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Vision Statement

Guided by our Christian Values, we endeavour to inspire, cherish and serve our school community. We strive to be exceptional in all we do. We will nurture a love of all God's children. We seek to build respect for all faiths and beliefs.

'Serve one another in love' (Galatians 5.13)



Mission Statement

Together we value, inspire and develop each other within a happy, safe community based on Christian values and respect for other faiths.

'Show respect to everyone' (Peter 1 2.17)

Dear Parents and Children,

The first two weeks have already passed us by! We have had plenty of sunshine and dry days to keep us feeling positive whilst we are all taking part in a nationwide challenge of keeping safe and healthy by staying at home.

Well done to everyone for all of their hard work over the past two weeks and keep it up! Keep an eye out for more challenges and tasks appearing on the website for the coming weeks.

Remember that everyone, no matter how old or young they may be, is adjusting to this new way of life. We cannot be perfect every day but that doesn't matter as long as we try our best! Keep going everyone!

Keeping Positive!

Use the ideas below, alongside your home learning, to help keep everyone feeling positive.

Make a phone call or video call to someone you care about. Tell them what you have been doing with your home learning and your spare time. Can you spread your positivity?

Think about an activity or hobby that makes you feel happy and positive. Why does it make you feel happy? Can you describe it? Share this with someone and show them how to do it.

Often we associate different colours with different emotions. Which colours seem warm or cold? Are they happy or angry colours? Use the positive colours to create a picture.

Staying active is an important part of staying positive. Can you create a dance routine (even a silly one) to perform to your family or siblings. You could even teach it to them once you have created it.

Research a period in history where communities and families have had to pull together in difficult times e.g. WWII. Find out what activities families shared together and what kept them going.

Set yourself challenges in the house to make you and your family members feel happy and more positive. Even just one or two acts of kindness can go a long way to helping everybody feeling better in a difficult situation.

LASTEST NEWS - What's going on in the world?

Nasa's Mars-copter has completed its final flight tests, which means it's nearly ready to go into space!

Nasa have sent a few land rovers to Mars already, including Opportunity and Insight, and Perseverance is the next one to head to the red planet.

But they want to get a wider impression of what Mars is really like, so now they're hoping this fully-autonomous miniature test helicopter, which will travel with their Mars 2020 rover, will offer just that by flying over the planet's surface!



EYFS & KS1 Challenges

Make a scrapbook that is all about you. This could include information about your favourite hobbies, sports, songs and friends.



Learn how to make a sandwich or do some baking with a grown up.



KS2 Challenges

Create a poster and hang it in your window to give people hope .



Keep a video diary for a week explaining what you have been up to.



Worship and reflection

During this period of closure, it is important that as a community we remain positive and hopeful for the future. Use the activity below to help spread kindness to those closest to you:

Kindness

Make a list of seven kind things you can do for someone else. This could be for people you live with (e.g. help clean your room, read with your brother or sister) or people that you currently don't get to see every day (e.g. send someone a compliment by text, phone or send a picture of a drawing to one of your relatives etc). Each day for a week you should do one of the seven kind things from your list.

Prayer

Dear God,

We ask that you protect members of our community from harm and be their comfort in this time of uncertainty and, for many, isolation from loved ones.

Amen