



## Headteacher Update 23.02.2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy Friday. I hope you have had a good even if rain-soaked week. It is good to be back in school after half term and the children have settled quickly into their learning.

**PSHE and Habits of Mind: Healthy Me - Make Good Choices:** One of the strengths of our school is how our PSHE curriculum extends across all of school life through our Habits of Mind. Our focus in our PSHE lessons across the school this half term is 'Healthy Me' and the children will be learning all about healthy lifestyles and choices. This is closely linked to our focus Habit of Mind for this half term which is Self-Management and looks at ***Making Good Choices, Being Ready to Learn*** and ***Setting Goals***. In Collective Worship we are building on these key areas with a particular focus on **making good choices to support positive wellbeing**. This week we looked back to the creation story in the Bible and how Adam and Eve were given the job of taking care of the world and the creatures God had made. **Working hard towards a clear purpose** and goal is a good thing for us and an important part of positive wellbeing. We also looked at how **we are all learners**, who will inevitably make mistakes and are surrounded by others who are also learners and will also make mistakes. It is sometimes easier to remember to be patient with ourselves and each other when we acknowledge we are all learners.

**Healthy Snacks and Lunches:** As part of our focus on Healthy Me and making good choices we wanted to remind everyone of our expectation that children have healthy snacks at breaktime. There is fruit available for Year R, 1 and 2 and children are welcome to have a snack from home but snacks such as crisps and chocolate bars are not allowed. **No items containing nuts should be brought into school** to look after those with severe allergies.

**Ash Wednesday and Lent:** Reverend Sally from the Abbey joined us this week to reflect on the meaning of the season of Lent as we build towards Easter. Rev Thomas and Rev Sally will join us each week as we prepare for the celebration of Easter. We are looking forward to welcoming you to the Abbey on Thursday 28th March for our Easter Celebration Service.

**School shoes:** Thank you for your efforts in ensuring your children are in appropriate school shoes so that it is fair and smart for all children. The plimsolls are working well as an alternative where required.

Please take a look at our **Dates for your Diary** for what is happening over the coming 6 weeks including performances from Year R, Year 3 and Year 5.

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I will finish with a prayer which you are welcome to join me in praying for our school:

*Dear God,*



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*Help us to make good choices in the way we live our lives, choices that support positive mental wellbeing for ourselves and those around us. Help us to develop the good habits of a healthy lifestyle both physically and mentally. Give us patience to bear with and forgive one another, knowing we all make mistakes and all have much to learn.  
Amen*

Have a great weekend everybody

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