

BY BROOK VALLEY C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Thursday 24 June 2021

Theme for Worship this term is: **Respect**

This week's theme was valuing others as we would like to be valued.

"Do unto others as you would have them do to you." Matthew 7:12.

We looked at a mosaic titled the 'Golden Rule' that was presented to the United Nations in 1985. We discussed that gospel means good news.

Message from Mr Pike

Parent Questionnaire – thank you to those who have completed the annual questionnaire to parents. If you haven't had the opportunity to do so already, we would really appreciate hearing your views. The deadline to complete the questionnaire is Friday 2 July. The link to access the questionnaire is:

<https://forms.gle/owau9LJ8c1upLcA19>.

Last week, we were paid a visit by our school improvement adviser, Jon Wood. He commented on the excellent behaviour and attitudes to learning that were evident across the school.

This week, Year 5 started working with Danny Towl, who is voluntary warden with the Cotswold Conservation Board and local resident, on an exciting conservation project linked to the village pond. This project will develop over the next few years and will involve pupils from across the school. The project will benefit our school and the local community now and in, hopefully many years to come. The children will keep us all updated!

Thank you to all the parents and children who volunteered to help out raising funds at the Castle Combe Car Boor Sale. Despite the rather miserable weather, we managed to raise £412.66 which is fantastic.

Hot Chocolate with the Head

I am pleased to announce that the following children were nominated to have hot chocolate with the Head over the past two weeks:

Year 3: Harry, Esmail and Learhna

Year 4: Sophia, Will and Penelope

Year 5: Edith, Oakley and Austin

Year 6: Hugo, June- Rose and Emme

Trip to The Wiltshire Museum - Year 3 and Year 4

The children brought home a letter earlier this week about a trip to The Wiltshire Museum in Devizes, please could we ask you to send in your permission slip and make payments either by using ParentPay or send into school by **Monday 28 June**. Thank you.

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Sports Day

A letter was sent home last week about sports day. Sports day will be going ahead but unfortunately parents will not be able to join us this year due to the restrictions staying the same. As per the letter, if possible, on the day please could children bring in a coloured T- shirt to correspond with the colour of their house group;

Yatton Keynell House – Blue

Castle Combe House – Red

Nettleton & Burton House – Green

Biddestone House – Yellow

Please do not worry if your child doesn't already have a coloured T-shirt we will use coloured bands or stickers for them instead. It is however important that children have the correct footwear of trainers or daps. You may also want to provide tracksuit bottoms if it is chilly or sun cream/hat if it is sunny. Children must bring in their own water bottles to keep with them during the day. In the event of the weather not being favourable and a decision is made to cancel sports day, the provisional reserve date is Tuesday 20 July.

SPORTS DAY PHOTO PERMISSION

A parent, who is a photographer, has kindly offered to take photographs of the children during sports day for you to look at on our website. If you do **NOT** want your child to be photographed for the web site please email the school office on admin@bybrookvalley.wilts.sch.uk.

Year 6 Leavers Party Update

Sadly because of Covid restrictions that are still in place, the organisers of the Year 6 leavers party we will not be holding the event in the village hall as planned on Friday 16 July. Instead (weather permitting) they would like to encourage Year 6 pupils and parents to come along to a "picnic in the park" in the Yatton Keynell park after school on Friday 16 July. Families can bring their own food and drink and find some space (2m apart) to picnic. This will not be an organised event. Just a date in the calendar for the Year 6 to gather in the park after school and have some fun. Parents are welcome to bring their own entertainment such as sports equipment, music, games and picnics. Thank you.

Bubbles Bookings for 2021/2022

If you submitted a Bubbles Booking Form for the next academic year, you will be pleased to know that everyone has been allocated the spaces they requested. There are still places available in most sessions so if you haven't done so already and would like a place, please complete the Bubbles booking form and return to school as soon as possible. Thank you.

Pupil Information Forms for Next Academic Year

The Pupil Information forms will be sent home next week so please look out for these in book bags. Please complete both sides **clearly** and return to the office as soon as possible. It's important for us to have up to date records in case we need to contact you for any reason. Thank you.

Lost Property

Please could we ask that all school clothing is clearly labelled with your child's name. If your child is missing any items, please check our lost property box in the foyer. We have a number of missing cardigans from the Hawks class so please could we ask that you check your child's clothing.

Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge is back again this year! Please encourage your children to participate in the 'Wild World Heroes' Summer Reading Challenge at Wiltshire Libraries. It is free to join and a great way to keep reading through the holidays while also having fun! Just call in to the library to join up!

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Job Vacancies

We have two job adverts on our website under the 'Vacancies' tab. The first job vacancy is for a Foundation Governor and the other is for a Catering Assistant here at By Brook Valley. Please see the job adverts for more details and how to apply. Thank you.

Could you foster?

Nexus Fostering is a well-established and highly regarded fostering agency, based in Gloucestershire, who are urgently seeking full-time & respite foster carers throughout the area. The agency is rated Ofsted 'Outstanding' in all areas and place a high premium on the quality of support and care that they provide to every one of the foster carers and, in turn, the children and young people placed with them.

To find out more about becoming a foster carer or a respite carer in Wiltshire and surrounding areas please call 0800 389 0143 or email foster@nexusfostering.co.uk.

School Lunches

If you would like your child to have a hot school lunch, please don't forget to order it online through ParentPay by midnight Wednesday for the following week. If you have not ordered online, please send your child in with a packed lunch. Thank you.

Order By	To have meals in week commencing
30/6/21	5/7/21
7/7/21	12/7/21
14/7/21	19/7/21

Contacting School if Your Child is Absent

Please ring the school (01249 783006) as soon as possible on the first day of absence – the school has an automated answering system so a message can be left. Please leave your child's name and the reason for their absence. If it is a prolonged absence, there is no need to ring the school every day but please do let us know if you do not expect your child to return by the end of the week. If you have not contacted us by the end of morning break (10.30am), we will try to ring you to enquire about the absence.

Please also remember that if your child has been ill with sickness and/or diarrhoea they should return to school **48** hours after the last episode of vomiting or diarrhoea.

Holidays in Term Time

Since the beginning of September 2013 the rules of taking holiday during term time have tightened even further. You may have seen this on the National News. Now, Headteachers **cannot authorise any holidays** and parents who still choose to take their child out **will** be fined by the local authority. Attendance is seen as a very high priority and a very significant factor in ensuring children attain their maximum potential each and every year. Please support your child, their learning and the school by booking your holidays out of school term times. A copy of the absence policy is available on the school website www.bybrookvalleyschool.co.uk

Head Lice

Please continue to check your children's hair for unwanted visitors. The children work very closely with each other and this gives head lice the chance to spread very easily. Advice and treatment of head lice can be sought from any pharmacy.

Medication in School

Unfortunately staff are unable to administer medication, e.g. antibiotics etc. to children. Parents can come into school to give medication if required

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Bubbles After School Club

If you need to contact Bubbles at all during the Bubbles hours please call 07587 133510.

FOBBVS Update

Hi everyone,

As Mr Pike mentioned above a big thank you to everyone who helped at the car boot sale last weekend. We will hopefully get more notice next year and an early plea for help. We were fine this year with very low numbers because not many attended but if it's a nice day we really need at least 20 people to run it.

As this goes out we're half way through the 1000 mile Thursday! Thank you to everyone who is or has taken part and to those who have got in early with sponsorship. We'll let you know the totals by Facebook and in the next newsletter.

Another thank you to Ceri Scammell who ran a virtual Neals Yard party for us. She has kindly offered to do so again so please look out for dates and treat yourselves!!

We have just received our first £5 from Amazon Smile. This is perhaps the easiest way to help! If you go into the settings on your amazon account a you can nominate us as your Smile charity. Then for every item you purchase, FOBBVS get a donation! It's only small but it builds up and costs you nothing! We're there as Friends of By Brook Valley School rather than FOBBVS.

Film Night - Due to on-going restrictions this has unfortunately had to be cancelled but we're planning another one early in the next school year so watch this space!

Summer Cycle and BBQ – Thursday 15 July at Castle Combe track. The event is still going ahead with everyone social distancing and observing hands/face/space. It will be a real chance to celebrate! Everyone has the chance to bring bikes or scooters (not electric please!) to the track and enjoy a family evening of fun with a BBQ. Tickets available now via ParentPay or pay on the day. We need helpers as always to run these events. The BBQ will be cooking and our 2 chefs from last time are unavailable so please step forwards if you can help cook/sell/man the track entry gate or whatever you can for an hour of the event. Fingers crossed for some sun!! Please see the attached poster.

Book Fund - Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far to the book fund. We are totting up the amount raised so far and the teachers are getting more lists of books together for us to get as many as possible for next year. We're targeting 1 between 2 to maximise the benefit from the money. If you have bought your child a book this term, please consider donating it when they've finished reading them. You can also still use Parent Pay to contribute to the school class book fund. If you don't want to use Parent Pay, please pop cash (£7 to sponsor a book or whatever you can afford) in an envelope with your name and class and drop it into the office).

We've got lots of ideas in the offing including a 200 club, Christmas cards, a return of the disco, a 'bend the rules day' and lots more. If you want to get involved in the team please drop us and email. Even if you can't join the FOBBVS team, we always need helpers to make these events go off in the way we want them to. If you can help, please email us at FOBBVS@gmail.com or let your class rep know on WhatsApp.

Many thanks,
The FOBBVS Team

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2020/2021 Diary Dates

June

Tuesday 29

Year 3 and 4 Trip to the Wiltshire Museum

July

Friday 2

Sports Day

Thursday 15

Summer Cycle and BBQ at Castle Combe

Tuesday 20

Provisional Reserve Sports Day

Friday 23

Last day of academic year – School finishes at **2.00pm**

No Buses & No Bubbles After School Club

**TD Days for next
Academic Year**

1 September 2021

4 January 2022

18 February 2022

27 May 2022

25 July 2022

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