

January 29th 2021 Newsletter

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Thank you very much to everyone who has already submitted a response to the **PE survey**; the deadline for this is **Wednesday 3rd February** and we are hoping for feedback from all pupils, so there's still time to take part. We've had a great response to Mrs. Thomas's **Round The World Challenge** – we're aiming to reach Rome by next Friday 5th February, so do email her with your weekly tally!

You will have received a letter about the introduction of voluntary twice weekly asymptomatic **Covid-19 testing for school staff**; this will commence Sunday 31st January.

We plan to hold our **Spring Term Parents' Evenings** virtually this year. As children are not learning in school in the usual way, assessment against national expectations is not possible at this time. So, instead, discussions will focus on the development of independent learner skills. Teachers will invite parents and children to attend ten minute Teams meetings between 3:45pm – 5:45pm on either Tuesday 9th February or Wednesday 10th February. Letters with more details and Spring Term Snapshots for you to complete with your child will be sent out on Monday.

We'd love to see as many parents as possible at the next **CHIPP Meeting** on **Monday 1st February**. As you know, we have some upcoming vacancies on the committee, so do come along and see what's involved!

Next week, we will be supporting **Children's Mental Health Week**; there will be themed assemblies and optional activities to do at home. This year's theme is **Express Yourself**; encouraging children (and adults) to explore the different ways we can express ourselves, and the creative ways that we can share our feelings, our thoughts and our ideas. **Friday 5th February** will be a **Dress to Express Day** as we encourage children to express themselves through their clothes, hair etc. Pupils could wear their favourite colour or choose a range of colours that express how they're feeling. Colour can be very personal and mean different things to different people, so this is a great opportunity to encourage self-expression and celebrate a diverse range of emotions. I'm really looking forward to seeing everyone in their outfits at our Celebration Assembly!

Warm regards,

Gillian Seymour

Pictures of the Week



Livi, Jemima, Abigail and Naomi
enjoying the snow



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More Information

P.E Questionnaire

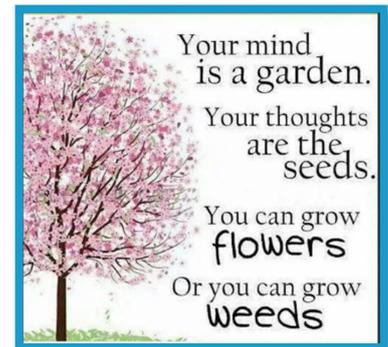
A link to an online P.E questionnaire was e-mailed from the office yesterday. The questionnaire only takes a couple of minutes to complete; there are 10 questions in total. Please encourage your child to complete and submit their online response by the deadline, **Wednesday 3rd February**.



School Council News

School Council had their first ever on-line meeting this week! We reviewed the whole school summary of how each class and area of the school reduce, re-use and recycle paper and cardboard. Each class then adopted a new idea from the summary to try out in their own class or to encourage their teacher to use.

Thought of the Day



Big Garden Birdwatch

The Big Garden Birdwatch is happening this weekend. This involves spending an hour over the weekend watching and counting the birds in your garden. More info can be found on this [link](#)

Children's Mental Health Week – 1st – 7th February



The theme of this year's Children's Mental Health Week is **Express Yourself**. Expressing yourself is about finding ways to share feelings, thoughts, or ideas, through creativity. It is about finding a way to show who you are, and how you see the world, that can help you feel good about yourself. As parents and carers, you play an important role in your child's mental health. Check out our free

resources below.

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/parents-and-carers/>

Worship for Sunday 31st January 2021

11am Morning Praise with Revd Kevin. 636 645 195 and passcode 000162 Some classic hymns to enjoy, and a trip to Capernaum in the Holy Land. **Please do not share the zoom codes on social media. Thank you.**

More Photos.....



After listening to Woodland Music lessons from Oak National Academy, **Kay-Jay** then practised on her Ukulele.



Jenson and Oscar carrying out observational science investigations on how plants adapt to their location / environment



And Finally....

What's the difference between a guitar and a fish? You can tune a guitar but you can't tuna fish.

Checkendon C of E Primary School accepts no responsibility for the organisation of external events.



In Art, **Jessie** made a detailed drawing of an insect adding colour with oil pastels. She then made a model using playdough.

Persie made tasty cheese straws as part of an optional home learning task



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