St. Anne's News

29th January 2021

Our Value for February is Respect. *Do to others as you would have them do to you* **Matthew 7.12**

Thinking mental health, I want us to think about this bible verse in terms of the way we treat ourselves. We can often be our own worse critics. The next time you criticise yourself imagine that you are a friend. How would you speak to a friend if they were not coping? Would you say, 'Oh you are hopeless?' 'You can't possibly manage that?' Of course, you would not.

Be kind to YOU! Respect YOURSELF. When we have selfrespect, we also have respect for others.

HOME LEARNING

A big shout out to everyone learning at home and all you parent teachers. The hardest teacher's job in the world is to be teaching your own child!

It has been wonderful to see all the fantastic work the children have been doing at home. We are conscious that the children are using the computer screens more these days than we would normally recommend so we have introduced screen free Friday from this week. The teachers will give ideas of what the children can do that does not involve working from a screen. Please reserve commenting on the seesaw for your children and their teachers. If you need to talk to your teachers, please use the class email. If you need to speak to a teacher please request a phone call via the class email or via the school office.



Next week is Children's Mental Health Week. We are planning a range of events to cheer us all up with some much-needed self-care. We want to include parents and families too. We need to look out for one another to keep our minds strong and healthy.



Look out on Seesaw for lots of fun activities to help keep your minds healthy and strong.

We want to develop more of a spirit of togetherness, and we have planned some activities that will draw us together even while we are apart.

Activity 1 Whole school quilt of love and friendship

We are going to make a patch work quilt using your designs to show how we can care for ourselves and each other. Ms Steward is going to demonstrate how to do this on Monday in Collective Worship.

Activity 2 Whole School Zoom



You are invited to Get dressed to express yourself on Wednesday 3rd Feb at 10.30am and meet the whole school on Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

https://zoom.us/j/94909824053?pwd=c2p2R0 5SRDdJNkR6WDBuc3Z3cjlqdz09

Meeting ID: 949 0982 4053 Passcode: egc4Zy

Activity 3 Surprise

The teachers are planning a surprise for you which will be posted on Seesaw on Thursday 4th February Watch that space!!!!!!

Meals in a Bag

Many families have booked the family meals in a bag generously supplied by Emanuel School. We are so grateful for this generous donation. We have received many delicious looking photos of the dishes and lots of complimentary comments.

The bags contain all the ingredients and recipe for a family of four to cook a delicious meal. We receive a delivery every Wednesday. If you would like to book a meal, please contact the office via email or phone.

The meal bags give an amazing opportunity to do some



cooking with your child/children. All the meals are healthy plant-based options. Please don't be shy to request a meal.

A sample photo from one of our very own St Anne's Sous Chefs!! YUM!

Age UK Wandsworth

Remember all the gifts you brought in and cards you made for the elderly? Well here is a letter of



thanks that we have received. Well done children for bringing joy to the lives of others.

Letter from Age UK

Dear St Anne's Children and families,

I just wanted to reach out to say a huge thank you to St Anne's for taking part in Operation Christmas Cheer, The cards that the children made were just gorgeous and will

have brought so much joy to the parcel recipients. Thank you also for the amazing gift donations that you collected.



Over 1800 older residents of Wandsworth received Christmas Cheer parcels and we have been inundated with letters and messages of thanks from some of the recipients. I am copying a couple of them below so you can see the value of your involvement.

'I'm just writing to say how wonderful and what a lovely surprise it was to open my front door to find an elf carrying a bag of xmas goodies intended for me!'

'Everything the bag contained will come in very handy for me and the hand-made card melted my heart!'

'I cannot have a proper xmas and am unable to celebrate it in any way this year, due to us being in Tier 4, so little gestures of kindness such as this, make a huge difference to the holiday season'. 'Again, thank you so much for thinking of me at this time'

These are just two of many messages we have received. Thank you again for helping to make this happen.

We are so grateful for your ongoing support and we look forward to restarting school assemblies again when safe to do so.

Best wishes Emma Chisholm

Term Dates 2020 - 2021 Spring term 2021

| Mon Jan 4 th Tues Jan 5 th | Inset Day (Staff only) Pupils return |
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| Mon Feb 15 th Mon Feb 22 nd Thurs April 1 st | Spring half term Pupils return Last day of term (1.30PM finish) |
| Summer term 2021 | |
| Mon April 19 th | Summer term begins |
| Mon May 3 rd | Pupils return Bank Holiday |
| Mon May 31 st Mon June 7th Tues June 8 th Thurs July 22nd | Half term holiday Inset day (Staff Only) Pupils return Last day of term (1.30PM finish) |

Lesley Steward