

Together Everyone Achieves More

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

Newsletter 23/09/20

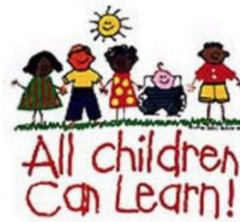
Dear Parents/Carers,

I can't quite believe that we are well into our third week of the Autumn term. It has been lovely to see the new Minnow children so settled and confident now they are staying for lunch. I had a great learning walk on Monday morning during the first Maths lesson of the day. The class monitors expertly told me what they had been learning about. It was lovely to see the enthusiasm for Maths throughout the school. Well done everyone!

Collective Worship Theme of the Week: Right to Learn

The right to learn, the power to achieve!

A child without education is like a child without wings!



Our 'Big Question' of the Week

How do you ensure that you continue to learn?

Little Herons Nursery

We've had a lovely week! All the children have settled in with most happily saying 'good bye' at the gate. September is always a difficult time with this age group and with the strange times we are having, settling has been made more difficult. However we are very proud of our children as to how well they are coping. Parents/carers also deserve a very 'well done' - it's never easy leaving an upset child.

Thank you to those who attended the 'Meet the Teacher' Zoom meeting last week. In light of this, you will now find the Weekly Continuous Provision and 'What we did today' displayed by the gates at pick up times. Please take the time to read this and if you have any questions, please ask a member of staff.

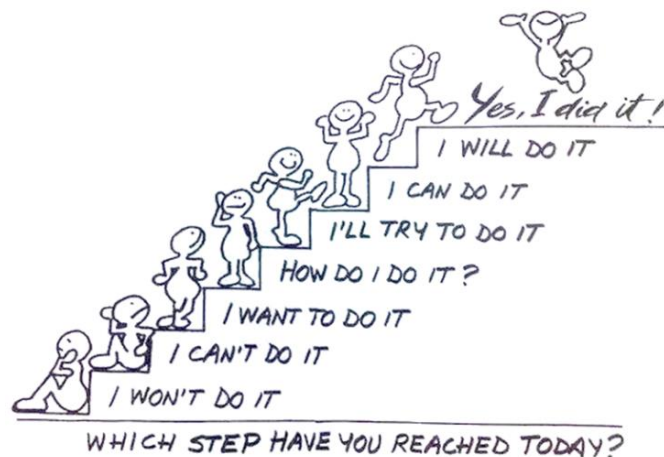
Well Being: Tips

In turbulent times what anchors can you put out? What points in the day or the week will you keep consistent and hold yourself too? A morning cuppa and time to breathe, eating with family, a favourite evening TV show, some daily exercise, a weekend treat, time for reflection or prayer? In changing times make sure you have fixed points for your own rhythm, well being and respite.

Emotional Literacy:

ELSA

Encouraging a Growth Mindset and Resilience



Helping children to recognise that building tolerance of uncertainty can help them manage their anxiety and develop their growth mindset. Instilling all our pupils with 'growth mindsets' has become a key priority for our school. We have explored how having a growth mindset can help us take on challenges and keep working on them despite setbacks. In the return to school adopting this way of thinking will support the transition back into the classroom and being more independent. Resilience is defined as the ability to 'bounce back' from adversity. It is a necessary skill for coping with the ups and downs of life and one of the key ingredients of success. A number of things impact on a person's resilience, including their previous experiences, their sense of self, the coping strategies they have developed over time and their mindset. There are lots of small things you can do every day that can help your child develop a growth mindset.

- Encourage children to be resilient and not give up, even when they find something difficult or frustrating.
- Celebrate mistakes!
- Positive thinking
- Use inspirational role models
- Use the power of 'yet'
- Be specific with praise especially focus on effort rather than outcome
- Model and encourage a healthy attitude to failure and challenge

Limit reassurance as this can maintain anxiety. Instead encourage children to ask questions, and support skills in problem solving so they can consider their own solutions.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/help-your-child-try-new-things>

Show and Share Assemblies

It was a very special day last Friday with our first virtual show and share assembly. I've received some lovely feedback from parents saying how much they enjoyed it via 'Zoom', how well the format worked and how nice it was to see the class back together. A big thank you to Mrs Green for making it happen. Good luck to Octopus Class for this Friday! Please could I just remind parents/carers to ensure that they use a name which we can recognise and that cameras are switched on and microphones off. We will be reminding you during the assembly if this isn't the case. Many thanks in advance for your support with this.

Parents' Forum Meeting: Friday 25th September

It is our first 'virtual' meeting of the new term this Friday so please ensure that if you have anything that you want raised then please bring it to their attention by Thursday evening at the latest. For your information the reps for this year are...

Minnow Class – Suzie Hodgkin (Mum to Zara and Bertie)

Seahorse Class – Sophie Langston (Mum to Arthur)

Starfish Class – Carla Fitch (Mum to Jack and Amy)

Dolphin Class – Tim Harlow (Dad to Harry)

Octopus Class – Diana Serbu (Mum to Ilinca)

Shark Class – Michelle Dixon (Mum to Isaac, Tabitha and Rowan).

A big thank you to Lisa Herd who did a great job representing Shark class last year.

School Nursing Team Visit: Tuesday 29th September

Just to let you know that we have managed to arrange a visit from the school nursing team to offer support and guidance for parents around COVID 19. This will involve members of the school nursing team attending the Village Car Park and being available to parents after school for a drop in question/answer session relating to COVID-19. This will take place on Tuesday 29th September from 2.45pm until 3.45pm.

Harvest Assembly: Thursday 1st October

Sadly we are unable to have our annual Harvest Service in the Church this year, so we have made the decision to have a special whole school assembly instead. The Charities team were passionate about helping the local foodbanks and so this time we have decided to support the Taunton Foodbank. Please could you bring any donations of produce (see list below) to school on the day. We will then put the produce into quarantine for 48 hours before delivering it. If there is any parents/carer who would consider taking the produce to Taunton Foodbank (they are open weekday mornings between 0900-1200) then we would be very grateful. Many thanks.

URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS

TINNED CUSTARD
INSTANT MASH
SPONGE PUDDINGS

WE HAVE PLENTY OF

PET FOOD
PASTA
SOAP
BAGS FOR LIFE
SQUASH

FLU Vaccination Reminder

Please ensure you complete the consent form online at <https://saint.sompar.nhs.uk/flu/2020/west> by the **23rd October**.

Non-Uniform Day: Thursday 22nd October for the Uphill Trust Junior School in Uganda

As a school we are sponsoring a 14 year old boy in Uganda to go to Uphill Junior School. I have talked to the children about this on my assembly on Monday. We are therefore going to hold a non-uniform day just before we break up for October half term to help continue this sponsorship. If your child would like to wear non-uniform then please could they bring in a monetary donation (suggested £1) on the day to their class. Many thanks in advance.

School Lunch Reminder

For **w/c 28th September** orders must be placed on ParentMail by **midnight today Wednesday 23rd September**. 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.

Kind regards,



Helen Morley.

Key Dates: Autumn Term 2020

Date	Subject
Friday 25 th September	Virtual Octopus Show and Share: 1.20 Parents' Forum via Zoom: 2.00
Tuesday 29 th September	Full Governors: 5.00
Thursday 1 st October	Harvest Assembly 1.20 Bring produce for the Taunton Foodbank
Friday 2 nd October	Virtual Dolphin Show and Share: 1.20
Friday 9 th October	Virtual Starfish Show and Share: 1.20
Friday 16 th October	Virtual Seahorse Show and Share: 1.20
Monday 19 th – Friday 23 rd October	Zones of Regulation Enrichment Week
Tuesday 20 th and Wednesday 21 st October	Virtual Parents' Evenings: 3.30-6.00
Thursday 22 nd October	Non-Uniform Day for the Uphill Trust Junior School
Friday 23 rd October	INSET DAY
Monday 26 th October – Friday 30 th November	Half term week
Monday 2 nd November	Back to School



**If your child has:
a high temperature
a new, continuous cough, or
a loss of, or change in, sense of
smell or taste**

**This could be a sign of
coronavirus**

Book a test

If your child has:
a runny nose, is sneezing or
feeling unwell
But they don't have:
a high temperature
a new, continuous cough, or
a loss of, or change in,
sense of smell or taste

These are
not normally symptoms of
coronavirus

Seek advice from a pharmacy, dial
111 or see your GP