



Our value for the month of December is 'Love' 'For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.' John 3:16

Learning about Courage

I asked the children what they had learned about Courage over the last few weeks. All the classes had things to contribute and Elm Class (Year 4) shared the ideas they had worked on last week, ingredients for a potion to give courage. These were very imaginative and are on display in the classroom. Amongst the list of ingredients was bravery, resilience and confidence. I then shared with them a modern explorer called Ben Saunders who is at present on a solo expedition in Antarctica. The children are interested in his progress and are able to follow him on the link below.

- <http://bensaunders.com>



We considered his courage and discussed the challenges that he faces. We then looked at characters from the Bible and the courage they showed in the face of danger: Daniel, Noah, David to name a few. We spoke about their strong belief in God and the trust they had in him.



Consultation Evenings for Years 1-6

Thank you for attending the consultations this week. It was great to have your feedback, which we will be sharing at the next Parent Council meeting on 6th December. If you did not have time to leave a comment and wish to, please email or ask the office for a form. I want to thank Kelly and Tracy from the kitchen, who stayed all day to provide us with taster foods from the school lunch menu. The food was delicious and very much appreciated, on two very cold evenings.

Winter Wonderland-Saturday

We are looking forward to welcoming you on Saturday. Please come along and enjoy some early Christmas fun, whilst supporting the school. Do not forget to visit Santa and purchase your child's Christmas gift from Oak Class (Year 6)

'Readathon'-Years 1-6 and Sponsored Trundle-Reception Class

Letters for these two events went out last week and we have had some great feedback already. Many of the children are excited to buy a book to read over Christmas and some have grouped together to purchase books and save on delivery charges. I hope after Christmas the children will be keen to share their reading experience with the rest of the class. Our younger children are also excited about their sponsored trundle and are looking forward to scootering or riding their bikes around the playground to raise money for their outdoor area. Thank you as always for your support with these two initiatives.

Christmas Card Deliveries



From Monday 11th December until Friday 15th December, Oak Class (Year 6) will be offering a Christmas Postal Service for in-school deliveries. The children will be on duty in the mornings of this week so that you can

post your cards in return for a small donation to the NSPCC (our chosen charity for Christmas). Please note this is not the post-box for Santa letters. This will be out from today until Friday 8th December.

Turbo Cricket

A very well done to our team of players from Year 4, who attended the Turbo Cricket tournament this week. The game requires batting accuracy and fast fielding with all members communicating and organising themselves efficiently. Matches were close and we narrowly missed a place in the finals.





Grant Shapp's Visit

As you know, Mr Shapps spent some time in and around school last week and he took away the responses from parents about the road and speed of cars. Today we had a photographer from the Welwyn and Hatfield Times who took some photographs of children from St Michael's and Oaklands School at the front of our school. I hope that the paper will include some quotes from our parents in the write-up too.

Severe Weather Conditions Reminder

In the event of severe weather conditions every attempt will be made to open the school, if it is safe to do so and taking into account police advice for travel. Herts County Council has a notification system in place in the event of school closures. Parents and guardians are encouraged to register for this notification service. The process is very simple and only takes a few minutes, but please follow the instructions carefully and select your children's schools individually.

Sign up now to receive messages via the Everbridge Schools Closure Notification System:

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/emergency-school-closures/emergency-school-closures.aspx>

Christmas Jumpers

The day of Christmas Dinner (14th December) will be a mufti day and we are inviting the children to wear Christmas outfits (if they wish). There will be no charge, however we do ask that the children change back into their uniform for the Carol Service in the evening.



Good Work Assembly

Congratulations to the following children, who shared their work in Thursday's assembly. We enjoyed seeing their drawings, poems and writing.

Cherry: Sofia
Redwood: Alessandra
Elm: Gabby
Beech: Katie
Oak: Sacha & Abbi

What's On:

- 2.12.'17-Winter Wonderland (Friends)
- 5.12.'17-Open morning for prospective parents
- 6.12.'17-Parent Council 9am
Author Visit (Year 2-6)
- 11.12.'17-Music Assembly 9:15am,
Parents welcome
- 12.12.'17-KS2 Carol Service (2pm)
- 13.12.'17-Choir to Monks Walk
- 14.12.'17-KS1 Nativity (9:30am)
Christmas Dinner
Carol Service (7pm)
- 15.12.'17-KS1 Nativity (1:30pm)
- 19.12.'17-School finishes at 1:30pm
- 4.1.'18-School begins

Attachments:

Letter from the Church

[Sent home in bags today](#)

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