



**Lea Endowed CE Primary School**  
 Newsletter No 6  
 Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2021  
 Our theme this half term is  
**Compassion**



**"Let your light shine."** Matthew 5:16

This week, the children (and staff!) have all thoroughly enjoyed having the Life Education in school. They covered a wide range of Physical, Social and Health topics in an exciting and interactive way that engaged the children, in their individual and age appropriate sessions. They met Healthy Harold the giraffe and his friends, had discussions and watched short films about healthy eating, legal and illegal drugs and their effects, the body and friendships along with their influence, and how choices and behaviours can affect dreams and aspirations.

This may provide a good opportunity for you to talk to your child about what they learned.

**ATTENDANCE**

I have been directed by the Secretary of State for Education, to re-emphasise the importance of children attending school. He gives a clear message, in his letter to all school leaders, ensuring that we maximise school attendance as a top priority.

***"This is not only crucial for ensuring that all children and young people, including the most vulnerable, are taking advantage of the education recovery programme, but also for their own physical and mental wellbeing."*** Rt Hon Nadhim Zahawi MP

Please be aware that our attendance target is 96%. If your child's attendance falls below 90%, they are classed as a Persistent Absentee and measures will need to be taken to support you and your child with improving their attendance.

**CHRISTMAS PLAYS AND DONATIONS**

I am pleased to inform you that I have booked a highly recommended videographer to record the KS1 & KS2 Christmas plays. These will be available to view through a private You Tube link.

**NB: If you do not wish your child to be identified on the video, please let me know by Monday 29th.** The cost to school is significant but I am happy to say that this link will be a gift to you and your families from Lea Endowed! As we normally have a collection for a local charity, at Christmas, this year we are asking for any donations for the local food banks, who are facing rising demands. Small unwrapped gifts, as well as non-perishable food items are all very welcome. We will collect donations from **1<sup>st</sup> until 10<sup>th</sup> December.** Thank you.

**Parents' Evenings**

Thank you to all those parents who met either in person or by telephone with your child's class teacher. If you haven't been able to make an appointment for this week, please contact the teacher directly through their email (found on class newsletters) to arrange an alternative time. Communication between home and school is such an important part of working together in the best interests of your child.



**Mrs Seagrave's Great Manners Award**

I have been delighted to present my special awards for beautiful manners and a wonderful, respectful attitude to:

Kobi in Year 2 (12.11.21) and last week to Kareena in Year 1 (19.11.21)

Well done and keep shining brightly

I am very proud of you both.

**Christmas Tree Switch On**

All welcome to join in with singing a carol and the Countdown for the annual Tree Lighting at St Christopher's church - **6pm on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec.**

**# Unite the Uniforms @999 Cenotaph**

On **Friday 3rd December 2021**, schools, colleges, and universities across the UK are being invited to hold a unique non-uniform day in honour of the millions of people who have served in the NHS and emergency services. This is part of a campaign called #UniteTheUniforms for the @999Cenotaph. **We're inviting our children to wear the colours of the emergency services (red, blue, green or orange)** and donating £1 towards building the UK's first 'Emergency Services Cenotaph'. Please see separate flyer for more information on how to make your donation.



Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns, queries or you would just like to share some good news!

Thank you,  
 CM Seagrave