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## Special Awards

### Special Award Winners this Week

Willow 1	William C
Willow 2	Sebastian A
Yew 1	Ernie R
Yew 2	Evie H
Oak 1	Jemimah T
Oak 2	Rio N
Cherry 1	Arthur B
Cherry 2	Max K
Beech 1	Darcey A D
Beech 2	Scarlett H
Maple 1	Ana C
Maple 2	Nicholas H
Red 1	Rose K
Red 2	Thomas L

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2020

## Well Done!

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## FROM MRS GASCOIGNE, HEADTEACHER

Term 2 Issue 1 2020

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,  
Welcome back to term 2. I hope you all managed to take some time to do something together over the holiday week. Whether that was time away from home, a walk in the woods or time with family, I trust it gave you the well needed time to feel restored and revived ready for the term.

As we move into a second lock down period for the next month, I would ask you all to be extra vigilant and observe all the guidance really closely. When arriving at school, please **wear a mask** and ensure you are waiting with your child at a **2m distance from the next family**. Please make sure you remain on the pavement.



For EYFS and KS1 families, please make sure you spread out on the playground and **leave the site as soon as possible** both at drop off and pick up. **Please keep your children with you** if you are waiting for other children and do not let them run around the playground.

Please do not bring your child to school if you think they may have any symptoms, please get them tested and let us know the outcome. If we are to be able to maintain school opening, we need everyone to play their part in following the rules, not only in school but at home. Families should not be mixing, unless there are child care arrangements (child minders/wraparound care) and these should be consistent (not different each day). We are trying hard to maintain our bubbles in school so please support that at home too.

Please can I remind you about the **drop off and pick up times** and ask that you **stick to these** to avoid congestion at the gates. In addition, parents should be **accompanying their children to the school gate** unless school has received a letter explaining that (children in Y5/6) the child is able to walk to and from school alone.

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### Mrs Gascoigne's "Golden Book"

Congratulations to the following children for receiving a Golden Token this week: **Holly D (C2), Tom K (C1), Rose C-J (B1), Stanley M (B2).**

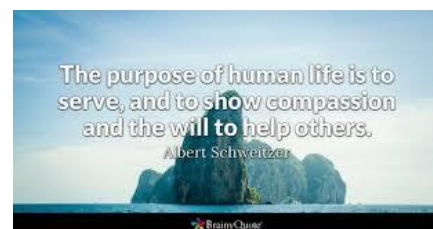
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	LOWER GATE	UPPER GATE
0830	EYFS	
0845	Year 1	Year 3 and Year 4
0900	Year 2	Year 5 and Year 6
1500	EYFS	
1515	Year 1	Year 3 and Year 4
1530	Year 2	Year 5 and Year 6

This term the value we are focusing on is COMPASSION. We will be exploring this through Collective Worship, class reflection and through our involvement in Meditation Rocks sessions. We are attaching the Home School values activities for you to use at home - do talk to your children about this. There are some lovely activities.



That's the difference between pity and compassion: Pity just feels sorry! Compassion does something about it.



I am delighted to share some great news with you. On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 13.16, Zachery Henry George Biffen (to be known as Zac) was born weighing a very healthy 9lbs 2oz! Excited big sister Aurelia is so proud. We send our congratulations and love to Mrs Biffen and her husband Simon. What a truly wonderful blessing and piece of good news in these challenging times!



Mrs Gascoigne, Headteacher

Term 1 Tokens			
Lansdown	Solsbury	Lyncombe	Bannerdown
628	435	526	521

**Safe parking reminder**

We have had complaints from parents and residents about inconsiderate parking over bus stops and zig zag lines around the school site at drop off and pick up times. To ensure the safety of ALL school children, please ensure that you allow yourself enough time to only park in designated bays or to park a little further away from the school.

**Quadkids Competition**

Before the holiday, the Year 5 and 6 children spent time (separately!) at Monkton Combe School taking part in a virtual inter Quadkids competition. The morning consisted of four events: 75m run, 600m run, Standing Long Jump and Vortex Throw. The teachers reported that the children showed great sportsmanship by displaying a positive attitude, demonstrating respect and being kind at all times. Well done children! Combe Down came 5<sup>th</sup> out of the 10 schools who took part.

TEAM SCORES		
Team	Points	Rank
St. John's MSN	916	4
St. Andrew's	837	8
St. Nicholas	932	2
St. Mary's <u>Writhlington</u>	850	7
Chew Stoke	1,009	1
Farrington	885	6
Combe Down	891	5
Abbot <u>Alphege</u>	599	10
Westfield	792	9
St. John's Catholic	921	3

**Forest School**

Please see below a timetable for Forest School sessions this term, taking place with our Forest School teacher Mr Parsonage. Children should come to school on their allocated days dressed in their Forest School clothes.

**Forest School Timetable**  
Term 2

	09.00 – 10.30	10.45 – 11.45 10.45 – 12.00	13.00 – 14.00 13.15 – 14.15	14.00 – 15.00 14.15 – 15.15
Monday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Year 2	Year 2	Year 6	Year 6
Friday, 6 <sup>th</sup> November			Year 5	Year 5
Monday, 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 1	Year 1	Year 4	Year 4
Friday, 13 <sup>th</sup> November			Year 3	Year 3
Monday, 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Year R	Year R	Year 5	Year 5
Friday, 20 <sup>th</sup> November			Year 6	Year 6
Monday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Year 2	Year 2	Year 4	Year 4
Friday, 27 <sup>th</sup> November			Year 3	Year 3
Monday, 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 1	Year 1	Year 5	Year 5
Friday, 4 <sup>th</sup> December			Year 6	Year 6
Monday, 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Year R	Year R	Year 4	Year 4
Friday, 11 <sup>th</sup> December			Year 3	Year 3



Upcoming Dates (subject to change, please always check the website):

December 2020	
17 DEC	End of Term 2, 3.15pm <a href="#">Term Dates</a>
18 DEC	Inset Day - school closed to pupils 08:45 - 15:15   <a href="#">Staff Training Day</a>
January 2021	
04 JAN	Term 3 starts, 8.45/8.50am 08:45   <a href="#">Term Dates</a>
04 JAN	PAT Inset Day - School Closed to Pupils 08:45 - 15:15   <a href="#">Staff Training Day</a>
February 2021	
12 FEB	End of Term 3, 3.15pm 15:15   <a href="#">Term Dates</a>

Letters home this week:

*No letters home this week*

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