

Good afternoon Parents and Carers,

Another super week in school and lots going on to look forward to.
Three main things for today to end the week.

Firstly, Deaf Awareness Week and Fundraiser 'Non Uniform Day on Thurs 6th May' Bring £1

Next week we are holding a deaf awareness week. It is really important we raise important themes for discussion so that our children understand a little about what it must be like to walk in other people's shoes and to know how they can help. I have not met a deaf person who wants anyone to feel sorry for them or be treated differently, they simply want to be understood and know they can ask for help and understanding when they need it.

I am attaching links to two videos that will be viewed over the coming days. They are both educational, but in different ways. The first is useful for practical information, but please note we use British Sign Language in our school not Auslan - which is similar. The second is a wonderful past Newsround clip that gives deaf children the chance to express their feelings and tell us what it's like.

https://youtu.be/I_EmsguJMic

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/52564059>

I hope you find them both useful to watch with your children.

We are holding a fundraising event even on Thursday for The National Deaf Children's Society - It is a non uniform day and please bring a £1 donation

Secondly - Competitions and a Church Event

It is the final week if you would like to enter the 'Let's Look After and Love Our Community Competition run by the Parish Council advertised a couple of weeks ago.

Also our friends at St Mary's Church are holding an outdoor event this Sunday at 11am and all families are welcome and you can bring a picnic.

Finally - a reminder of our 8 Site Rules - They are working so please don't change!

It is so important on a site the size of ours that we all follow the same rules together.

1. There should be **nobody** waiting outside or entering the school gates before 8:40 at the very earliest!
- 2 **One** parent only on site for drop off or collection
- 3 Keep your children **close to you AT ALL times** when you are on site.
We are afraid pick up time is not an extra playtime..... Please emphasise this with your children.
4. Give regular reminders to your children about '**Respecting each other's space**'.
- 5 **Wear masks on site** - this helps to mitigate the risk in the tight spots around school - where social distancing is a challenge (eg the two narrow paths around the edge of the school site)
- 6 **Maintain a distance** from each other wherever possible and clear the school grounds and gates as swiftly as possible too.
- 7 Year 5 & 6 may be **unaccompanied** but please remind your child of the expectations and we advise these age groups not to arrive at school before 8:45
- 8 **No dogs left at the front of school unaccompanied** please for the safety of everyone and of course your dog

Have a super and safe Bank Holiday weekend

Chris Evans

