

SS Simon and Jude CE Primary School Newsletter

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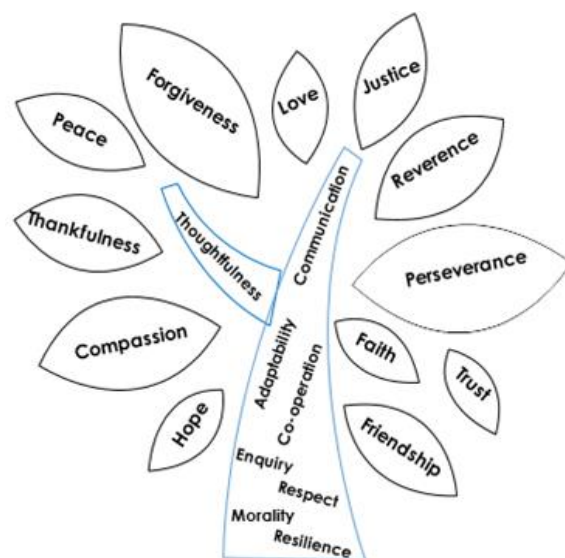
First of all, I would like to say a **HUGE** thank you to all of our staff, parents and pupils for being so resilient and adaptable in the situation that we find ourselves. I am extremely saddened that we are in this position again, but so fortunate to be leading pupils and staff who have risen to the everchanging challenges that this pandemic has placed upon us. We are so pleased with all of our pupils who have quickly settled into new routines and most importantly, are embracing learning. Remote learning is delivered through pre-recorded lessons by the class teacher. Please ensure your child is watching the teaching videos prior to starting their learning. Although the lessons are pre-recorded, teaching staff are responding to the pupils' learning 'live'.

Although we are delivering learning remotely, we are still aiming to mirror what would happen in school. Therefore this newsletter details some exciting events/days that are happening. We would like all pupils to participate in these events.

Just as polite reminder, if you do have any worries/concerns/questions, the school office remains open to respond to any form of communication, so please get in touch if needed.

I hope you are all staying safe and well.

Miss Jones (Principal)



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Our Values Tree

'A tree is known by its fruit'

Matthew 12.33



This week is 'Children's Mental Health Week'. The theme for the week is 'Express Yourself'. Expressing yourself is about finding ways to share feelings, thoughts, or ideas through creativity. This could be through art, music, writing and poetry, dance and drama, to name just a few. As part of this theme we will be dedicating a whole day – **Friday 5th February** – to activities linked to promoting positive wellbeing. We would also like all pupils (whether they are learning at home or in school) to **DRESS TO EXPRESS!** Please post a picture of you dressed to express on your Seesaw account.

Safer Internet Day

On **Tuesday, 9th February 2021**,

we will celebrate Safer Internet Day with actions taking place right across the globe. With a theme once again of **"Together for a better internet"**, the day calls upon all stakeholders to join together to make the internet a safer and better place for all, and especially for children and young people. We will be participating in this so all learning on Tuesday 9th February will be linked to staying safe online. We also regularly update our school webpage with links to staying safe online. www.saferinternetday.org. Please ensure you visit this page to ensure you are able to keep your child safe online during particularly during this period of school closures.



Wellbeing Wednesday

This week we are also launching our Wellbeing Wednesday afternoon. This is detailed on the timetable which is uploaded to Seesaw at the start of each week. The purpose of this afternoon is to provide the pupils with some non-screen time, in order to promote positive wellbeing. Pupils will be provided with a non-screen list of activities. They will choose an activity from the list to complete off screen. There is no need to post this activity on Seesaw.



Dates for your diary

Friday 5th February – Dress to express

Wellbeing Wednesday – Non screen activities each week. Details on Seesaw

Tuesday 9th February – Safer Internet Day

Friday 12th February – Training day is cancelled. Teaching staff will continue to provide learning for pupils in school and at home.

Half term – Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February.