



2nd October 2020

Vision and Values

During the last academic year, the staff and governors worked together to review and update our vision and values. This is an incredibly important piece of work as it helps to ensure we maintain a clear focus and drive as we move forward as a school. We spent time consulting with the children and looking at what they thought was important about our school. We used their views to help us in our thinking. In addition, as a Church of England primary school we are required to ensure our vision is underpinned by Biblical teaching. As a result of this work, we are proposing the following:

Our vision statement:

'Every member of the school family takes active care of ourselves, each other, our learning, our community and the environment, even when this is hard.'

Based on the Bible story:

'The Good Samaritan'

Our school motto:

'Courage to care'

Our core values:

Listening, nurturing, welcoming, celebrating

We are looking for your views too. Please email the school office to let us know what you think by Friday 9th October. You can tell us if you completely agree or if you feel there is something missing that needs to be considered.

Harvest

Next Thursday we will be celebrating Harvest at our annual service which takes place at the church. All classes have been busy practising something to share with the rest of the school during this time. As you will know, we are unable to invite families to join us this year. We have also looked into the logistics of recording and sharing the service with you but it has become too complicated. We will therefore be sharing a special Harvest newsletter with you so you can see what the children shared and how they celebrated.

Once again, we will be making a donation of items to the Yate and Chipping Sodbury Foodbank. All donations will be collected together in classrooms at the start of the day on Thursday 8th October. The foodbank is looking specifically for the following:

Deodorant, shampoo, rice pudding, custard, washing up liquid, sponge pudding, tinned fruit.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is now open and ready to use. We have carefully considered how to ensure it is safe for all children to attend.

Breakfast club begins at 7.45 each day and costs £4 per child per session. Mrs Allen provides a range of healthy breakfast options and the children can take part in a range of play based activities and crafts.

For more information about breakfast club and how to book a place please contact the school office.

Safeguarding message

As a school we recognise that parents are unable to come onto site in the way that they have done previously. We want to assure you that the staff and governors continue to monitor the wellbeing (both physical and mental) of all children and that we continue to ensure the highest standards of safeguarding at all times. In addition, if anybody feels that a child is struggling in any area or if circumstances outside of school are challenging please let a member of staff know; we can then support the needs of any family that needs it.

Ken Hull, safeguarding link governor

Friends meeting

Please find below zoom details for the first Friends meeting of the year - next Wednesday 7th October at 7.45pm.

<https://zoom.us/j/773225332?pwd=dSs3a0xnQjdTeEJBbzZhQ0ZlY0dLQT09>

Meeting ID: 773 225 332

Password: 017454

I appreciate it won't be quite the same as our usual get togethers, but it would be great to see as many of you as possible as we have some important things to discuss - and we would love to meet some of the new parents to the school.

Key things for the agenda are:

- finding a new Chair
- running through existing planned events to work out what we can and can't do in light of COVID
- safe fundraising ideas and any other fun activities we can arrange
- how we'll aim to support the school this year

If anyone has any items to add to the agenda or any questions, drop Kate Edmonds a note on kate.edmonds81@gmail.com and I will get it added on.

Look forward to seeing you then!

Primary and Secondary Admissions

The website for both primary and secondary admissions is now open. If you have a child who is due to start Reception in September 2021 please do log on and apply to come and join us. We are carrying out short individual tours of the outside of the school for those who are interested in applying and we ask that prospective parents wear a face covering. The deadline for applications is 15th January 2021.

All the information you need in order to apply can be found using the following link: <https://find-information-for-adults-children-families.southglos.gov.uk/kb5/southglos/directory/advice.page?id=GLu6GUIMkpw&familychannel=2-2&channel=family>

If your child is due to begin secondary school in September 2021, the deadline for applications is 31st October 2020.

<https://find-information-for-adults-children-families.southglos.gov.uk/kb5/southglos/directory/advice.page?id=I2VIUICdFLs>

INSET day

Please note: our next INSET day will take place on Friday 9th October. School will be closed to all children that day.

Walk to school week

Next week is walk to school week and we would like to encourage everyone to take part. We understand that some families may not live in the village so you are welcome to park either at the Parish Hall or at The White Hart then walk from there.

Each morning Mr Brown will be organising for some Year 6 children to record how many children have walked and the results will be revealed in the next newsletter. The benefits of even a just a short walk to school are significant, supporting focus and concentration during the day as well as improving health and wellbeing not to mention the positive impact on the environment.

For more information please see the walk to school website: <https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/products-and-services/projects/walk-to-school-week>

Remote learning plans

We have almost finalised our plans to enable future remote learning to take place as effectively as possible. These will be split into different categories:

- When a child needs to self-isolate whilst they or a family member await a test result
- When a whole class bubble needs to close due to a confirmed case
- When the whole school needs to close due to a local or national outbreak

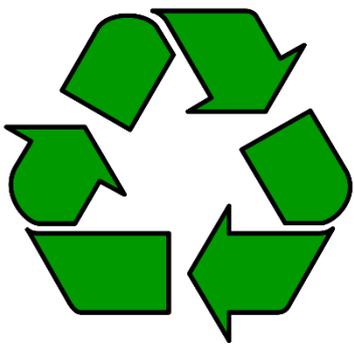
These plans will be shared with you as soon as they are ready.

Harvest family service

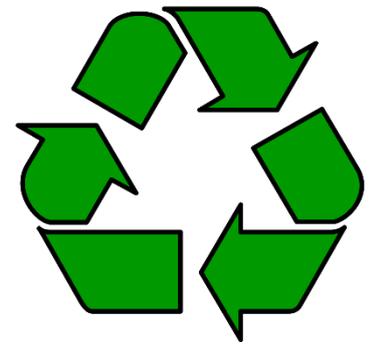
The next family service at St James' Church will take place on Sunday 11th October at 10am. This will be a harvest service. All families are welcome to attend but please remember that face coverings must be worn.

Eco-warriors

Please see the message on the next page from Mr Brown, Miss Holmes and Buzzards Class.



Eco Warriors at Iron Acton!



In Buzzards class we have been discussing littering and its impact on the environment. The children have been really proactive and have started a 'Team Save the Planet' group. This team of children have been picking up litter and helping to recycle. They have also started to make an Ecobrick with any non-recyclable waste. This has all been done in their own time!

Our Eco Warriors are:

Gracie-Mae

Louis

Abigail

Isla

Sophie

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Well done for being proactive and playing your part in cleaning up the planet!