



SAINT PETER AT GOWTS

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1ST NOVEMBER 2021

“Unlocking the potential in all, empowering a community of Hope”

NOTES FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear All,

Welcome back! I hope you have all had a really wonderful holiday. The children were filled with excitement this morning as they shared all the experiences they have enjoyed during the holidays. Many children also reported being poorly with coughs, colds and lots of horrible non-covid related bugs. We do hope that you enjoyed your half term, whichever end of the spectrum yours entailed!

This term promises to be great fun, with so many exciting things planned for the children. I do hope you have the school disco in the diary tomorrow, this promises to be a great event. There are a few changes to our normal offer, with UV face paint being introduced, as well as more eco-friendly light up bracelets.

We are also pleased to announce our British Values Day, as well as Children in Need and later on in November World Hello Day. There will be separate ParentMails about all of these events but it's good to get them in the diary early and know what is happening!

We are aware there are many cases of coronavirus locally, however St. Peter's remains relatively unaffected. There are a few staff isolating, Mrs Loveday is recovering from an operation, and Miss Wilson is still very poorly with long covid. We look forward to having them back very soon when they are well.

Thank you for your patience and support. We hope the next half term is a great one for you and your family.

Charlotte Hickerton

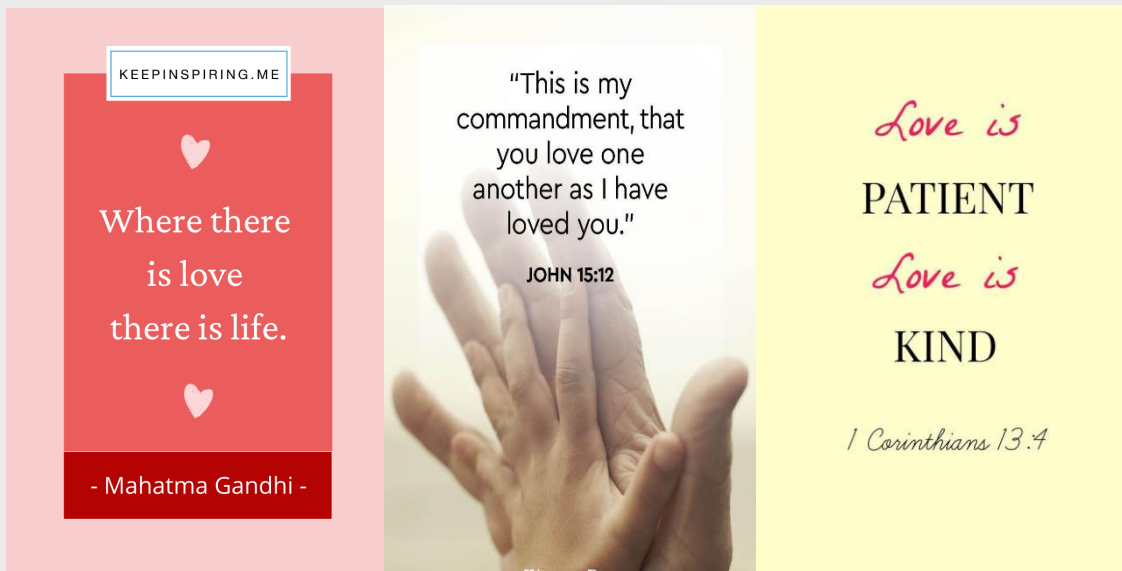


NEW VALUE - LOVE

Love is a very important value to us as a school. Love underpins everything that we do. It is very much 'the why' of who we are. Love is evident in our relationships with each other and in our actions to support our community and our world. We see it in our interactions at school and home, feel it when we are together, and experience it through how others act towards us. We can grow and learn together because we know that God loves us.

What makes love a distinctively Christian value? Because Christians recognise that God is love, and love comes from God (1John 4:7). Whilst love is important in almost every culture and religion, the Bible tells us that God loved us first. We are therefore able to love in the true sense of the word because God loves us. As we receive and experience God's love, which is unconditional and for everyone, we can then love others. Christians believe that it is by understanding God's love for us that we truly love others. It is with this in mind that St Mark's chooses love as a value.

At St Peter at Gowts we develop our value of love through: our worship times together; sharing stories of how God and Jesus show love to us; modelling positive interactions and encouragement; supporting those in need, both at school, in our community and in our world; and many other ways.



AUTUMN DISCO

Please do join us for our Autumn Disco on **Tuesday 2nd November**.

KS1 3.15pm - 4.30pm

KS2 4.45pm - 6pm

This is the second day of term, so please do remember your party clothes! (KS1)

You can still book your place at the disco. There will be no school clubs on this night.



BRITISH VALUES DAY 11TH NOVEMBER

On the 11th of November, the whole school will be having a focused day looking at British Values. This will incorporate the silence and reflect on the World Wars, remembering those that died to protect our freedom. As part of this, the children will be working in multi-age groups across the school according to which house

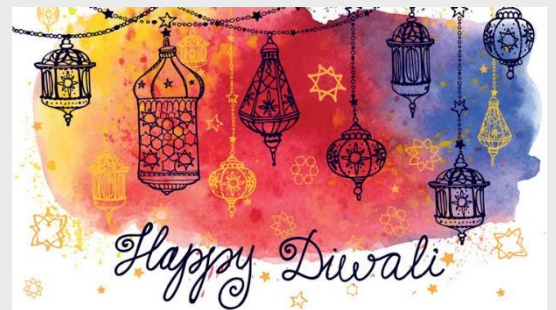
they are in. They will be making wreaths to lay at the cenotaphs in town, as well as thinking about what is special about living in Britain, celebrating our diversity and freedom.

At the office there will be poppies and some wrist bands. These will be sold on a first come first served basis. Children can bring in their money during this week (w/c 1st November) and choose what they would like to buy. We hope lots of the children will wear their poppies with pride!



DIWALI CELEBRATIONS

Please look out for our Diwali “Festival of Light” celebrations on our Hedgerow of Hope this week (4th November). The children have enjoyed exploring this Hindu celebration, creating lanterns, diva lamps and much more. We hope their art work will light up the High Street this week!



CHILDREN IN NEED



This is coming around soon on Friday 12th November. Please look out for a separate letter. We will also be running an art competition to design a Pudsey bear and asking for a £1 donation to wear pyjamas or something Spotty on the day.

CALLING ALL ADULTS WHO WANT TO LEARN ENGLISH - DATE CHANGE

We are delighted to continue being able to offer our 'Chatterbox' group, a group for parents who would like to practice their English speaking. It happens every **THURSDAY** inside school at 8.45am. All adults are welcome, including other community members. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

COFFEE MORNING - FRIDAY 5TH NOVEMBER

Please do join us for a cup of tea and chat on Friday with our PTA.



DIARY DATES

- 2nd November - Autumn Disco
- 3rd November - Y5 Swimming Lessons Start
- 8th November - Photograph orders to be returned to school
- 9th November - Flu Immunisation Team in School
- 11th November - British Values Day
- 12th November - Children in Need Day
- 15th November - Y3 Rand Farm Deposit Required
- 19th November - World Hello Day

TERM DATES

Please do take a note of these term dates and remember that every day in school is vital for all children!

Term 1 - Monday 6th September 2021 to Thursday 21st October 2021

Term 2 - Monday 1st November 2021 to Friday 17th December 2021

Term 3 - Tuesday 4th January 2022 to Friday 11th February 2022

Term 4 - Monday 21st February 2022 to Thursday 31st March 2022

Term 5 - Tuesday 19th April 2022 to Friday 27th May 2022

Term 6 - Monday 6th June 2022 to Friday 22nd July 2022

