

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have really enjoyed mufti day for Children in Need. They have talked about how it is to help other children who may not be as fortunate as them. Many thanks for all the donations. All the money raised goes to Children in Need. The day linked in well with our Anti-bullying/Kindness week.

Over the week the children have been taking part in different activities to learn about anti-bullying and looking at kindness. The theme being 'One kind word'. For example children in year 6 looked at how it would make someone feel if they were bullied and created a list of words to describe the feelings. They then looked at how they could make people feel by being kind and saying a kind word or phrase. They created paperchains full of kind words and phrases about people in their class and looked at how they could make sure they were kind in person and online. In Year 1 the children did drama about what being a good friend looked like and what kind words they could use. They also learnt the Andy and the odd socks 'One kind word' song. In assembly this afternoon all the children are coming in ready to talk about their learning and share it with others. Please ask them about what they have learnt and heard about this week.

Some of the younger children had a tennis lesson this week which they really enjoyed. It was great to see them out there having a go with a tennis racket. Information about free taster sessions at the Tennis Centre can be found on our Facebook page.

Yesterday the school took part in a Gymnastics Impact day. We were visited by a specialist coach from South Dartmoor College who taught them a range of different gymnastics skills and they took part in a range of activities. They had a super time and really enjoyed the session. Many thanks to Mrs Turner for organising the day.

Sent with this newsletter today is information from Father Philip about the Christmas Masses and the Advent Appeal. Of particular interest to some of you may be the Christmas afternoon mass when Fr. Philip invites the children to come dressed for the Nativity and help him set the crib. This is a lovely occasion which the children really enjoy.

Thank you for your continued support

Best wishes

Mrs Taylor-Bashford

**Diary dates:**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November – Author visit Yr 4, 5 and 6Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November – Recycling and pirate workshop – FSU and Yr 5.Week beginning 29<sup>th</sup> November – Yr 6 Bikeability.Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – Christmas present wrapping roomWednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2.30pm and 6.00pm – KS1 NativityThursday 9<sup>th</sup> December – 2pm. Parents information session for children in year 3 and 4 about the statutory Multiplication test. The session will be on zoom and recorded for any that cannot attend.Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas lunchWednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 Christmas Service in Church**Headteacher's Award:** Oak Class – Ivy, Rowan Class – Louie W, Alfie, Kenny, Liam**Silver Awards:** Rowan Class – Louie E, Millie, Lily**Bronze Awards:** Rowan Class – Theo, Sam**Stars of the week:** Oak Class – Tallulah, Rowan Class - Lincoln, Sycamore Class – Harry, Cherry Class - Jonah, Maple Class - Evie, Beech Class – Gina.