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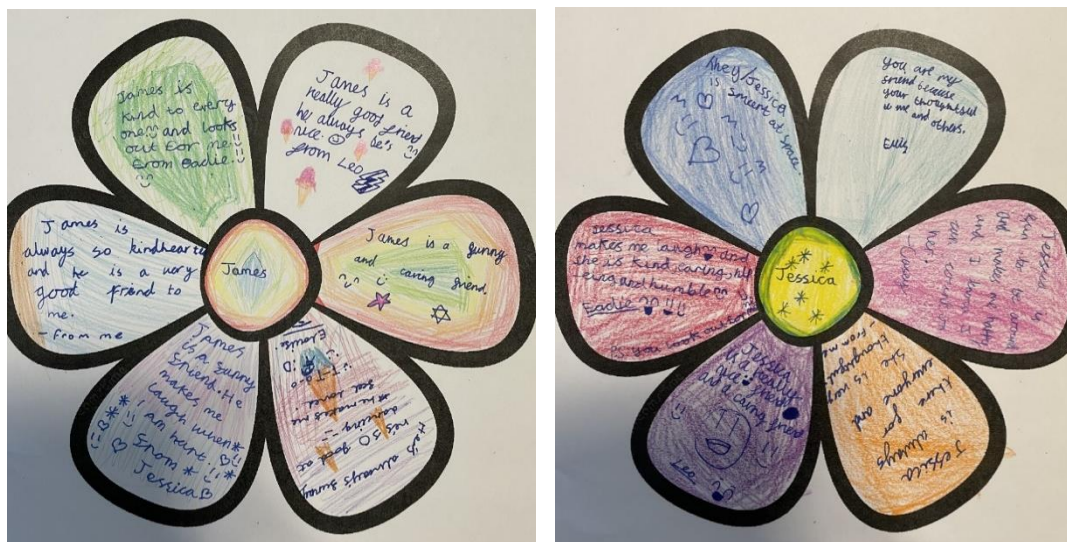
Friday 14th January

Dear parents,

I would like to wish all of our families a very Happy New Year! It has been wonderful to welcome all of our children back to school.

Our younger children have been working hard using our new phonics scheme 'Little Wandle Letter and Sounds'. All staff took part in training on our INSET day and have enjoyed seeing how well the children are engaging with our new approach. Miss Fitzgerald and Mrs Coleman will be sharing a parent workshop on Friday 4th February at 2.45pm.

This half term's Christian value is friendship and looking at bible verses, such as Proverbs 17 v17 'A friend loves at all times'. We will be exploring this theme in collective worship times. Oak class reflected on their friendships in RE last week making friendship flowers where each child wrote about others to explain what makes them a good friend.



Children in Ash and Pine classes enjoyed a wonderful story telling workshop on Tuesday afternoon. The focus was on developing literacy skills, confidence and wellbeing. The children were focussed, listened carefully and engaged brilliantly in activities. We have invited the company back to do further workshops across the school for our Feeling Good week.





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Pine class have been making their own homes for a toy as part of their D.T. project. We love their carefully chosen designs!



Kind regards,

Mrs Bridgman

Communication

Please remember to report any absence by 9.15am and to make contact with school every day that your child continues to be off (unless advised otherwise). Please send absence notification either by Parentmail or a phone call to school.

Current Covid-19 Guidance

As you may be aware, COVID-19 infection rates are very high and the Omicron variant is spreading rapidly in our community. Guidance is continually being reviewed and updated. A reminder that if children have any covid symptoms they should not attend school and should get a PCR test as soon as possible. If a child is asymptomatic (does not have symptoms) and tests positive on a lateral flow test, they do not need a confirmatory PCR, they should begin their self-isolation.

Recently there has been a change in the self-isolation guidance. If you test positive, your self-isolation period includes the day your symptoms started (or the day you had the test, if you do not have symptoms) and the next 10 full days. From Monday, you can stop self-isolating after 5 days if you do a rapid lateral flow test on days 4 and 5 of your self-isolation period and:

- both tests are negative
- you did both tests at least 24 hours apart
- you do not have a high temperature

If you do a rapid lateral flow test on day 4 and test positive, wait 24 hours before you do the next test. You will still need two negative lateral flow tests 24 hours apart to end self-isolation. We thank you for your continued support.



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Should my child go to school today?

Information from the Public Health Schools Covid-19 is available via this web link hwehealthiertogether.nhs.uk. This is a useful resource for parents and carers when considering if their child is well enough to attend school. It contains a range of information about illnesses in children and when a child should return to school after being ill.

Key Dates

Monday 17 th January	French specialist lessons
Friday 21 st January	Celebration worship with parents
Monday 31 st January	French specialist lessons
Tuesday 1 st February	8.45am Parent Forum
Friday 4 th February	2.15pm SEND Coffee Afternoon
	2.45pm Phonics presentation for Ash/Pine parents
Monday 7 th February	3.30-5.30pm Parent Consultations
	Feeling Good Week
Tuesday 8 th February	Safer Internet Day
Friday 11 th February	Celebration worship with parents
Friday 25 th February	Oak class to sportshall event (more details to follow)
Tuesday 1 st March	Faith Tour KS2
Thursday 3 rd March	World Book Day
Friday 11 th March	Y4-6 to Tag Rugby
WB 14 th March	Science Week
Friday 18 th March	Red Nose Day
Tuesday 22 nd March	8.45am Parent Forum
Friday 25 th March	2.30pm SEND Coffee Afternoon
Friday 1 st April	School closes 1.15pm