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**Whole school half termly focus:**  
**Pushing ourselves and not giving up.**

**Whole school Christian Values for this half term:**

**Perseverance and Courage**

(See Values letter on our website in our newsletter section)

Dear Parents/Guardians

Thank you to everyone who supported Children in Need today - it was great to see so many super heroes on our school field at playtime. We had Super Girl saving The Hulk as well as some very creative Reception superheroes doing their own face painting at play time; all good fun. The wipes did have to come out! What a fantastic performance of The Owl and the Pussycat by Butterfly Class - thank you to Mrs Gosney for leading this. Well done to Ladybird Class for getting their Father Christmas letters posted off today.



**Safeguarding question for all parents: Is your child safe on line?**

You will be aware that some children are now spending more time than ever on line due to lock down. How do you check what your child is doing on their tablet, phone etc?

Mr Pavey is our new Computing Subject Leader and he will be in touch with all parents this term with information on how to monitor your child's safety.

**For now, please can we ask that parents do not allow their children to access social media sites that are for 13 year olds or above. This is the parent's full responsibility.**

Please work with us on this - we do not wish to report any family for under age social media usage. However, as DSLs, Mrs Spike and I must prioritise keeping each child safe. This includes feedback that we get from home life.

**Weekly Class Dojo Winners**

Well done to all of our determined learners:

**Dragonflies:** Ana aka Anna from Frozen 😊

**Butterflies:** George & Esme

**Ladybirds:** Amy B & Ella

**Hedgehogs:** Ella & Jaydon

**Owls:** Chloe B

**Weekly Role Models** 🧠

**Dragonflies:** April aka Tinkerbell today 😊

**Butterflies:** George

**Ladybirds:** Ronnie

**Hedgehogs:** Freya

**Owls:** Lucy

***Congratulations to each of you for having an excellent attitude to learning, showing kind hands to others and for using good manners.***

**Is your child winter ready?** ❄️

With Covid-19, all classrooms must be ventilated in all weathers; this means keeping some windows and doors open throughout the day. Please can you ensure that you send your child in with an extra layer if they feel cold in the classroom. Thank you.

**XXX Multiplication tables books XXX**

This week, all of our Years 2-6 pupils were given their special support book to help them with practising their target X tables at home and in school. Please talk to your child about this and support them at home. The book is all about short, sharp, daily, repetitive practice.

If you have any questions, please get in touch.

Next week, I will be writing to you with another resource we have bought for your child. Again, to support daily home/school practice. As a school, we are heavily investing in resources that plug gaps in knowledge.

Life in school is definitely quieter now for a while but we are planning lots of fun things for the children in house. Here's a few of our plans so far:

- Sandra is working with Andrew from The Inn, Horsington, to plan how we deliver Christmas Meals this year. Things will be adapted to suit our new way of working.
- Christmas pantomime for all the children - virtually.
- Walk to the Woods in the village to link with our creative writing competition 'Young Writers.'
- Mrs Rozycki is planning hot chocolate Friday again - the new bubble plan!
- Miss Cochrane continues to celebrate weekly PE achievements and successes from feedback by Mrs Lane, our PE coach.
- Sponsorship forms for our February 2021 whole school walk will be sent out after lock down.

Reminders:

- Parent questionnaires were emailed to you last week; we want to hear your voice so please complete them and return them to Mrs Crosby in the school office before the end of next week. *Many thanks.*
- Christmas models order form; please do support our fundraiser for this term. All orders are to be brought in to the school office please. *Models will be sent home for you to enjoy painting them with your child. (Due to Covid-19, we sadly cannot invite parents in to paint.)*
- School photos orders can now be done on line.
- Hot school meals to be ordered by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Nov.
- Governor Board Meeting on Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Nov at 6:30 - we continue with virtual meetings. Mrs Lorna Rogers is our new Chair and Mrs Sophia Bendoraitis is our new parent governor. (Ana's mum.)

Congratulations to all of our children for excellent daily attendance. Superb percentages throughout the school.

Well done to our whole school community for working with us - you are all making our systems work smoothly and easily. Thank you from all of us at St Nicholas.

Enjoy your weekend and please do speak with me if you need support with anything at home or in school.

Mrs Alison Shearer