



Together Everyone Achieves More

*Through.....
Loving learning, loving each other and loving life
itself
AGAPE: The Good Samaritan (Luke 10: 25-37)*

Newsletter 01/07/20

Dear Parents/Carers,

Year One and Minnow Class Bubbles

A very wet and windy start to the week for the children in these bubbles. Please ensure that your child has a coat in school for the rest of the week as sadly the forecast is for rain. Many thanks.

Shark Class Bubbles

On Monday, we welcomed back eleven Year 6 children in two different bubbles. They seemed to have settled in well to the new routines and are happy to be back in school.

September Plans

We are awaiting an announcement and guidance from the Government on Friday about what 'school' will look like in September. There has been a lot of speculation in the news about this, but until we have received the guidance, we aren't in a position to share plans. As always, as soon as the school has a plan, then it will be shared with you. Many thanks in advance for your understanding.

Staffing News

A huge apology to Mr Bulbeck as I missed him off the staffing list for September. I can confirm that Mr B will still be teaching PE throughout the school on a Monday, Tuesday and a Friday.

Collective Worship Theme of the Week: Assertiveness

Assertiveness is the ability to act in harmony with your self-esteem without hurting others.



Church section of the school website

This week's bible chat mat colouring sheet (which you may like to do with your child at home) is called 'Jesus the Chef'.

Deborah Kirk has sent through a nice resource called 'Jesus the Loving Father'. Do have a look for it as it's on the Church section of the school website.

<https://north-curry-ce-primary.secure-primariesite.net/the-church/>

Our 'Big Question' of the Week

Is it ever acceptable to tell a lie and does God ever lie?

Well Being: Tip of the Week

A Celtic prayer contains this line... **'In your goodness you have made us able to hear the music of the world.'** This sentence refers to the natural world but choose your own 'music' and give some real quality time this week to listen, to connect. It could be the birds in a garden, the rustling of leaves, the voices of loved ones, a favourite piece of music (especially if you missed Glastonbury this year!). Immerse yourself, relax.

Emotional Literacy:

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Structure and Routine Support

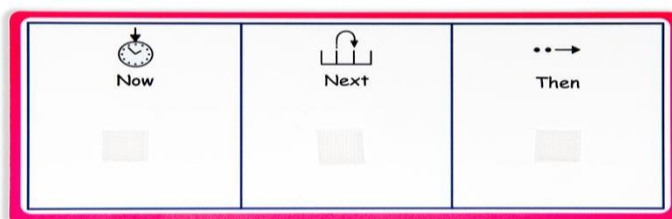
After speaking to many parents some children are struggling with following requests from adults at home, especially key things such as teeth brushing and bedtime! During this time it is proving difficult to provide children with a sense of control and reassurance of what is coming next.

Giving children routine at home is extremely valuable in providing a sense of safety and security. Children like to know what is happening and what is coming next. If this is not established it makes it harder to follow adult requests such as bedtime because you enter into a battle for control and children find it difficult and challenging to switch from having unstructured time to being given instructions.

Visual supports like the **Now and Next** board can help to provide structure and routine throughout the day. It can encourage independence, build confidence, improve understanding, avoid frustration and anxiety, and provide opportunities to interact with others. They can make communication easier for children and for parents.

At the moment with so much time spent at home it can really help children to feel more in control and less anxious by knowing what is happening each day and what is coming next.

How to use **Now and Next** - Write/draw on the board or paper what it is you are doing now. I like to draw this using a whiteboard and pen as it is immediate but you can make up cards if you wish. At the same time put on the board what will be coming next. For example; **NOW** we are brushing our teeth **NEXT** it is bedtime. When that activity has been completed move on to the next... If your child is older and has the idea you can move on to the next board which is **Now Next and Then – NOW** we are brushing our teeth, **NEXT** it is bedtime, **THEN** we can read a story. This strategy is simple but when these boards are established the whole family, including your child can do the board together. When an activity has been completed get your child to cross it out - this helps with the transition.



School Packed Lunch Order Reminder

For **w/c 6th July** orders must be placed by **midnight today, Wednesday 1st July**. Unfortunately orders placed after this date/time will not be able to be processed and you will need to provide your child with a packed lunch for that week.

If your child has any special dietary requirements you must email the school office before the order cut off.

If you have not requested access to order a lunch and now wish to do so, please email the school office asap. Otherwise please ensure you provide a packed lunch for your child.

Kind regards,

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