

Dear Parents and Carers,

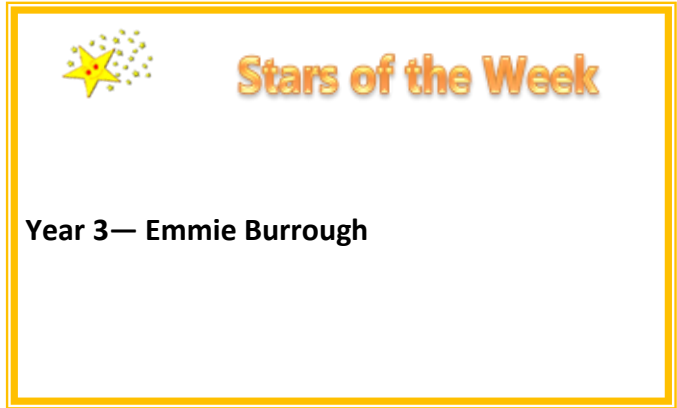
A warm welcome back to school for the Summer Term. I hope that you had an enjoyable break and were able to enjoy some family time and some exciting days out.

I managed to visit all our classrooms yesterday and there was a calm and purposeful atmosphere around the school.

The Summer Term is always busy and we are scheduling a range of events. Please make sure you keep up to date with information and key dates so that you know what is happening.

Kind regards

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Year 3— Emmie Burrough

Collective Worship

Our collective worship theme this half term is **Wisdom**.

A Christian Perspective on

Wisdom

The Bible talks of wisdom as a gift from God.

'If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.' James 1:5

We teach our children that wisdom is not just about how intelligent someone is; it is about knowing right from wrong, remembering past experiences and learning from them, making the right choices, even in challenging situations and being prepared to listen to the advice of others. Wisdom is seeing the world from God's perspective and then applying that perspective to our lives. When we seek wisdom, we seek to know God's mind and act according to His unchanging truth. We then respond to situations from an eternal perspective. We begin to look at our hopes, dreams, and sufferings from God's point of view instead of our own.

Reflecting as a whole school community

Some questions to consider:

- How does the school help to develop Wisdom?
- How do members of the school community provide advice & guidance in challenging situations?
- How does the school ensure children know right from wrong?
- How does the school help us to reflect and learn from past experiences?

There are ideas you can use at home to develop your child's understanding. We have attached a copy with this newsletter for your information.

St George's Day - Tuesday 23rd April

To mark St George's Day on Tuesday 23rd April, Beavers (6yrs—8yrs) and Cubs (8yrs to 10.5yrs) are invited to wear their Scout uniforms to school.



WISDOM
HOME SCHOOL VALUES

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

Clubs

Clubs will recommence the week beginning 22nd April 2024 and finish the week ending 28th June 2024 at the Junior site & the week ending 12th July 2024 at the infant site.

Term Time Exceptional Leave Requests

The Department for Education only allows a Headteacher discretion to consider an absence/holiday in term time in “special circumstances”. There is no legal entitlement for time off in school term time to go on holiday and in the majority of cases holiday **will not be authorised**. Children have 13 weeks annual holiday from school and school holiday dates are published well in advance online. As such, all parents/carers are expected wherever possible to plan and take their family holidays at this time so as not to disrupt their children’s education.

Special or exceptional circumstances does not include:

- Cheap holiday costs

- Visiting relatives (this should be planned into holiday periods)

Special or exceptional circumstances must be:

- Rare

- Significant

- Unavoidable

- Short

Our pupils’ welfare is of paramount importance to us and we believe that regular attendance throughout the year is essential for their success and fulfilment. Parents wishing to apply for leave of absence need to send a written request in advance and before making any travel arrangements.

| School Diary | |
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| EASTER HOLIDAY 29/3/24—12/4/24 | |
| Wednesday 17th April | Friends Meeting , 8pm The Compasses |
| Friday 19th April | Team GB Athlete Visit |
| 24th—26th April | Year 5 Tile Barn Residential |
| W/c 13th May | KS2 SATS |
| SUMMER HALF TERM HOLIDAY 27/5/24—31/5/24 | |
| Monday 3rd June | INSET DAY |
| W/c 4th June | Multiplication Tables Check |
| Wednesday 5th June | Friends Meeting, 8pm The Compasses |
| w/c 10th June | Year 1 Phonics Check |
| Tuesday 11th June | Bag2school |
| Thursday 20th June | Whole School Sports Day |
| Sunday 23rd June | Damerham Dash—5km and children’s colour run |
| Friday 28th June | Sponsored Walk |
| Thursday 4th July | School Production—note new date |
| Friday 5th July | Moving Up day |
| Saturday 6th July | Friends Coffee Morning @ Martin |
| W/c 8th July | Year 6 Wales Residential |
| Wednesday 10th July | Reports due home |
| SUMMER HOLIDAY—24/7/23 | |