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<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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Newsletter 7

Dear Parents,



Wow! We started this half-term with an amazing **immersion day** that showed our children in their very best lights. As promised they engaged in a range of creative and challenging experiences that brought our topic to life, this was followed by a hot lunch in one of our polar stations and pancakes from our outdoor fire. Reverend Coe then led our outdoor worship that started us thinking about the season of Lent.

We are now in the habit of talking about **Lent** through the **40 Acts resources** that we feel are a very positive and accessible approach for our infant children. I have included the link below for the website that includes a family planner and some ideas of acts linked to the themes of:



- ✓ Give out
- ✓ Spiritual
- ✓ Write/Draw
- ✓ Think
- ✓ Care
- ✓ Speak
- ✓ Act/Do
- ✓ Make

<https://40acts.org.uk/resources/>

It would be great if you could look at these with your children and choose some (not all!) of the 40 ideas that would be most relevant to their age and stage. We would love for these acts to be captured. Attached to this newsletter is a page of 4 slips that you can use to write about any act that is completed at home. If you do fill one in please send them into school and we will

collect and display them in our reflection space. Remember, anyone in the family can fill them in!

Some ideas from the chart are:

*Pick up ten pieces of litter today.
Say hi to someone outside your usual circle today.
Send someone a message to let them know you are thinking about them.
Thanks you for your support.
Tidy up your bedroom, change the sheets and then do someone else's.
Start a giving jar and collect up loose change or donate some of your pocket money.
Make a generosity kit and give it away. Add some pens/ pencils, a £1 coin, tissues, sweets - what else?
What are you really good at? Could you use your talent to help or teach someone else?*

The incalculable value of wildlife



Today is **World Wildlife Day 2020** and led by Mrs Martin we have been taking the time to think about our precious life on earth and how we can help to sustain it. As well as worm hunts and surveys children have been making bird 'fat balls' and flower salt dough plaques to celebrate our wild flora and fauna.

Breakfast and Rainbow After School Club

We are thrilled to see that so many families are now using this out of school hour's facility and that so many children talk very positively about their time there. We are so busy on some days that we have had to employ another member of staff! As you can imagine, due to this success, we are dealing with more paperwork and want to make sure we are very well organised and have efficient systems in place. With that in mind we would like to make the following changes:

- We would ask that places are booked in advance for both clubs if possible so that we are able to calculate appropriate staffing.
- We would ask that once a place is booked on any given day parents make sure their child attends. As we are allocating staffing based on booked places we will need to ask that you

make the payment even if your child is not able to attend as their place has been saved, this is in line with other equivalent services

- Payment is made in advance if possible for booked sessions or made promptly the week following receipt of the monthly invoice to avoid any build-up of costs for you and the school
- If a place needs to be cancelled we would ask that we are given notice (ideally 48 hours) if possible and then will apply a credit for that session

These clubs are now a great asset to our school and we look forward to working with you to make sure they continue to support our families and our school.



As always the children had fabulous costumes. We had a great time today celebrating reading and reminding ourselves about the value of books and how we would never want to live in a world without them. Pictures have been shared through our Marvellous Me app so

hopefully you have had a chance to see the delight this day brought to our school.

On a final note, we would like to offer our thanks and gratitude to Steer & Booth for their financial commitments each year. In the last year, Steer & Booth gave a significant donation to Newdigate School which enabled us to continue to provide a high quality of education to our precious children here at Newdigate. As well as providing curriculum resources for our creative whole school topics, the trust donations have ensured we are able to provide support to our Young Carers as well as children in need of emotional literacy support for a range of issues (friendship difficulties, low self-esteem, anxiety, loss and grief, family separation or changes, social difficulties etc.) through our ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant).

Have a great weekend.

The leadership team