

Newsletter No 18
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Our Value this week is JOY



"Let your light shine." Matthew 5:16

This week our theme is JOY and it has indeed been a joy to welcome the whole school back together again. Once again the children have risen to the challenge and have shown great resilience re-establishing themselves



back into their school lives. I realise that for some children and their parents, there may be concerns about "being behind" and this has not been helped by much hype in the media about this "lost generation" - your children do NOT belong to a lost generation; they are a group of young people who, yes, have had to overcome challenges, face struggles, loneliness and dig deep to keep going but this will have also helped them to become more creative and resourceful, learn new skills, become problem solvers, independent thinkers, face their fears, become increasingly independent and have a greater appreciation of freedom.

Our mental health has quite rightly been given a much higher profile, over the last year, which is wonderful but let's remember that being genuinely kind to others and a having a thankful heart goes a very long way towards a healthy mind and positive wellbeing. Please be assured that we will give the highest priority to your child's wellbeing at all times – please get in touch if you have ongoing concerns.

The staff have been wonderful in supporting your children's return, and are excited to have their classes back together. Over the next few weeks they will be working hard to assess where there are any gaps in the children's learning. This will be done as part of the normal classroom teaching routines without the need for putting the children through countless tests. Our teachers are skilled at using their professional judgement to identify the children's needs and will continue to help them make the necessary progress for them to reach their full potential.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Please follow Social Distancing and wear a mask when collecting and dropping off children schools may be open but we are still under National Lockdown
- Remember to book your Parents' Evening appointment with your child's teacher (see separate letters)
- Remember to check your child's online devices very regularly and ensure robust security filters
 are installed to protect and prevent them from accessing inappropriate material or make contact
 with those who could put your child at risk of harm

What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges during COVID-19

This latest, updated guidance from the DfE includes information on asymptomatic testing for parents and adults in households with children at school or college