



Our value for the month of November is 'Courage'

'I command you to be strong and valiant. Do not be afraid, because your God is with you wherever you go.'

#### A Nurturing School



In collective worship on Monday, we discussed the meaning of nurture and spoke about how we could show that we are a nurturing school. The children came up with some lovely ideas about caring for others, being good friends, trusting others and encouraging all children to do well. Mrs Holden has kindly agreed to run our lunchtime nurture club on a Monday to Friday in the library. There will be no tickets because we would like the children to take responsibility in deciding whether they need to attend the nurture club or not. We discussed when the children might feel the need to go at lunchtime; if they were feeling sad, they are worried about something or just needed some quiet time, supervised by an adult. We will monitor this and see how it works out. Ask the children about nurture and ensure they understand the purpose of the lunchtime club.

Support and encourage for



#### Fun with Pumpkin Carving



What an amazing sight to view 76 carved pumpkins in the hall on Monday morning! The children were very excited to see all the creations around the edge of the hall and enjoyed seeing them more closely at break time. All the children received a prize for their efforts, with special commendation to Leo, Lois, Olivia, Teddy, Edward, Mia and Chloe. The effort of carrying the pumpkins (both parents and children) also deserves a mention and a very well done (some of them weighed more than the children!) Please look on the website for lots of photos, as I can only put a few here. Thank you to all of the children who took part and helped raise some



money for the school. Thank you to Mrs Rist for organising this on behalf of 'The Friends'.



#### Redwood Class (Year 3) Dance

Last half term the children had dance lessons with Mrs Lewis. They were practising being 'revolting children' from the musical 'Matilda', which fitted in beautifully with the work they have been doing in English about Roald Dahl's stories. The two groups performed together on the last Friday before half term and did a brilliant job!



#### Operation Christmas Child

We are again supporting this worthy cause; packing a shoebox with small gifts for a child who might otherwise receive nothing for Christmas. The children will watch a short clip about what this involves over the next week and there is an attachment with this newsletter so that you know what is involved. There are boxes available to purchase from the office if you would rather have one instead of covering a shoebox.



#### The Friends reminders

Remember 'The Friends' would like the children to design programme covers for the Winter Wonderland. The design must be on A4 paper, portrait view with a ruler's width at the top folded over, this will be for the date etc. Draw and colour the design and put name and class on the front. Please give these into the office by Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November. The winning designs will feature on the programmes and some other designs will be posters.

<b>Leave blank</b>
<b>Draw pictures for:</b>
Christmas Crafts
Adopt a Teddy
Santa's Grotto
Christmas Gifts
Bottle Tombola
Jam Jar Hoopla
Lucky Dip
Sweet Tombola



I hope you have all had a sort out over half term and are filling a bag for 'The Friends'. The leaflet that went home explains which items to include. We need the bags back on 8<sup>th</sup> November please.

#### Table Tennis Team

Congratulations to our table tennis teams who both won bronze medals at yesterday's Welwyn and Hatfield Primary Schools Finals. 7 teams took part and the standard of play was EXTREMELY high! The players had to play 5 or 6 singles matches each and they had everyone else watching as they played so they had to hold their nerve and really concentrate. The team supported each other brilliantly and the results were a wonderful surprise!



#### Elm Class (Year 4) Badminton

Elm class are at present learning badminton. The current challenge is trying to serve over our new nets...they are taller than we are! The children are very excited if anyone manages a rally and if we manage not to lose a shuttle on top of the projector! Some pupils from Oak class are also attending a club after school on a Tuesday.



#### New Reading Books

Thank you to Miss Rolland, Mrs Tjong, Mrs Fincham and Mrs Greenwood for re-organising our reading scheme books, dusting and polishing the shelves too!

#### Safeguarding

Please remember to always report to the school office. We have had a few parents turning up in classes in the morning and afternoon. This is very disruptive to the children's learning and the teacher. The office is better placed to deal with any issues or queries during the school day. Thank you.

#### Good Work Assembly

Congratulations to the following children, who shared their work in Thursday's assembly. Do come in and see their work on display at the front entrance. The work will remain up for a week.

- Willow:** Aidan
- Cherry:** Charlie & Sophia
- Redwood:** Jack
- Elm:** Jena & Unathi
- Beech:** Liana
- Oak:** Shae & Aleks

#### Our Values Tree

The following children received a leaf to add to our tree, in Good Work assembly, Jenson in year 2, Zion, Keira, Sophie and Ben in year 3.

#### What's On:

- 3.11.'17-Quiz Night 7:30pm (Friends)
- 8.11.'17 - 'Fill the bag' (Friends)
- 17.11.'17-Mufti Day for Children in Need (School Council)
- 20.11.'17-Jack and the Beanstalk (Friends)  
Programme covers in to the office
- 24.11.'17-Mufti Day for bottles for the Winter Wonderland (Friends)
- 29.11.'17-Consultations Years 1-6
- 30.11.'17-Consultations Year 1-6
- 2.12.'17-Winter Wonderland (Friends)
- 5.12.'17 - Open morning for prospective parents
- 12.12.'17 - KS2 Carol Service (pm)
- 14.12.'17 - KS1 Nativity (am)  
Christmas Dinner  
KS2 carol Service (eve)
- 15.12.'17 - KS1 Nativity (pm)

#### Attachments:

- Operation Christmas Child
- My Teen Brain Course