

# The Blue Letter: 16th October 2020



Dear Parents/Carers ,

Thank you for your patience with the roadworks outside school this week. It has made the start and end of the day slightly harder! Thank you to those of you who have taken your children and moved away quickly. This enables us to see the parents who are waiting further up or down the road and ensure their child gets to them safely as well as enabling people to keep social distance. We expect them to have moved further away from school by Monday but please continue to help the traffic flow by not stopping near the traffic lights to drop children off. Please use the village hall car park.

## **Nuts and nut products in packed lunches.**

We have several children in school who are allergic to nuts. Please could you avoid giving your child products in their lunch box such as peanut butter or nutty cereal bars. Thank you.

## **Google Classroom**

The staff have had training this week in the use of google classroom. They will be working with the children to log into their google classroom account over the next week. Login details and instructions on how to use google classroom will also be sent home. This will be used as a way of setting work and providing feedback if we have to have a local lockdown or if a class need to stay at home and isolate. To help the staff and children become more familiar with the new technology, some homework will be set via google classroom after half term. This doesn't mean that the homework will need to be completed on a computer - the instructions will be sent via google classroom and there are various ways for the work to be sent back electronically. Please do complete the survey that was emailed last Friday to help us understand how parents are able to access any remote learning.

## **More than a score**

The government has said schools must go ahead with formal testing in this school year. These tests are: SATs in year 2 and year 6; the Multiplication Tables Check in year 4 and the Phonics Check in year 1. The Phonics Check is now also being given to current year 2s who missed it in the Summer term. They will sit it in the second half of this term. If you have any views about whether you think this is right for primary aged children following lockdown, please do fill in the survey following this link.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/L2YRXHN?schoolref=>

## **INSET day**

A reminder that the last day before half term, Friday 23rd October is an INSET day. Other important dates, as well as copies of the blue letter are on the website.

## Collective Worship

Our final theme of this half term is 'Kindness Together'. We will be think about who kindness is for, what kindness is for and when kindness is for. We will look for ideas in some of the parables Jesus told as well as thinking about other examples we have seen of kindness We will reflect on the words of Archbishop Desmond Tutu "We grow in Kindness when our kindness is tested."



Our Bible Verses for next week are from Luke 10: 36-37 "36 And Jesus concluded, "In your opinion, which one of these three acted like a neighbour toward the man attacked by the robbers?" 37 The teacher of the Law answered, "The one who was kind to him."

## Picture News

### **Is selling red Noses a good way to raise money?**

Comic Relief has announced that from 2021 its red noses will be plastic-free for the first time. The new noses will be made from bagasse, a natural by-product of sugar cane, and take more than 18 months to create! The charity, which "strives to create a just world free from poverty", made the change after it received letters and emails from the children of Fourlanesend Community Primary School asking them to create a plastic-free version of the nose to help reduce plastic waste.

### Things to talk about at home...

- Have you ever bought or worn a red nose? What did you do with it after the fundraising event/day?
- What do you know about Comic Relief?  
Can you think of any alternatives to the red noses?



### Links to UN Rights of the Child

Right number 12- Respect for Children's views



If we see something happening that affects our lives, as children, we have the right to give our opinion about it freely. We can expect adults to listen respectfully and take our views seriously.



## Achievers

The sun was lovely for our achievers celebration this morning, it was still a bit cold though. Well done this week to:

Demi-Mai and Nina from Owl Class



Joey, Mason,  
Elisia, Lucia,  
Freddie, Molly  
and Arham from  
Squirrel Class



Mollie, Teddy, Emily and Daniel from Fox Class



## Owl Class Innovate

Owl Class have been busy designing and making their rockets during the week. This morning was launch time! The rockets, all look so fantastic. Some launches were more successful than others....

