

Newsletter

January 2022



Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a pleasure to see the children return for the new term with an enthusiastic approach to their learning - they have settled back into the routines really well.

Our Christian Value for this half term is 'Courage' and you will find a Home-School Learning sheet along with this newsletter, giving ideas about how to share this with your children. We are also talking about 'Courageous Advocacy' in school, meaning the act of speaking out against an issue of injustice, often on behalf of those whose voice is not heard. Speaking out (which can involve, for example, writing to our local MP or thinking about how to lessen our impact on the planet) often needs 'Courage'.

Sandra Sutherland

Dates for the diary...

Tues 15 th Feb	Virtual Parents Evening	Appointments will be emailed closer to the time and are likely to be roughly the same time as your October appointment time
Thurs 17 th Feb	Virtual Parents Evening	
Mon 21 st Feb - Fri 25 th Feb	Half Term Holiday	
Mon 28 th Feb	Inset Day	
Thurs 3 rd March	World Book Day	More info to follow
Mon 14 th – Fri 18 th March	Bikeability Year 5	More info to follow
Mon 21 st – Fri 25 th March	Bikeability Year 5	More info to follow
Wed 23 rd March	World Maths Day	More info to follow
Fri 8 th April	End of Term	
Mon 25 th April	Return to School	
Mon 2 nd May	Bank Holiday	
Mon 9 th – Thurs 12 th May	Year 6 SATS week	
Mon 30 th May – Fri 3 rd June	Half Term Holiday	
Mon 6 th June	Inset Day	
Thurs 21 st July	End of Summer Term	

Home School Values

The home school values for this term is COURAGE, please see separate sheet. Please take a moment to share this with your child/ren.

Children and Parents 'Hands Up' Travel Survey

To enable us to provide support with the Safe and Active Travel Award in school please follow the link and complete the relevant child and parent surveys below.

Survey Links – Children's 'Hands Up' <https://forms.office.com/r/tY7GYkuQkF>

Survey Links – Parents / Carers Survey <https://forms.office.com/r/0WeztKeT2j>

Parents Evening

Virtual Parents Evenings will be taking place on Tuesday 17th and Thursday 19th February. Appointments will be allocated by the school and will be a similar time to your appointment from October 2021. If you have specific availability please contact the office and we will try to allocate you an appointment time to suit.

Clubs

PG Sports are running football clubs this term – years 3 and 4 on Monday and Year 5 on Tuesday after school. There are places available, if you would like to book a place please email paulgreen3105@hotmail.com

PE Kits/ School Uniform

Children should wear correct uniform including proper school shoes, trainers are not acceptable. Make sure all items of school clothing are named and no items of jewellery or friendship bracelets are worn. Please remember to bring PE kits back into school with a warm track suit for outdoor sessions. As the weather is unpredictable please make sure children always have a coat in school, along with gloves and hats as required.

Lost Property

Please remember to name school jumpers and cardigans. It is impossible to locate lost jumpers which all look the same without names.

The PTA are starting a second hand uniform sale rail in the office if you have logoeed items you wish to donate.

Myton Hospice

Thank you to everyone who donated to Myton Hospice at our Christmas Plays, you raised £273.35 for this worthy local cause,

World Book Day

Please can children bring a copy of their favourite book into school that day. If your child would like to dress up as a book character, they are very welcome to do so. However, we are aware that some children do not enjoy dressing up or families are too busy to organise costumes - in that case, children are welcome to come in non-school uniform for the day.

Year 6 Visited St John's Museum

Please don't be alarmed to see our children looking so stern and miserable, they were in character as a Victorian child. Clearly, the teacher was extremely strict as you can see from their faces!

Children in Need

During our non-uniform day we raised £184.89 for Children In Need



Warwick School February Holiday Action

What we are running

- Fun Short Courses – available for children in Years 2 to 7 (including 12 year olds)
- Cygnets – available for children in Reception and Year 1

Please see below and follow the link to see what exciting activities we have on offer!

<https://www.warwickschool.org/february-holiday-action-2022>

The following additional services are also available:

- Early Birds Swim* (8.00am – 9.00am) for children in school years 2 to 7
- Early Risers (8.00am – 9.00am) for children in Reception and Year 1
- Night Owls (16.30pm – 18.00pm) for children in Reception to Year 7, including tea

**subject to the pool being available*

Cygnets

Our Cygnets group is open to boys and girls from Reception and School Year 1.

Led by our experienced Early Years Practitioner, children will experience a number of different exciting activities each day, including:

Art and Craft / Multi-Sport / Indoor and Outdoor play / Bouncy Castle / Kapla & Unu / Mini Basketball / Fun Cookery / Nature Trails / Didi cars / plus much more!

Please note that activities will be running on specific days only.

Making a booking

For more information and to make your booking, please visit our

website: <https://www.warwickschool.org/february-holiday-action-2022>

Date	Courses available	Age (School Year Groups)
Monday 21 st February	Cygnets Multi Choice Activities Multi-Sports Art & Craft Multi-Sport and Swim*	Reception – Year 1 2 – 7 2 – 7 2 – 7
Tuesday 22 nd February	Cygnets Multi Choice Activities Mad Science – Kitchen Chemistry Pottery Invasion Games Fun Morning Activities Football and Swim / Swim and Football* Fun Afternoon Activities and Swim*	Reception – Year 1 2 – 7 2 – 7 4 – 7 2 – 7 2 – 7 2 – 3
Wednesday 23 rd February	Cygnets Multi Choice Activities Mad Science – Slime Day Interior Design Fun Morning Activities Net and Wall Games Fun Cookery Invasion Games and Swim* Fun Afternoon Activities and Swim*	Reception – Year 1 2 – 7 4 – 7 2 – 3 4 – 7 2 – 7 2 – 3 2 – 7
Thursday 24 th February	Cygnets Multi Choice Activities Wall Climbing and Team Building Pottery Fun with Felt Netball and Basketball Fun Morning Activities Badminton and Table Tennis Swim and Fun Afternoon Activities* Swim and Cricket* Wall Climbing and Kayaking*	Reception – Year 1 2 – 3 2 – 7 2 – 7 2 – 3 4 – 7 4 – 7 2 – 7 2 – 3 4 – 7
Friday 25 th February	Cygnets Multi Choice Activities Multi-Sports Art & Craft Multi-Sport and Swim*	Reception – Year 1 2 – 7 2 – 7 2 – 7

COURAGE

HOME SCHOOL VALUES

This term we will be focussing in school on the value COURAGE. We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together.

TALK ABOUT COURAGE TOGETHER...

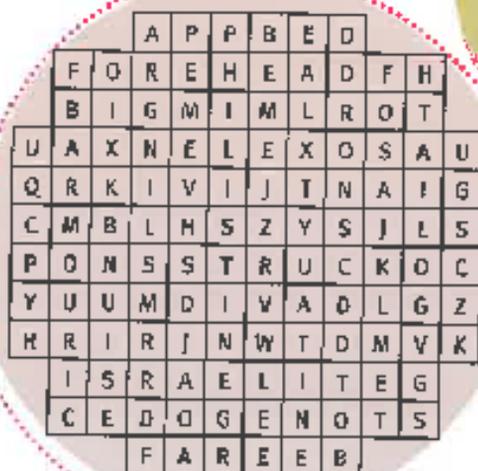
Being **courageous** can mean different things to different people. For example, one person may think it easy to speak in front of a large audience, whilst another would need to find lots of **courage** to do this. Everyone faces challenges from time to time, and we have to find **courage** to overcome them.

Talk together about:

- The different challenges that each family member faces
- Who or what helps us find **courage**?
- Is there someone that we admire because of the **courage** that they have shown?

THINK TOGETHER ABOUT WORDS OF WISDOM

"**Courage** is not the absence of fear, but the willingness to overcome that fear."
Nelson Mandela



READ TOGETHER...

The Courage of David the Shepherd Boy

One day as David the shepherd boy was carrying lunch to his older brothers in the Israelite army he heard an angry booming voice thunder across the fields. "I am Goliath, and I dare you to pick someone to fight me."

The voice was coming from the Philistine ranks and went on taunting the Israelites and their God. As David grew closer he could see the giant Goliath strutting up and down. He could also see the terrified faces of King Saul and his soldiers. This made David very angry and more than a little ashamed. He decided he must go and see the king.

"I will fight that bully Goliath!" David announced.

It was all that King Saul could do not to laugh out loud. "You are just a boy David, a small boy. Goliath has been a mighty soldier all his life."

"But when the wild animals attack my father's sheep," protested David, "I fight them off with my sling and staff. I have killed many lions and bears and I will do the same to this wicked Philistine. Do not fear for God is on our side."

King Saul was taken aback. "Well, I suppose you should be given a chance. At least let me lend you some armour and a sword." But the armour was heavy and David was not used to it. He returned the armour to Saul and instead picked up five smooth stones from the stream and marched out **courageously** to face Goliath.

The giant laughed scornfully at the small boy and shouted curses at him. David did not flinch. "This very day you will be defeated and everyone here will see that the Lord does not need swords or spears to save his people."

As Goliath lowered his shield and aimed his spear at the boy, quick as a flash, David loaded a stone into his sling, spun it around above his head and sent it spinning through the air towards Goliath. The stone struck the giant on his forehead and he crumpled to the ground. Goliath was dead. There was a moment of stunned silence before the whoops and cheers from the Israelite army echoed around the hillsides.

This was a day no-one would forget, when the **courage** of a shepherd boy saved a nation.

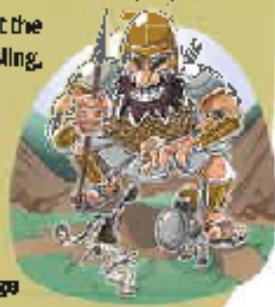


Illustration by Sarah

QUIZ Wordsearch

Find the words from the story in the grid on Goliath's shield.

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|------------|----------|-----------|
| ARMOUR | BOY | DAVID |
| COURAGE | FOREHEAD | GIANT |
| GOLIATH | GOD | ISRAELITE |
| PHILISTINE | SHIELD | SLING |
| SOLDIER | STONE | STRUCK |





FAMILY FOCUS & HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE



Children of Courage

Each year awards are presented to children throughout the country who have shown outstanding bravery and **courage** in overcoming huge challenges in their lives. (Google 'UK children of **courage** awards' to see some examples.)

Design a nomination for a child that you know and believe should be recognised for their **courage**. Remember, there are different kinds of **courage** and different ways of showing bravery.

The nominations will be displayed in the Challenge Gallery at school.



Example Nomination sheet



Name of child who has shown **courage**

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Has shown **courage** by.....

.....

This bravery should be recognised because.....

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HALL OF FAME



Bravery v. Slavery

Harriet Tubman was born nearly 200 years ago in Maryland, USA. Her family were slaves which means that they had to work for the people who 'owned' them. Slaves had no pay and no rights and they could be bought or sold like property. As Harriet grew older she was afraid that she would be sold and sent far away from her family to work for strangers. She decided to try to escape. This needed great **courage** because Harriet knew that if she was caught she would be cruelly punished. After many adventures and with the help of kind people along the way, Harriet managed to escape to Canada, where slavery was banned.

It would have been safest for Harriet to stay in Canada and make for herself a comfortable and easier life, but she was determined not to forget her family and friends who still suffered as slaves in America. She made her way back and forth to Maryland not once, but *nineteen times*, facing great danger and showing amazing bravery as she helped slaves to escape to freedom. By the end of her life Harriet had helped to free around 300 slaves!

After her death Harriet received many honours for her bravery. A ship was named after her, and in 1995 the US government issued a postage stamp to celebrate her **courageous** life.



FASCINATING FACTS

In case of emergency – Dial 999

"Help...my house is on fire!"

"Help... there's been an accident!"

"Help... burglars are breaking into the house over the road!"

- The emergency number, 999, was introduced in London in 1937.
- In an emergency, phoning 999 will connect you quickly to an 'emergency control centre'. An operator will ask which service you need, fire, ambulance or police. The operator will be able to track your call to discover where you are and soon help will be on its way.
- Firefighters, police and ambulance crew all risk their own lives on occasions to help other people who are in danger.
- Additional emergency services operate in some places such as mountain and cave rescue, coast guards, air sea rescue.
- Over 30 million 999 calls are made each year.
- About half of all calls are hoaxes. Not only do hoax callers break the law, they put people's lives in danger as it takes longer for real emergencies to be dealt with.

Inspiring young minds to think BIG!
GO GOMAKERS

FEBRUARY HALF TERM CAMPS STARTING SOON!

SUITABLE FOR
CHILDREN AGED
4-11
YEARS OLD

JOIN US FOR SPACE WEEK

**IT'S OUT OF
THIS WORLD**

Looking for something fun
& exciting to do during the
half term break your child?

OFSTED
REGISTERED AND "GOOD"

WE ACCEPT
CHILD CARE VOUCHERS

ACCOMMODATE
RECEPTION CHILDREN ALL DAY

OUT OF THIS WORLD
FUN & GAMES



ARTS & CRAFTS



DANCE



FUN SCIENCE
EXPERIMENTS



SPORT



ARCHERY



FOREST SCHOOL
Priors Field Only

THE TIMETABLE
OF ACTIVITIES
CAN VARY

**MONDAY 21st - FRIDAY 25th
FEBRUARY**



PICK YOUR PACKAGE

STANDARD DAY PACKAGE 9AM - 3.30PM	ALL CHILDREN TO BRING OWN PACK LUNCH (Please provide two snacks & a drink)	£25.95
EARLY DROP OFF FROM 8AM	INCLUDES BREAKFAST	+ £4
LATE PICK UP UNTIL 4.30PM	INCLUDES DRINK & A BISCUIT	+ £3
LATE PICK UP UNTIL 5.00PM	INCLUDES DRINK, BISCUIT & TEA WRAP / SANDWICH PLUS FRUIT	+ £4
LATE PICK UP UNTIL 5.30PM	INCLUDES DRINK, BISCUIT & TEA WRAP / SANDWICH PLUS FRUIT	+ £5

PICK YOUR VENUE

KINGSLEY PREP SCHOOL Beauchamp Avenue, Leamington Spa, CV32 5RD.	21ST - 25TH FEBRUARY
PRIORS FIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL Clinton Lane, Kenilworth, CV8 1BA	21ST - 25TH FEBRUARY
NEW! HEATHCOTE PRIMARY SCHOOL Vickers Way, Warwick, CV34 7AP	21ST - 25TH FEBRUARY

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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“My Daughters last words
last night before falling asleep...
“I love GO GO Makers,
it's magnificent!”

Mum, Clair

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★★★★★ **RATED 5 STARS ON GOOGLE**

School Uniform Recycling Scheme



Do you have uniform (for local schools) that you no longer need? Why not donate your old uniforms and help others?

We can accept the following items which must be in good condition and can be school branded or not

- Blazers
- Jumpers
- Trousers
- Skirts
- PE kit items
- School branded shirts (we cannot take plain shirts)



We can also accept donations of new school uniforms. If you can afford to help a family out and buy an extra piece of uniform when for your own children we will be happy to accept it.

All items will be professionally cleaned by Leamington Launderette before being re-distributed

If you or someone you know is struggling to buy uniform please get in touch with us on 01926 422123

There is no judgement and we will support you in confidence.

All donations can be dropped off to us at Brunswick Hub or at Leamington Launderette and OneStop cleaners in Leamington Spa



LEAMINGTON LAUNDRETTE

85-87 Crown Way, Leamington, CV32 7SH
Telephone: 01926 889663

invisible threads

Connecting through dance
invisible Threads provide a variety of dance and exercise classes for all ages to boost participants physical and mental well-being.

Dance & exercise classes in Warwickshire

Who are we?

invisible Threads provides a variety of dance and exercise classes to help boost participants physical and mental well-being.

Our name comes from connecting to friends and family even when we are not in the same place. Through an invisible thread, we are connected to those special people.

Dancing together strengthens these connectors and we want to help everyone to connect with one another, no matter the distance or reason, creating an invisible thread everywhere!



Our current classes....

magical MOVERS

Dance & adventure classes for 18 months - 3 years and their grown-up

Class 1: Cullington Village Hall, CV32 7JR | Tue 10.30-11:00 am
Class 2: 2nd Warwick Sea Scouts New HQ, CV34 4QN | Fri 10:00 - 10:40 am

teen MOVE&groove

Dance fitness class for 12 - 18 year olds

Class : Cullington Village Hall, CV32 7JR | Wed 5:00 - 5:45 pm

teen contemporary

Creative contemporary dance classes for 12 - 18 year olds

Class : Cullington Village Hall, CV32 7JR | Wed 5:45 - 6:30 pm

KS1 dance club

Uppbeat dance classes for reception, year 1 & year 2

Class: 2nd Warwick Sea Scouts New HQ, CV34 4QN | Fri 4:45 - 5:45 pm

Contact us to book & find out more...

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☎ 07597 959937
🌐 hannahwarrendance.co.uk/invisible-threads

Do you live in an Orbit property?

Brunswick hub is holding a coffee morning at the Sydni Centre, Cottage Square Sydenham, Leamington Spa, CV31 1PT on **Tuesday 25th January**. If you would like more information please call the hub on 01926 422123.

Please come and join us between 10:00 and 12:00 where you will be able to meet your local team to

discuss the following:

- Employment and benefit advice
 - Foodbank/chilled foodbank/veg bags
 - Dementia support
 - Bereavement support
 - Tenancy issues and property maintenance
 - Debt and money advice
- We will be serving free coffee and cake.



January newsletter from Connect for Health

The latest newsletter from your school nursing service focuses on encouraging families to make a healthy New Year's resolution together this January, with lots of ideas and tips on small changes that can be made to improve our lifestyles. <https://www.compass-uk.org/newsletter-january-2022/>

Family Information Service

For lots of useful information please visit the Family Information Service Newsletter <https://mailchi.mp/warwickshire/family-information-service-newsletter-1201360?e=56e08a503a>

New Football Club running at All Saints' CE Junior School on Sundays

Little Stars Warwick offers fun, inclusive and engaging football sessions for children in pre-reception, reception and year 1. We offer a free trial for all participants.

We are also exploring the possibility of a year 2 and year 3 group in the near future. If you are interested or would like more details then please email Chris at littlestarswarwick@icloud.com

Times (Sundays)

Pre Reception: 9am-9.50am

Reception: 10am-11am

Year 1: 11.10am-12.10am