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In our worship we have been using the Book of Ruth to discuss loyalty and friendship. Does your child consider loyalty important between friends? Can they think of a time when they have been loyal to someone, or someone else has been loyal to them?

5th October 2018

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal Launched

Our school has traditionally supported the Samaritan's Purse charity appeal Operation Christmas Child, where shoeboxes of gifts are sent to Belarus to give to children in need at Christmas. There is a collection box in our foyer and another in the church, so if you'd like to get involved choosing or making gifts with your child, to give to one less fortunate, then you might find this list helpful. Thank you!



<p><u>Something fun:</u> Skipping ropes, Yo Yo, Slinky, Dominoes, Jigsaw Musical instruments</p>	<p><u>Something to love:</u> Cuddly toy, Rag doll, Puppets, Wind-up toy Small ball, Deflated football and pump</p>	<p><u>Something creative:</u> Chalk, Crayons, Colouring book, Playdoh, Stencils</p>	<p><u>Something to keep: clean with:</u> Toothbrush, Toothpaste Flannel, Hairbrush, Chapstick</p>
<p><u>Something to put on:</u> Hat, Gloves, Mittens, Scarf Ribbons, Hair clip, Bracelet Necklace</p>	<p><u>Something to learn with:</u> Writing pens, Sharpener Eraser, Ruler Exercise book, Pencil case</p>	<p><u>Items to avoid:</u> War related items, Food items other than sweets (no chocolate), Handmade toys with stuffing, Glass items, Liquids, Aerosols</p>	<p><u>Items to avoid:</u> Sharp objects Medicines Books with many words Unwrapped scented items 4 suit cards</p>

Come and Join the Learning

We are planning to repeat last year's very popular Open Lessons in each class this year which will give parents a chance to come into school and join their children in a lesson to see how they learn in their classroom – and also perhaps to pick up a few ideas to try at home! This year's dates are:

Year R - Stay and Play - 11th & 12th October 2pm
Year 1 – 3rd April 9.00 to 11.15am
Year 2 – 16th October 2pm
Year 3 – 14th February 2pm
Year 4 – 5th March 9.00 to 12.30pm
Year 5 – 23rd January 9.00 to 12.30pm
Year 6 – 15th November 1.00 to 3.00pm

Is Your Youngster Starting School Next Year?

At the other end of the school, we are already thinking about the new intake for September 2019. Mrs Nash and I will be holding talks and tours for prospective parents on the following dates:

9th October at 9.15am
 9th November at 10.15am
 12th November at 2pm

If you would like to attend any of these events, please let the office know.

Parent Governor Vacancy Still Open

Appeals for nominations for a parent governor to join our excellent governing body failed to produce a response last month! The governors have decided to redouble their efforts to find an individual to help us guide the school into the future. If you would like to know more about this role, then please don't hesitate to contact myself or Mr Leigh Cavanagh – our Chair of Governors – and we would be glad to have an informal chat about what the post entails. Nomination papers will be re-issued via book bags next week.

Half Term Holiday Club to Run at Saltwood

Elite Community Coaching will again be running their popular half term holiday club all week during half term. Each day sees a different mix of activity sessions, from Gymnastics and dance to inflatables and football. Sessions run from 9am to 4pm and cost just £60 if you book 5 days. An early drop off option is available. Bookings are made with the Elite online or by phone www.elite-coaching-uk.co.uk 07885 982 598



Year R Class Photos Published next week

Our lovely new Class R will be appearing in the local papers next week. Look out for their New Starters pictures in the Herald and the Messenger.



Atlantic Avengers Poster Competition

Congratulations to Elodie Fordham, Thomas Hanna and Jack Bishop who came 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively in the competition to design a logo that encapsulates the values of motivation, strength and determination. Excitingly, all the logos that were entered will be printed on the boat, with the winning logo being the largest. Good luck to the team as they set out to row the Atlantic in November!

Upcycling Ideas

Thank you to Alex who sent in this picture of a Spitfire he made in Mr Hunt's class last year – cleverly putting a used plastic bottle to good use! Any other clever ideas for upcycling old bottles?

Yours sincerely

Paul Newton

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