that you needed something strong and stiff, bendy materials are definitely no good for a rocket! The children then drew their rocket designs before finally making them. We think their finished rockets show how well they had planned their designs – well done Year 1.





## What beautiful sunflowers

The children in our Early Years Unit don't always come in to Collective Worship, but we heard that they have been looking very carefully at sunflowers after reading 'The Tiny Little Seed' by Eric Carle. We went to take a look at their art work, it really brightens up their classroom walls.



## Uniform and shoes

During the pandemic we have been a bit more flexible with school uniform so that children can layer up and keep warm. However, we believe that school uniform is really important to our sense of school community, it ensures that no-one gets left out because they don't wear 'the right thing'.

From now on therefore please make sure that your children are wearing school uniform. **Grey** trousers, shorts, pinafores or skirts (as sold for school uniform), a white polo shirt, shirt or blouse, a red/white checked dress and a sweatshirt/cardigan with a school logo.

Children coming into school who are not wearing school uniform will be offered a second hand item of uniform to wear for the day. If you have any problems buying uniform, please do get in touch with us. Sweatshirts can be ordered from our [uniform supplier](#) and delivered free to school.

Please also remember that your children need a pair of trainers to wear for outside playtimes and PE and a pair of smart black school shoes to wear when they are indoors. Thank you.

*Loving, learning and flourishing in community*