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CHILDREN'S MENTALHEALTH WEEK

As you will know from the information shared via ClassDojo, this week is Children's Mental Health Week with the focus theme 'Express Yourself'.

We are all so proud of the way that the children, both at home and in school, are embracing the learning opportunities provided with enthusiasm and on-going determination. However, we are only too aware of the toll that these unprecedented times are taking on everyone and it is important to support our children in this area too. Taking time to explore thoughts and feelings, reflect and be creative is vital. Already today we have had piano playing and pieces of art shared via the portfolios – great stuff!

Please do take a moment to look at the ideas bank on ClassDojo and perhaps explore some of these at home if you can.

A big thank you to Miss Albutt for leading on this initiative in school. Below is a prayer shared by Mrs Martin in the whole school assembly via Zoom this morning:

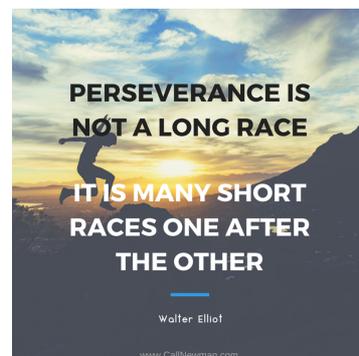
Dear Lord,

*Thank you for all the wonderful opportunities that you give us.
Please help us to express ourselves, sharing how we feel and who we are.
Please help us to celebrate our differences, be proud and remember that things don't have to be perfect!*

Amen

OUR VALUES THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Our focus value this half-term is 'perseverance'...



COVID-19 LFD STAFF TESTING UPDATE

The twice weekly asymptomatic staff testing referred to last week is now up and running at Himbleton. Although we will always endeavour to give as much notice as possible, we would like to give advance warning that this may at times have short notice implications for bubbles currently in school. Any such notifications will be via ClassDojo and the text service in the first instance so please do keep an eye out for updates.

KEY STAGE TWO RESIDENTIAL TRIP TO MALVERN

We are aware that families are understandably starting to worry about the above trip that was rescheduled from last summer to this March in the hope that it would be able to go ahead. We are currently liaising with the centre to discuss options moving forward and will keep you updated as soon as we know more.

CROWLE PARISH HALL FACILITIES

A message from Crowle Parish Council...

Improved health and wellbeing in our community - your feedback please!

Great news for local families - an initiative is underway to develop new sports and exercise facilities for the local community at the Crowle Parish Hall site.

Please take a few minutes to fill in this [questionnaire](#) to have your say about what you and your family would really value.

More background can be found [here](#).

BOOK CLUB – CHANGE OF DATE

Further to some parent feedback, and the fact that the government has now confirmed that schools won't be back until at least 8th March, the dates for the optional Book Club have been rescheduled to allow more reading time.

The Key Stage One session exploring 'Salty Dogs' by Matty Long will now be at 3.45pm on 25th February.

The Key Stage Two session exploring 'The Magic Finger' by Roald Dahl will now be at 4.30pm on 25th February.

Mrs Martin will send out Zoom details nearer the time.

Please email head@himbleton.worcs.sch.uk if you would appreciate some support acquiring the books.