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Newsletter 11

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St Stephen's Primary Church School

Happy Friday!

Our Anti-Bullying week ended today with our traditional invitation to wear blue in support of kindness and friendship. This year was slightly different though, with our usual whole school circle of friendship making way for seven year group-sized circles although the message, that we all stand up against bullying, was just as clear. We also made a whole school paper chain of friendship, with each child contributing a link containing a message about friendship and kindness. Here are a few highlights from anti-bullying week:



Autumn Attendance... Our overall attendance so far this year, despite the imposed isolation for some children, has remained really high – slightly better than this time last year in fact! The imposed absence due to Covid has I think been balanced by parents taking steps to avoid unauthorised absence for other reasons, so thank you for your ongoing efforts.

Following the break of routine during the summer, we are going to resume our process of writing to you to report on your child's attendance if it has dropped below 90%. This is a routine procedure with automatically produced letters to keep you informed, however **this year in particular we understand that your child's attendance may have been affected by Covid-related isolation so please do not be alarmed if you receive such a letter.** I am very grateful to you for following the Covid guidance regarding school attendance and will always bear these measures in mind when reviewing attendance figures for the children.

Congratulation Mrs Newman... This week we received the excellent news that Mrs Newman is officially a fully qualified Thrive practitioner! It has taken perseverance and hard work to get there and I am really proud that we now have two Thrive Practitioners on the team.

Face Coverings... Thank you for continuing to wear face coverings in and around the school grounds. Unless exempt, please continue to make every effort to do so – every little really does help.

Christmas Tree Sale... Today you will be finding out more details about our Christmas Tree Sale. This is our main winter fundraiser this year, as well as a chance to acquire a beautiful locally sourced tree so please do support it if you are able to.

Have a lovely weekend, Andy Bowman.

Love

Courage

Creativity

Joy



****Top Doodlers****

This week we are celebrating these wonderful doodlers. Well done everyone for great doodling this week!

- F1 – Elena
- F2 – Oscar
- F3- Braydon
- F4- Etta
- F5 – Alexander
- F6- Charlie S
- F7- Zack F
- F8- Charlotte
- F9- Freddie
- F10- Isaac C
- F11- Eva H
- F12- Izzy P and Florrie M
- F13- Charlie H
- F14- Sophie

Calendar Dates...

- 24th and 26th November: Parent consultations
- 11th December 2.00-2.45: Christmas Celebration
- 14th December: Reception and Year 2 Christmas Party
- 15th December: Year 1 and Year 3 Christmas Party
- 17th December: Year 4 and Year 5 Christmas Party
- 18th December Year 6 Christmas Party
- 18th December END OF TERM
- Inset Days - 4th January and 28th May 2021