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Dear Parents

VALUE OF THE MONTH

First of all I'd like to say a huge thank you for all of the contributions that were made on our compassion day in school that was organised by Worship Council. We raised nearly £350 which we have donated to the Wolverhampton Refugee Centre who help women and children forced to flee their homes. We were also overwhelmed by the donations of clothes, food, toiletries, games, toys and blankets that you also made. It really helped children to understand the value of compassion and to truly see it in action. The value for February in forgiveness. This will be discussed with children in school during Worship and in reflection time.

PHONICS

I am very proud to say that we have received a letter from the Minister of State for School Standards, Nick Gibb, congratulating the children and staff for the outstanding outcomes in the Year 1 phonics screening check in 2018. I would like to extend a huge congratulations to the children who achieved so brilliantly and a massive thank you to the staff for helping to ensure that early reading skills are taught so successfully. A huge thank you too, to all our parents and carers. We really appreciate your support in helping your children to learn and practise their reading skills at home. A copy of the letter can be found on the school website. Click on the parents section and select the 'school news' tab. Click on the link 'Phonics Screening Check Letter,' to read the letter in full.

A PLEA FOR OUR GROUNDS

We are extremely lucky that one of our parents, Mr Byrne, has offered to come into school and help develop many areas of our grounds. This will include a vegetable plot where children can help grow (and then cook) fresh produce, a herb garden, flower tubs and hanging baskets around school. In addition, as part of this development, Mr Byrne is going to clear an area of the field that is already enclosed by a fence and turn it into a reflective garden which we will call Jo's Garden. We will be planting the sunflowers there. It will be a quiet, reflective area where children will be able to go to be peaceful. We are very appreciative that Mr Byrne is offering to do this for us. If anyone has any plastic (not ceramic) pots, garden ornaments, wind chimes or garden tools that they no longer require, could we ask you to consider donating them to the school for this project? Please do not buy anything especially for this but anything that you were considering disposing of would be gratefully received. If anyone would like to volunteer any time to be involved in this ongoing development, please come and see me. We are very much looking forward to seeing the results of this exciting project.

PARKING

Please can I remind all parents and carers who drop their children off by car, to park respectfully with consideration for our neighbours at the beginning and end of the school day. We have received several complaints recently of residents' drives being blocked and illegal parking. I am saddened to hear that a small number of residents have also been subjected to some unpleasant responses when they have asked for cars to be moved. Whilst causing upset, illegal parking can also make the road unsafe for your children and other pedestrians. I thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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PHISHING EMAIL

I would like to make you aware of phishing emails which are currently going around. These encourage you to click on a link/button to see the message. These messages often look like they have come from someone in your contacts and may even look like a reply from a previous conversation or contain a very genuine sounding subject. Many of them involve a box which says 'Display Message.' We have been asked to advise you not to click on any links unless you can be certain that the email is genuine.

RADIO STAR

And finally...we have a radio star in our midst! Those of you who listen to the Heart FM Breakfast Show, may have heard our very own Miss O'Rourke being challenged with maths questions on air this morning. Miss O'Rourke was asked to pit her wits against Alexa. We are very pleased and proud to announce that Miss O'Rourke answered all of her questions correctly and successfully saw off the challenge from the Amazon virtual assistant. Well done Miss O'Rourke - we're very proud of you!

I'd like to thank you all for your continued support and remind you that we operate an Open Door Policy. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely

Rachael Kilmister
Headteacher