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A MESSAGE FROM MRS WALLIS

Welcome back to school after what I hope was a restful and enjoyable half term break.

The children all seem very keen to be back and are enjoying learning and being with their teachers and friends back at school.

This half term's Christian value is Trust and on Monday, we thought about the word as a noun and a verb – and what is meant by each.

The children might be able to talk to you about the example of Blondin crossing the Niagara Falls on a tightrope and the reaction from the crowd when he invited one of them to be pushed across in a wheelbarrow!

As part of our Personal, Social, Health and Economic education programme, this half term's focus is all about 'Celebrating Difference'.

You can read about a workshop Y6 participated in earlier this week that considered the example of Anne Frank and how she and her family suffered as a result of prejudice. This morning, in assembly, I interviewed our own Mrs Hyjazy, who spoke movingly of her own experiences closer to home, and her responses.

As the country settles in to another period of lockdown, we are pleased to be 'open as usual' and expect all children to be in attendance at school every day. In response to the new situation, we have updated our risk assessment, based on county guidance, and this can be found on the school website.

FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHER

The family photographer that was coming in on 28th November has been cancelled due the current lockdown.

This will be rearranged once guidelines allow.

POPPY SALE

We have been selling poppies after school this week on behalf of the Royal British Legion, and will continue to do so until Remembrance Day on 11th November.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

11th November – Remembrance Day – children will be marking this occasion with an age-appropriate class-based session

13th November – Non-uniform Day – children may wear their choice of clothes in exchange for £1 – donations will be put into the school fund account

10th December – Non-uniform Day – Christmas Jumper Day – children are welcome to wear Christmas Jumpers in aid of Save The Children and bring in a donation – recommended £1

11th December – **School Closed** – Occasional Day

18th December – **End of term**



HCC CONSULTATION

Hertfordshire County Council is running a consultation on the proposed admissions arrangements for the school year 2022/23 and is seeking responses from parent/carers, schools and community groups.

The proposed changes are:

1. In the oversubscription criteria for first, infant, primary, junior and middle schools; the wording and definition of Rule 5 is amended to - Children for whom it is the nearest school or academy. This includes all schools except those which allocate places on the basis of faith (membership or practice) before allocating on the basis of distance/location.
2. To clarify our policy on twins and multiple births by amending the definition to - Hertfordshire County Council (HCC), as the admission authority will admit over the school's published admission number when a single twin/multiple birth child is allocated a place at a school.
3. To reduce the published admission number at Markyate Village School & Nursery (you should only include this point if you are a school located in one of the relevant areas – see attached).
4. To maintain the existing relevant areas for consultation purposes.

The consultation period runs until 6 December 2020. Please visit www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions2022 for more information and to respond online.

MATHS AT HOME IDEAS - WEEK 1

During the week ahead, why not invite your child/ children to cook with you? You could ask them to weigh the ingredients using scales or gather the correct amount of ingredients from the fridge. Another idea is to look at the grams or millilitres within the items you are using as this will help children to understand mass and volume.

Here are some simple recipes which kids can help you with:

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/collection/kids-cooking-recipes>

Have fun!

POPPY DISPLAY

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We will be making a display of poppies at school, so if you could send them in (with ties, as suggested in the video), we would be very grateful.

*Here are the results from the Times Table Rockstars Battle of the Classes!
Well done to the winning classes and to everybody who took part.
Remember, there is another battle happening right now which will end on 12th November!*

Year 3

Clock Tower: 517
Rye Mead: 614

Year 4

Rawdon House: 514
Lampits: 254

Year 5

New River: 237
Dobbs Weir: 222

Year 6

DLR: 790
The Lynch: 364



Highest scoring players: Yr3: [Louisa](#); Yr4: Daniel; Yr5: Freya; Yr6: Robyn.



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ANNE FRANK TRUST WORKSHOP

Anne Frank Trust Workshop for Year 6 Written by Daisy C and William S, Year 6

On Wednesday 4th November, Fiona from the Anne Frank Trust came to St Catherine's to teach us about 3 words that are linked to Anne Frank. We also learnt more about Anne Frank's life for 15 years before she sadly died in a Nazi concentration camp.

The first word was stereotype and we learnt that this means to have a fixed idea about someone from their appearance, race or beliefs. For example, we all think that soldiers are men, but women can be soldiers too. The second word was prejudice. This means to pre-judge people before you get to know them. The third word was discrimination and this means that you treat people differently just because of who they are, what they believe in or what they look like. We learnt we should respect each other fairly and if we disrespect each other then it could end up in the situation of the Holocaust that Anne Frank suffered.

We all have similarities, but the most important thing is celebrating our differences and treating each other with kindness.

"The workshop made me feel sympathetic towards Anne Frank because she and her family were threatened so they had to leave their home and school and go into hiding." Daisy

"The workshop made me think about the world around me and that soon I will be having my vote and my say about what is the right thing to do and how this country should be run." William

If you wish to know more about the Anne Frank Trust, please visit their website: <https://annefrank.org.uk/>



NEW RECEPTION – SEPTEMBER 2021

If you, or anyone you know, has a child who will be starting school in September, we were hoping to hold some Covid-safe open sessions after school on:

- Monday 9th November
- Tuesday 1st December
- Friday 8th January

However, due to the current country-wide restrictions, these have had to be postponed for the time being.

We are currently working on an introductory video to provide information about the school and its facilities – further details to follow.



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09/11/20 - 4 - 6pm
01/12/20 - 4 - 6pm
08/01/21 - 4 - 6pm

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