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Newsletter 6

<p>Our current value is trust. <i>Proverbs 3: 5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart</i></p>  <p>We put our trust in each other.</p>	<p>Our value next half-term is thanks. <i>Chronicles 29:13 Now, our God, we give you thanks and praise your glorious name</i></p>  <p>We are thankful for what we have and will look after our world.</p>
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Dear Parents,

As we reach the end of our first half-term of the year we have a lot to share with you. **We have been thinking about our value of trust:** who we put our trust in and why; how important trust is between 2 people and in families and groups; how Christians put their trust in God and how helpful this is in their 'dark and stormy' times; how our actions can help to build trust (we used cubes to make a 'trust tower') and that even when this is broken we can work hard to build it up again. In our reflective space the children have used our art canvas (see above) to place their hands and think about our value and have held a 'trust token' every time they have thought about building trust with the people in their lives.

Newdigate Pre-School

In the last newsletter we shared the pre-school Ofsted with you and celebrated the achievements of the new team. Since then the governing body have officially taken over the responsibility for the Pre-School and we can now welcome them to our school community; we have no doubt they will be a valuable part of our school and look forward to continuing to work with them in the future.

Building Project

You will have received a letter from Mrs Moon explaining the good news that after many, many years of having this on our wish list we are finally able to give the go ahead to the building project that will put our school the right way around! This will move the reception office to the front of the school at the top of our drive and create a new fresh and fancy entrance to our lovely school. We are very excited but know there may be a little pain before the gain! As of Saturday the staff car park will be closed and the gates at the bottom of the drive will also be closed. We will try and avoid it, but we may have deliveries before the start of the school day so please can we remind everybody that children should be walking with their parents on the path and not be near the drive. Road safety is always a big concern of ours and we feel this is an opportunity for us to embed safe behaviours. We will talk to our children about the need to stay with their adult and would ask that you reinforce this by doing the same at home.

The site will be made safe and fencing will be erected to contain a skip and portable toilet for the builders in the car park. The classroom has been cleared and will be closed off to the school but we are hoping our Early years children will be able to learn a thing or two about how to build! We are sorry for any inconvenience caused but VERY excited about the outcome. The governors of a voluntary aided church school always have to make a 10% contribution to any building project, so please can you spread the word or make your own contribution if that is possible to help us do this. Jackie Bennett has sent out details of how to do this and the information is also attached to the newsletter; every little helps.



This week we have been learning about how to stay safe following **Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 11th February**. Mrs Priestley has led our learning and all children have been engaged with this important topic. A letter to explain what we have done in more detail as well as things you could do at home is in your child's book bag.

Mosque visit.

Our Year 2 children had an enlightening visit to the **Redhill Mosque** on Monday and the whole team came back to school feeling more informed and aware of the Muslim faith and beliefs. We were incredibly proud of how articulate the children were in sharing their own knowledge and understanding of Islam and how well thought out their questions were. During the visit our children were deeply respectful and able to ask very mature and insightful questions to deepen their knowledge. Thanks to the RE leadership of Mrs Priestley we now have a full and broad R.E visit programme; children at Newdigate will visit St. Peter's Church weekly and attend our major Christian celebration services, they will visit a synagogue and Guildford Cathedral in Year 1 and Redhill Mosque in Year 2. This will mean that pupils will have opportunities to engage in rich experiences and conversations that support and develop their RE learning across a range of religions.



PCSHE

As part of our PCSHE learning, we have been focusing on the 'Wheel of Wellbeing'.



One of our focusses has been on staying healthy in body and mind. On Thursday, Year 2 had an opportunity to show their leadership skills by supporting Hedgehogs in taking part in a yoga and meditation session. All of the children benefited greatly from this and made comments such as: "I feel calm and peaceful now", "I feel relaxed and not stressed". Cosmic Kids yoga, meditation and mindfulness is available on Youtube for free. Check it out!

Dogs For Good

Thanks to your generous donations at Christmas time, we have raised £248 for Dogs For Good. It costs £120 to train a dog to help disabled children and those with autism so we are thrilled that we can support two! We think we know which puppies we will be supporting but will let you know all about them when it has been confirmed.

It has been a great half-term. We hope you have a wonderful break and will see you refreshed and renewed on **Tuesday 25th February for our 'Big Freeze' immersion Day. Our plan is to be outside ALL day whatever the weather** (the storms should have passed by then!) including lunch time. **Please send your children in dressed appropriately and ready for this exciting day.** They will not need to bring in book bags on that day. Mrs Hartt is preparing a warm packed lunch for us that we can eat around the fire and Rev Andrew Coe will then lead us in an outdoor worship. As it is **Shrove Tuesday** we will be mixing and flipping a few pancakes on the fire. We will also be learning about endurance and resilience, doing some safe foraging in our grounds led by Mrs Martin and constructing igloos in groups. Memorable moments in learning will undoubtedly be made!

The leadership team

'There is no obligation for you to make a donation and please be assured that pupils will not be treated differently according to whether or not you choose to make a donation. Every little helps therefore we would be extremely grateful for any amount you are able to contribute, however small.

If you wish to make a one-off voluntary donation or regular voluntary donations to the school then please complete the attached form and make your payment(s) by bank transfer to the following account:

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Thank you for your support,

Alok Agarwal,
Chair of the Governors'