



Ampney Crucis C of E Primary School
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Newsletter 6: Spring Term 1 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a lovely weekend.

It was a wonderful but extremely cold first week back. The Christmas holiday, full of lots of television and eating seems to already be a distant memory.

The children have come back to school with a extremely positive attitude and work ethos. This is great to see, and I hope it continues.

Our Value for this term

Our Value for this term is **Courage**. The courage to attempt to do the small things as well as the larger ones. We hope children will apply this to the competition we are running- see below for details.

"Be strong and courageous. For the Lord God is with you." Joshua 1:9

Sometimes we need courage to carry on going and to persevere with our endeavours.

"He who is not courageous enough to take risks will accomplish nothing in life." Muhammad Ali.

We were joined by Reverend John on Wednesday for our whole school worship, and it is planned that he will be here on a regular basis throughout the term. Please read Reverend John's newsletter also attached to this message.

Did your child receive a new device or their first device for Christmas?

On the INSET day the teachers and I spent the morning focusing on the massive area of Personal Development within our school. This includes many different aspects including Spiritual, Moral and Social Development, behaviour, ethos and attitudes and PSHE lessons and online safety.

If your child was one of the many to be given a new device mobile this Christmas, whether this be a mobile phone, iPad, laptop or gaming device such as an Xbox or PlayStation, there are some really good places for advice about keeping your child safe online at home.

<https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/parents-and-carers>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/>

The possibilities of the internet are amazing but so are the dangers and we in school and you at home need to keep up with the latest apps and what our children are accessing to help them make the right choices.

More information about internet safety will be coming home when it is **Internet Safety Day on February 6th**.



Maple Class this week started their Ukulele lessons led by a music teacher from the Gloucestershire Music Hub. We await the arrival of a class set of Ukulele's funded by the Friends which means that all children will have access to using them in music lessons.

The Building Work

You will have noticed that the Front entrance of the school is now taking shape and we are really pleased with the progress. We are hoping for it to be finished by the end of the month and will be planning a grand opening, details of which we will send out nearer the time.

Look Who's Talking Competition for Gloucestershire Schools

We are delighted to be taking part in this competition, more details of which can be found on the poster attached to this message. Though Reception children are not included in this Mrs Hopkins will be running her own event in class. We would really like all the children to have a go at talking about something that interests them. For some children we know this takes them out of their comfort zone but they will be supported by their class and encouraged to have a go.

Diary Dates

Monday 15th January	Oak trip to Mosque and Christingle Service at the Cathedral	
Tuesday 23rd January	Cricket Sessions for all classes coaches from Gloucestershire Cricket Foundation	All children to come into school in their PE Kits.
Wednesday 24th January	Young Voices Concert	
Friday 26th January	Maple Class Cake Sale at the end of the day	

Mrs Wood and all the staff