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*This month we will be looking at the following values:*

- Thankfulness
- Going for goals
- Self-belief

*We will be discussing these values in classrooms and in collective worships.*

*We are also looking at our **Golden Rules**:*

- Be friendly, respectful and kind
  - Be responsible
- Be the best you can be

Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Dear Parents,

It is already the end of our second week back and the children have enjoyed being with their friends again. They have also started working in earnest which is great news.

### **NEWT**

Next week the children will be writing their first NEWT (Now Everyone Writing Together) of 2019. As before, we would like you to do some pre-writing talk with your child. Research suggests that children who talk – productively and as participants in real conversations – are more proficient writers. Our observations following the introduction of Talking Homework back this up and we thank you for your support with this.

The children will be doing another piece of narrative writing. They will be using their next steps set by their teacher to improve the quality of their writing. Ask your child what their next steps are.

During this week the children will have looked at and discussed a wordless book - Tuesday by David Wiesner. A PowerPoint of it is available on our website under the section CLASSES

<http://charltonotmoor.sites.schooljotter2.com/edit/5471726>)

Please ask your child to tell you the story as if they are reading a written story - using high quality and varied sentence structures and vocabulary i.e. not in a chatty style with one long 'and then' sentence. KS1 children will be writing the story that goes with the pictures. KS2 children will be writing a sequel that has pigs as the characters. It would really help them if they already had some ideas of what the pigs might get up to in their story, so the more of you who get involved with this discussion the better.

We look forward to reading their wonderful stories and being amazed by their expanding vocabulary.

## Golden Rules Competition

We had 10 participants and the winner of the Golden Rules Competition is Emily F, well done Emily. She won a bag full of goodies!!!! All the other participants received a small price too.



## Gymnastics with ASL

There is no more space available at the Gymnastics club this term, we are delighted that so many children decided to join.

## School Life

Our Website contract is coming to an end and we are very excited to announce that we are going to enrol on to the "School Life" platform (it includes a new website) which will help us minimise the use of paper and greatly enhanced our communication with parents. More very soon so watch this space!

## PTA

Thank you to the Beane family for their generous donation of £36 from the sale of Christmas Trees and to all those families who purchased a tree through this scheme and supported the school.

Don't forget if you are having a "Spring" clear out, we have another Rags to Riches clothing collection booked for 12<sup>th</sup> March. Collection bags will be sent out nearer the time. If you are not able to store the items let one of the PTA committee or office know and we can arrange collection. Otherwise bags can be brought to school on 11<sup>th</sup> March. They collect good quality second hand clothing, paired shoes, soft toys, towels, belts, handbags, jewellery, bedding and household linen They do not take school uniform, curtains, pillows duvets, bric-a-brac or books. Ask friends and family to start collecting, let's see if we can beat last year's total of £144.

The 1<sup>st</sup> PTA event for 2019 will be a **Winter Disco on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February from 5.30pm to 7pm**. All welcome but FSU need to be accompanied by an adult. Save the date, more details to follow.

If you are unable to come to an event but would like to donate to the PTA, please do this through the office.

If you have ideas or suggestions for raising money or would like to join the PTA committee please let us know via the playground, office, email [charltonschoolassociation@gmail.com](mailto:charltonschoolassociation@gmail.com) or Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/149362305695629/>

## Film Club

The next film session will be on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January** and will show 2 films, one for the younger audience called **COCO**. The one for the older children is **THE JUNGLE BOOK**. A letter went out yesterday with a deadline of next Tuesday. So don't forget to send your forms and cash back to the office next week.

## What the teachers have been up to

This week the staff had training on Cuisenaire, which is maths equipment we have bought with PTA funds, to bring maths alive for the children. We have set the children to work with it already!



## Trophies

Trophies have been awarded to the following children for their hard work and effort:

### Week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019

<i>Be friendly, respectful and kind</i>	<i>Ruby (Yr1/2) for helping others in the class to work hard and stay on track.</i>
<i>Be responsible</i>	<i>Tommy (FSU) for settling in and being responsible for his shoes and coat</i>
<i>Be the best you can be</i>	<i>Willow (Yr3/4) for always giving 100% to whatever she does</i>



Unfortunately Tommy had gone home so he is not on the picture

## Stars of the Week



FSU	Chloe for being really helpful
Year 1/2	Ronnie for working really hard all week and being a superstar
Year 3/4	Zachary for showing great perseverance with his swimming
Year 5/6	Libbi for being polite, engaged and focussed



### IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday, 25th January 9-10am	Open Morning
Friday, 8th February 2.30pm	Yr 1/2 sharing assembly and celebration assembly
Tuesday, 12th February	Yr 5/6 trip to Woodstock Museum
Friday, 15th February 3.15pm	End of term
<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b>	
Monday, 25th February	Term begins
Friday, 1st March	Secondary offers to be sent to parents for September 2019
Tuesday, 12th March	Reception and Year 6 weights and heights with school nurses
Friday, 15th March	Red Nose Day
Tuesday, 19th March 6-8pm	Parents' Evening
Wednesday, 20th March 3.30-5.30pm	Parents' Evening
Friday, 22nd March	FSU Sharing Assembly and Celebration Assembly 2.30pm
Friday, 29th March	Mothers' Day service at church at 11 am followed by lunch at school
Thursday, 4th April	End of term
Friday, 5th April	Inset Day

Week beginning Tuesday, 7th May	Year 2 SATs
Week beginning Monday, 14th May	Year 6 SATs
Monday, 3rd June	Inset Day
Wednesday, 5th June	Yr 5/6 trip to Cadbury World
Week beginning Monday, 10th June	Yr 1 phonic screening

<u>Gardening Sessions</u>	
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Yr 3/4
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Yr 5/6
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Yr 3/4
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Yr 1/2
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	HALF-TERM
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Yr 5/6
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Yr 1/2
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Yr 3/4
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Yr 5/6
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Yr 1/2
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Yr 3/4

Events outside school:



The School Lunch Company is seeking to recruit a Catering Assistant at Charlton-on-Otmoor Primary School.

Hours per week 12.5 Monday–Friday,  
Term time only £7.83 per hour.

Salary increase to £8.21 Easter 2019.

Enthusiasm essential, training will be provided.

Subject to an enhanced DBS check.

For more details please contact: **Les Redhead 07825344437**

Dear all,

As part of the Rumble Museum's Our Planet Season, we are holding a Stargazing Evening on Monday 11th February, 5 - 7pm, at Cheney School.

The event will open at 5pm with a talk by Professor Allan Chapman. Allan is a University of Oxford lecturer and fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society, who has presented TV programmes and lectures on topics such as astronomical religion in early civilisations and great scientists.

The talk will be followed by the opportunity to observe the evening sky through telescopes. Members of the University of Oxford Physics Department will be running stalls and speaking to visitors. There will be refreshments available, alongside object handling, facepainting and craft activities.

All ages are welcome. To book, please email [info@irisproject.org.uk](mailto:info@irisproject.org.uk)

You can find out more about Our Planet Season of events at <https://ourplanetseasonrumblemuseum.home.blog/2019/01/01/the-journey-begins/>

Many thanks and all best wishes,

Lorna.

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Dear all

We have space for 3 or 4 parents to sign up for our, very supportive and liberating, evening HENRY parenting group starting on 23rd Jan at St Edburg's school hall.

I have attached flyers in case you can think of any one who might like to attend or if you can advertise it in your groups, your weekly news sheets in church and school or notice boards this week.

N.B. Daytime group is full up with waiting list. Happy to take names for next terms day time course though!

Thank you

Mandy

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**Freelance Tutor and Assessor**  
**Parenting programmes, children's ministry, leadership and mission**



## Parenting Group:

covers parenting confidence, physical activity for children, family lifestyle habits, enjoying life as a family! All FREE



### Programmes Available

- Tuesday Day time 9am – 11am Salvation Army Hall Bicester with creche  
22<sup>nd</sup> Jan, 29<sup>th</sup> Jan, 5<sup>th</sup> Feb, 12<sup>th</sup> Feb
- Half term  
5<sup>th</sup> March, 12<sup>th</sup> March, 19<sup>th</sup> March and 26<sup>th</sup> March
- Wednesday Evening  
7.30pm – 9.15pm  
St Edburg's school hall  
23<sup>rd</sup> Jan, 30<sup>th</sup> Jan, 6<sup>th</sup> Feb
- Half term  
27<sup>th</sup> Feb, 6<sup>th</sup> March, 13<sup>th</sup> March, 20<sup>th</sup> March and 27<sup>th</sup> March

A great start for babies and young children

Contact Mandy Bentley MA

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ASAP to reserve your place,  
creche available on morning sessions  
however limited places will be given on  
a first come first served basis.



[WWW.HENRY.ORG.UK](http://WWW.HENRY.ORG.UK)

Best wishes

Mrs Bending and the Team

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CHALLENGE

Security

HAPPINESS

ENCOURAGEMENT

FRIENDSHIP

POSITIVITY

ENTHUSIASM

Kindness

LOVE Independence

MOTIVATION