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Dear Parents and Carers,

**There have been many occasions this week when I have felt grateful:**

- Not every day has been a wet play day!
- Yesterday, when a beautiful double rainbow lit the sky above the school
- Today, as the children came merrily into school with their Children in Need attire
- Today, as the sun blazed through the window and brought winter warmth to us all

It is important to recognise the things we are grateful for, as well as acts of kindness.

**Remembrance Day**

Thank you for all your donations to the Poppy Appeal. As a school we have marked the occasion this year by building on previous year's remembrance events. In November 2018 children from each class had the opportunity to plant crocus bulbs in the shape of a cross at the front of the school to coincide with the 100<sup>th</sup> Remembrance. The bulbs grew and were in full bloom in the Spring 2019 and Spring 2020. This year, every child has painted a cobble with either a poppy or Remembrance Day illustration. These are now in situ around the 'crocus cross'. We are hoping to keep this a permanent display at the front of the school.

We encourage you to have a look at this, however, please be very mindful of social distancing, whilst looking at this wonderful work by the children.

The whole school participated in a two minute silence, to pay our respects.

We will now look forward to the bulbs poking through, producing a colourful display at the front of the school to keep this act of remembrance with us.



**Children in Need**

Thank you for all your contributions for Children in Need today. In total £197.09 was raised for this charity. The children enjoyed wearing a different selection of clothing for the day, and the classes discussed the reasons for the charity day.

**Pupil Premium Funding**

It has come to our attention, that some families are unaware of additional funding, the school can receive to support you and your family, if you are on a low income. All schools plan to use this money in different ways. At Gatten and Lake, we use the funding for support towards the financial aspects of school life, such as educational visits and also for breakfast club provision, as well as for additional learning needs, to support or challenge children. If your employment ever changes – either temporarily or permanently, we



may be able to support you in applying for this funding stream. Please send a DoJo message or call and speak to the school office.

## **Gallery of Support**



George, a member of our school community has excelled in his efforts over the half term break. George spent the wet days (and dry ones!) of his half term, painting. His artistic talents were displayed at home and went on sale.

George heard the news of children going hungry in the holidays and wanted to do something to help.

His paintings have raised over £600 to support meals for the hungry during holidays.

We, like his parents are very proud of his fundraising efforts. This is a true act of kindness. WELL DONE George. Thank you for helping your community.

George's work has been shown on news reports online, but he also had a radio interview to tell of his sterling efforts. Well done George. A big achievement. 😊

## **Vision and Values**

The school Vision and Values are crucial for the school to run smoothly. They underpin the culture of the school to drive teaching and learning. This helps to shape children's experiences.

We come back to these frequently and reference them, to ensure the school does the absolute best it can in ensuring we provide 'Excellence for each child, each day'.

There is no time like the present to reflect on each of these and discuss how important they are.

They aim to ensure we have a vision for the children and school, whilst linking them to learning, social and emotional experiences as well as connections with the wider community.

Next week, we will look at these alongside our school rules and the behaviour policy, as well as our peer on peer abuse policies as part of National Anti-Bullying Week.

### **Vision & Values**

Good attitude for learning

Aspirations

Teamwork

Togetherness

Endurance & high expectations

Never give up!

AND

Laughter in learning

Accelerated progress

Kind hearted friendships

Excellence for each child, each day!



## Menu for next week...

Day	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
<b>Monday</b>	Chicken Curry with 50/50 Rice Cauliflower, Broccoli	Vegetarian Bolognese with Spaghetti, Cauliflower, Broccoli	Jacket Potato with: Cheese Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo
	Dessert: Mixed Fruit Crumble or Yogurt or Fresh Fruit		
<b>Tuesday</b>	Beef Burger in a Bun with Wedges, Coleslaw, Mixed Salad	Quorn Burger in a Bun with Wedges, Coleslaw Mixed Salad	Jacket Potato with: Cheese Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo
	Dessert: Fresh Fruit or Yogurt Station		
<b>Wednesday</b>	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes, Gravy, Carrots & Cabbage	Lentil & Basil Whirl with Roast Potatoes, Carrots & Cabbage	Jacket Potato with: Cheese Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo
	Dessert: Lemon Drizzle Cake or Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit		
<b>Thursday</b>	Macaroni Cheese with Garlic Bread, Vegetable Medley	Sweet Potato Curry with 50/50 Rice, Vegetable Medley	Jacket Potato with: Cheese Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo
	Dessert: Chocolate & Orange Cake with Choc Sauce or Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit		
<b>Friday</b>	MSC Fish Fingers/Salmon Fish Fingers, Chips, Baked Beans & Peas	Vegetable Pasty with Chips Baked Beans & Peas	Jacket Potato with: Cheese Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo
	Dessert: Vanilla Shortbread or Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit		

## Coronavirus Pandemic

The new guidance has brought some changes for us as a school and the Risk Assessment is constantly being reviewed, to ensure the upmost safety of the children, families and staff at all times. We all have our part to play in ensuring we stick to the guidelines during the second lockdown which started on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

Please can I ask us all to remember these really important things to ensure we, as a school, play our part:

- Only **ONE** adult per family group to attend the school premises at drop off and collection times.
- Please wear a face covering whilst on the school site
- Social distancing is the most important factor – please ensure this is the case at all times.
- Once your child has been dropped off or collected, please leave the school premises and make your onward journey to avoid any gatherings outside of the school site.
- We are working hard to keep bubbles separate – please help us to do this by socially distancing.
- Where possible please walk, cycle or scoot to school. If driving please part respectfully in the local community. Thank you.

The lockdown has brought further anxieties for lots of people. If you feel you need any support in any way, please do come and see us. We are able to sign post in different ways and may be able to help you.

If you feel your children need any additional support, again, please do send us a message via DoJo or admin email and we will get back to you.

The most important thing is to Stay Indoors, Make Essential Journeys only and Keep Safe, remembering to keep a safe distance, wash your hands and keep your face covered.

## Dates coming up:

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December** Last day of term to break up for Christmas - (Monday 21<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Development Days)

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2020** - Return to the New School Year

## Weekend challenge

If you fancy an additional weekend challenge – why not try one of these ideas to work together as a family, to bring happiness and smiles to your family at this time:



- Choose one song and arrange a family bubble dance off!
- Create a kindness box out of a cereal box or similar. Decorate it and use it to record moments of kindness that you each participate in.
- Make the weekend a smile collecting mission – take photographs of smiles you see in your bubble over the weekend. Or spot them in photos in your house. You could start with one of you in the mirror!
- Send someone a kind message, through a telephone call, a card, a letter or an email to show you really appreciate them.
- Collect some autumnal leaves and decorate them to make a leaf person. Write a happy story about your leaf person.

Kind regards,



Rebecca Day - Headteacher

