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A challenging week for us all, with a great deal of uncertainty around unfolding events. We continue to follow advice given and the school has been filled with the delightful aroma of super-clean hands! Though a little trite, I rather like the sentiment of this poem, purported to be by the late Spike Milligan.

Smiling is infectious  
You catch it like the flu  
When someone smiled at me today  
I started smiling too  
I walked around the corner  
And someone saw me grin  
When he smiled I realised  
I had passed it on to him  
I thought about the smile  
And then realised its worth  
A single smile like mine  
Could travel round the earth  
So if you feel a smile begin  
Don't leave it undetected  
Start an epidemic  
And get the world infected.

## Good Manners' Champion:

This week's Good Manners' Champion is **Lucy** in Year 5. Lucy always makes a real effort to show good manners and kindness around school. She puts others before herself and is always the first to offer a helping hand to those around her. Lucy has a genuinely good heart, a wonderful disposition and a warm and ready smile. Here are some of the things the children said about her: *'Lucy is on my table and if anyone is down she always cheers them up'*; *'If I'm worried about something Lucy's always there for me, she's always there to fall back on'*; *'We live in the same village and Lucy's always welcoming if I go to her house'*; *'Lucy is always kind and gives me a big smile'*; *'We are very close and we know when each other are sad and she brightens and cheers me up'*; *'If you are partners with Lucy you always get your work done!'* *'Lucy always checks up on her brother when she sees him'*; *'When I worked with Lucy on the computer she was really helpful'*. Well done Lucy—you should feel proud!

## Last Week's Good Manners' Champion:

Last week's Good Manners Champion was **Cecily** in Year 4. Cecily has gentle good manners, which she shows to us all in school, being modest, motivated and very quick to offer a helping hand whilst becoming quietly assertive. I can't recall ever having to sort out a friendship problem for Cecily. The children wanted us to know: *'Cecily is a wonderful friend to have—she doesn't take over playground games and she doesn't mind if I play with someone else'*; *'Cecily always includes me if I want to join her game'*; *'Cecily's one of those people who doesn't give up and walk off if a game isn't going her way'*; *'If I get stuck in English with a question, Cecily helps me'*; *'Cecily is always well-behaved in the classroom, but when we're outside she's great fun'*; *'When I went to Cecily's house, she was very kind and let me play with all her toys and beautiful things'*. Well done Cecily—you have indeed got exceptional manners.

## Stars of the Week:

**Well done to the following children:**

Rec – Lara– for big thinking when solving maths problems

Y1&2 – Henriette– for being super positive 100% of the time, trying to achieve more every day

Y3&4 – William C – for working hard on his volcano leaflet and fantastic work on fractions

Y5&6 – Florence – for working exceptionally hard, always trying to please and showing a very mature attitude in class

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**Well done to the following children:**

Rec – Tally– for really trying to be confident and brave in the classroom, trying all sorts of different activities

Y1&2 – Xander - for a super poetry recital of "What is Pink" and 'being the best work partner ever'!

Y3&4 – Molly – for setting a fantastic example to other children, always positive and kind and supportive of others

Y5&6 – Thalia– for working particularly hard in maths, being really focused and trying her hardest and approaching problems with a positive attitude

## World Book Day Competition:

The children came to school in a wonderful array of costumes on World Book Day and everyone had a great deal of fun. The £1 entry fee was given to Aspire, supporting our local community's most marginalised people. Thank you to Mrs Butler and Miss Read for organising such a fun-filled day, and to all those who came in to read with the children. Well done to our competition winners—it was certainly not easy to choose! We were very pleased to have raised £84 for Aspire.

Reception:	Winter	Year 1:	Willow L
Year 2:	India	Year 3:	Chilli
Year 4:	Arthur C	Year 5:	William F
Year 6:	Lucia		

## Poetry Recital:

What a lovely way to start our weekend, with a poetry recital in Friday's assembly. The children have all really enjoyed learning these poems to perform to their classes and houses and have impressed us all with their confident and animated delivery. Very well done to the following:

Reception	all of the children
Y1 & 2	Max, Molly & Tabby
Y3 & 4	Connie, Freya, Oyvind, Sebastian FD, Theo, & William W
Y5	Florence & William F
Y6	Belle, Oscar, Louis & Lucia



## Preparing for Possible School Closure:

You should have received in book bags, on Friday, a letter outlining how we are preparing for a potential school closure, giving login information for Purple Mash, our online learning platform. (Letters have been posted to those not in school on Friday). Further updates will follow, but I would like to draw your attention to the high quality resources being provided free of charge for parents for one month by online publisher, Twinkl. Teachers already have access to these resources, and will direct you to specific resources in the event we have to close. There is a huge bank of resources available, covering all subject areas, providing support for parents in how to use them with your children.

Setting this up is really easy to do - go to [www.twinkl.co.uk/offer](http://www.twinkl.co.uk/offer) and enter the code UKTWINKLHELPS

## Diary Dates Coming Up:

Thur 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Eye tests for Reception children
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Author to visit KS1
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Multi-Skills Festival for Y2/3 children—cancelled
Tue 31 <sup>st</sup> Mar	Easter Egg Hunt—organised by GTSSC
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Apr	End of Term Easter Service—St Michael's-9am
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Apr	School closes for Easter at 2pm
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Apr	First day of Summer Term—school reopens for all

