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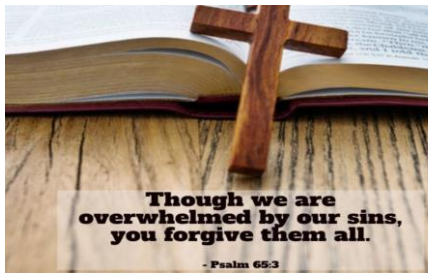
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23rd February 2024 – Newsletter



This half term we have been studying the Christian value 'Forgiveness'. If we can forgive, then we can move on and help the person we are forgiving to become a better person. We have included an information sheet on the value in the pages below with ideas of how you can support your children with our value.

We finish for Easter on Thursday, 28th March at 3.15pm and return on Monday, 15th April

GOLDEN TICKET EVENT!

To celebrate **World Book Day** we will be holding our first **Golden Ticket Event**. Children will be able to **pre-order 'All SAINTER' chocolate bars** for £2.00 each and there are **70 Golden Tickets to be found**.



Golden Ticket prizes include; £10/£5 book vouchers, chocolate/ sweet bouquets, sweet hampers, £10/£5 Grandad Jims vouchers, £10/£20 Asda vouchers, bookmarks and individual chocolate bars. **Orders need to be placed by 1st March** and chocolate bars will need to be collected on the **junior yard after school on Thursday 7th March**. Golden Tickets can be 'cashed in' on the day on the junior yard or at the school office at a later date. Call at the office to place your order. You can pay cash or pay on SCOPay.

Easter Bingo

Easter Bingo is Tuesday, 19th March 6.00-7.30pm, doors open at 5.30pm. Refreshments will be on sale. Entrance is by ticket only and we will send a letter home to purchase tickets.

We are having a non-uniform day on Friday, 15th March for donations of Easter Eggs.

World Book Day

We are celebrating World Book Day on Thursday, 8th March. Children can come dressed as their favourite book character. Also, if they have the book they can bring it with them to share with their class.

Easter Eggstravaganza

We are holding an Easter Eggstravaganza on Saturday 23rd March. The cost per child is £6 for the first family member and additional children will be £4 each.

Easter Service

Parents/Guardians are invited to our Easter Service in Church on Thursday, 28th March at 10.30am.

The service is being led by Year 3 but everyone is most welcome

Spring Term 2 Afterschool Clubs

If children are staying behind for a SPORTS club they **will wear their SCHOOL PE KIT ONLY – black/navy tracksuit bottoms or leggings**. Please do not send children in other clothes.

Monday	Year 3/4 Tag Rugby	Y1/2 Board Game Club		Y3 -6 – Homework Club
Tuesday	Year 4/5/6 Football	Rec/Y1/2 – Hob Nobs		Y3 -6 – Homework Club
Wednesday	Y3 -6 – Homework Club	Rec/Y1/2 – Hob Nobs		
Thursday	Y4/5 – Cross Country	Y1/Y2 Multi-Skills	Y2/3 Eco Club	Y3 -6 – Homework Club
Friday	Y4/5/6 Ukulele Club	Y3/4/5/6 Choir	Y5/6 Basketball	

Recycle4School

You may have noticed a large box in the main reception. This is for us to recycle unwanted clothes, shoes, trainers, handbags, belts, underwear and socks. **Please don't put in soft toys, school/work uniforms, ripped/stained/odorous items or anything old and worn out.** If you're having a clear out, please bring any of these items and place in the box. We also have some bags for any of your items, just call at the office for one.

Uniform

Please ensure your child has the correct uniform and all items are named as this helps us return them when they are misplaced. Uniform is as follows:

- Royal blue school jumper/ cardigan / Hoody
- Grey/ Black trousers / skirt/ shorts (NO JOGGERS or TRACKSUIT PANTS)
- White polo shirt
- Black school shoes appropriate for wet weather (NO WHITE or COLOURED TRAINERS)
- Warm coat (they go outside most weathers)
- Grey/ black/ white socks

Change of Details

Can you please let the school office know if you have changed any of your details e.g. mobile phone numbers, addresses etc. It is extremely important that we are able to contact someone in an emergency or if there is any important information you need to know regarding the school.

Date	Event	Details
12.3.24	Online Parent Evening	4.00-6.00pm
15.3.24	Non-Uniform for Easter Eggs	
19.3.24	Easter Bingo	5.30-7.30pm
20.3.24	Face to Face Parent Evening	3.30-5.00pm
28.3.24	Easter Service in Church Led by Year 3 Finish for Easter	10.30am 2.15pm
15.4.24	School Re-opens	8.40am (8.00 for Breakfast Club)

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SHARING PHOTOS ONLINE

School is often a time chock-full of milestones for your child, and you may well be eager to share their accomplishments with the world. In today's digital age, sharing images of such precious moments on social media is commonplace, and – while that's a lovely thing to do – it *does* come with some risks attached. Our guide can help parents and carers to consider the potential dangers and make informed choices about safely sharing photos of their children online.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

INVASIONS OF PRIVACY

Even with the right settings in place, absolutely nothing online is 100% private. Anyone who can view your photos could take screenshots and potentially share them elsewhere. Privacy settings are still important, though, so it's always wise to ensure your social media accounts have them set up; just bear in mind that you can't *completely* control what happens to anything once it's gone online.

REVEALING PERSONAL DETAILS

Small details in photos can often reveal personal information. Backgrounds can give clues to where you live, for example, while school logos on uniforms, sports kits, or bags could help someone identify which school your child attends. With interactive maps and reverse image searches commonplace online, information like this could easily be misused by an individual with malicious intentions.

MISUSE OF IMAGES

Once something's been shared online, it's almost impossible to get it deleted. Photos can show up in search engine results and be downloaded, manipulated, and shared without consent. There's the potential for someone's images to be used for advertising purposes (which in many cases, isn't illegal) or even more inappropriate reasons, such as cyber-bullying or serious forms of exploitation.

ONLINE GROOMING

Pictures that convey details about your child's interests, activities, or daily routines could arm an online predator with the kind of information they can deploy to gain a child's trust. They might use this knowledge to pretend to be the same age as the child or to have a shared hobby. Essentially, the more a predator knows about a young person, the easier it is for them to invent some 'common ground'.

PRESSURE TO PLEASE

When their parents or carers share notable moments and accomplishments in a child's life on social media, some children may begin to feel an expectation to *always* meet certain standards, to achieve things, or to behave in ways that are "worth sharing". Knowing that other people (even friends and family) can see these posts on social media might also add to the pressure they're feeling internally.

IMPACT ON DIGITAL FOOTPRINT

Every photo of a child posted online contributes to their digital footprint. Young people's lives have never been so closely and publicly documented as they are now, and this permanent online presence could affect a child's future opportunities or the choices they make as they grow up – in addition to influencing how they see themselves and, consequently, their emotional wellbeing.

Advice for Parents & Carers

REVIEW SETTINGS REGULARLY

Make sure your social media's secure in terms of who can view your content or see your location (only family and trusted friends, for example). Privacy settings aren't totally foolproof, but they *do* make it tougher for strangers to access your pics. Reviewing your settings regularly is also a good starting point for conversations with your child about managing their own social accounts when they're older.

CONSIDER OTHER CHILDREN

When taking a group photo, make sure you get parents' or carers' permission to share it on social media. There may be an important safeguarding reason for them not wanting their child's photo posted publicly online, or it might simply not tally with their personal beliefs or cultural background. A quick conversation in advance, just to make sure, is usually hugely appreciated.

CHECK YOUR PHOTOS

Photos of your child shouldn't provide any clues to where they live or go to school: even a house number, street name, or car number plate could be a giveaway. Cover up or blur out school logos, too. If you *really* want to share a particular pic, you could post a watermarked or low-res version, which can help to discourage misuse as those images are less appealing to download or reproduce.

THINK AHEAD

Try to consider the longer-term implications of what you post. Would you be happy with that photo being online in 10 years' time? Would your child still be OK with the image when they're older? Once your child is mature enough, you could ask for their consent before posting: it respects their privacy, fosters trust and understanding, and helps them to start thinking about their own online life.

Meet Our Expert

Gabriella Russo is a safeguarding consultant with more than 30 years' experience working with children, families, and adults in education, local authority, and mental health settings, both in the UK and internationally. She has developed online safety training for local authorities and foster care agencies across Britain and is the online safety expert for FosterWiki.



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FORGIVENESS

HOME SCHOOL VALUES

This term we will be focussing in school on the value FORGIVENESS. We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together.

TALK TOGETHER about Forgiveness

Everyone makes mistakes, it's part of being human. Sometimes our mistakes hurt others and then we need to say sorry. Sometimes mistakes made by other people hurt us. When this happens we need to be able to **forgive**. **Forgiveness** can be difficult and costly but without it a new start is impossible.

Talk together about:

- A time when you needed to say sorry
- A time you didn't say sorry but wish you had
- A time when you had to **forgive** someone who had hurt or upset you
- How it feels when you are given a new start because someone has **forgiven** you

THINK TOGETHER Words of Wisdom

"Without **forgiveness** there is no future.... If you can **forgive**, then you can move on and even help the person you are forgiving to become a better person"

Desmond Tutu



HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE

Maze

Design your own version of the maze tree in the story of Zacchaeus.

You can either draw it on paper or use other materials to create it. It's up to you! Take it to school to display in the Challenge Gallery.



READ TOGETHER...

Zacchaeus the Tax Collector

Zacchaeus was a little man. He was a tax collector and had become rich by making others pay lots of money in taxes to the Romans and to him. He didn't have many friends.

When Zacchaeus heard Jesus was in town, he wanted to see him. But Zacchaeus was short and Jesus was always surrounded by a crowd. So Zacchaeus decided to run ahead of the crowd and climb a sycamore tree. From there he could watch for Jesus. As Jesus drew closer, he held his breath excitedly until Jesus stopped right beneath his tree. Jesus looked straight up at him! "Zacchaeus," said Jesus with a smile, "come on down. I want to stay at your house today!"

Zacchaeus hopped down. "You are welcome at my house, Jesus," he said with a huge grin.

But others grumbled, muttering to each other. "Why does Jesus want to go home with the rich, cheating tax collector? He isn't good enough for Jesus to come and stay at his house."

Zacchaeus heard what the people were saying about him and he wanted to put things right. He turned to Jesus and said, "Master, here and now, I promise to give half of my money to the poor. If I have cheated anyone in taxes, I will pay them back four times that amount."

Zacchaeus wanted to turn over a new leaf because Jesus believed that everyone deserved a new start and now Zacchaeus believed it too!

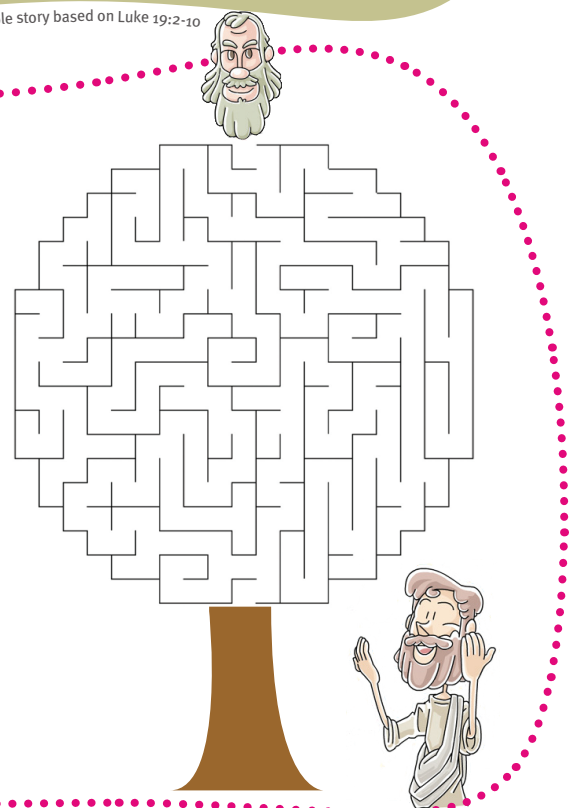
Bible story based on Luke 19:2-10



QUIZ

Tree Maze

Help Zacchaeus find his way down from the top of the tree, to meet Jesus.





HALL OF FAME

Desmond Tutu

Desmond Tutu was Archbishop of Capetown from 1986 to 1996. Throughout his life Desmond Tutu worked tirelessly against apartheid in South Africa. Apartheid was a system that treated people differently because of the colour of their skin. People who were non-white were not given the same rights in the country as white citizens. For example they had to live where the government told them to, they were not allowed to vote, had to use separate transport, go to different beaches and use separate sports facilities.

There was much violence and oppression in South Africa during the years of apartheid, and when it finally ended in 1992 some people were left feeling bitter and angry and wanting revenge. In order to give everyone a chance to talk about the things that had happened to them Desmond Tutu set up the 'Truth and Reconciliation Commission'. Many people who had behaved badly could hear from those they had hurt. There was the chance to say sorry and sometimes receive **forgiveness**. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission helped to provide an opportunity for a new beginning for South Africa, a chance to build what Desmond Tutu called a 'Rainbow Nation' in which everyone had the same chance in life no matter what the colour of their skin.



FASCINATING FACTS

Crosses across the world

The cross is a very special symbol for Christians it reminds them of Jesus' death on the cross which brought **forgiveness** for the world.

Different shapes and designs of crosses reflect different traditions and communities across the world.

Maria Gomez was a Christian Primary School teacher in El Salvador. She angered the authorities in her country because she campaigned for the rights of poor people. Eventually she was murdered. Later a local artist was commissioned to paint a wooden cross with scenes showing her life and her work among the poor women in the rural villages of El Salvador.



The Celtic cross originates from Ireland. St Patrick described the circle on the cross as symbolising the endless love shown by Jesus. The cross is decorated with natural shapes and animals to remind us of God's creation.

The Black and White cross comes from South Africa and was designed during the time of apartheid. The Bible teaches that people are equal in God's eyes, no matter what their background or the colour of their skin.



The Jewish New Year Tradition

New Year for Jews normally falls during September. On the first afternoon of the new year, the festival of Rosh Hashanah is celebrated. Families visit a nearby stream, river or even the sea for the ritual of Tashlich (in Hebrew, the language in which the Jews' holy book the Torah was written, Tashlich means throw away).

After a celebration meal Jewish families gather left over breadcrumbs. These crumbs represent the words or deeds that each family member feels sorry about. When the crumbs have been thrown into the water, fish eat them or they are washed away. This symbolises the way that God **forgives** the bad things that people have done and washes them away so that there can be a fresh start for the New Year. During the ceremony the following words from the Torah are read aloud, "You (God) will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our transgressions into the depths of the sea." Micah 7: 19