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### Newsletter 27

Collective worship theme	Link to bible	Link to school value
Change Little people living out big love	Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8 A Time for Everything	Kindness

#### Message from the Headteacher

Thank you to those parents who have introduced themselves to me over the past week. I am slowly getting to know more names around the school. I was teaching in class 4 (with year 4s) on Wednesday and class 1 on Thursday which means that the children are having more opportunities to get to know me.

I wanted to celebrate a small action that really struck me as the Hendred spirit this week. A child in class 1 with me had lost their button on their kilt. I sent them to the office with a note requesting a safety pin to keep the kilt up until they went home. Instead of this, Mel in the office sewed the button back on. Apparently this is something Mel or Dawn have done for Hendreds' children many times in the past. As I was so touched by this small action, I wanted to share it with you.



#### Day for Ukraine

All the classes have had age-appropriate conversations about the continued conflict in Ukraine. As children were talking about it amongst themselves and it is currently all over social media, television and radio stations, we hope you agree that this was necessary.

You may be aware that some Oxfordshire schools supported RAF Brize Norton in a '**Day for Ukraine**' today. Hendreds will be supporting this next Friday. This does clash with Red Nose Day, but there is strong alignment of purpose so both initiatives might fit well together.

So, on **Friday 18 March**, we encourage **staff** and **pupils** to come to school in **home clothes**, dressed in **blue/yellow** and make a **donation** via the link below (no cash to school please) to the British Red Cross Ukraine Appeal (linked to the wider DEC appeal).

Fundraising link: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/dayforukraine>

Coordinated by RAF Brize Norton, specific items can be donated to enable the British Red Cross to support Ukrainian civilians. If you wish to participate, you can donate any of the following items to the Aid Supplies Drop-Off Zone at Carterton Leisure Centre:

- Dried food (long-life items only)
- Water

- First Aid Supplies
- Toiletries & Sanitary Items
- Warm Clothes & Underwear (only good condition/unused & clean)
- Sleeping Bags (no duvets or pillows)
- Children's toys (small items only; pens/colouring books/small teddies etc.)

West Oxfordshire District Council have agreed to open Carterton Leisure Centre (Broadshires Way, Carterton, OX18 1AA) between Wednesday 9th March – Friday 18th March to receive donated items. Drop-offs can be made between 6.00am and 10.00pm on a daily basis (including weekends), and the collection period will close at 12 noon on Friday 18th March. This will be essentially a self-service drop-off, but at times will be manned by volunteers who will visit numerous times per day to take away aid supply donations and temporarily store them prior to onwards transport to Europe.

### **Bake Sale**

Eva (class 4) is organising a whole school bake sale on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> April. Children need to bring their cupcakes/cakes decorated in an Easter theme. Mrs May and Mr Richards will be judging all entries with a prize for the winner from each class. The cakes will be sold after school on the playground. Children will need to bring cash with them to purchase the cakes. The proceeds from the sale will go to Ukraine Disaster Recovery Fund and the British Heart Foundation.

### **Log area**

Those of you who come into the playground will have noticed the groundworks in the log area which was a project that over ran from the half term. The work has finished and the children will, with adult supervision, be able to use it again next week. The staff have been considering how this area might be developed to ensure that it can still be used creatively and safely e.g. some of the larger logs have been temporarily removed, class discussions about appropriate use of the smaller logs.

### **Staff news**

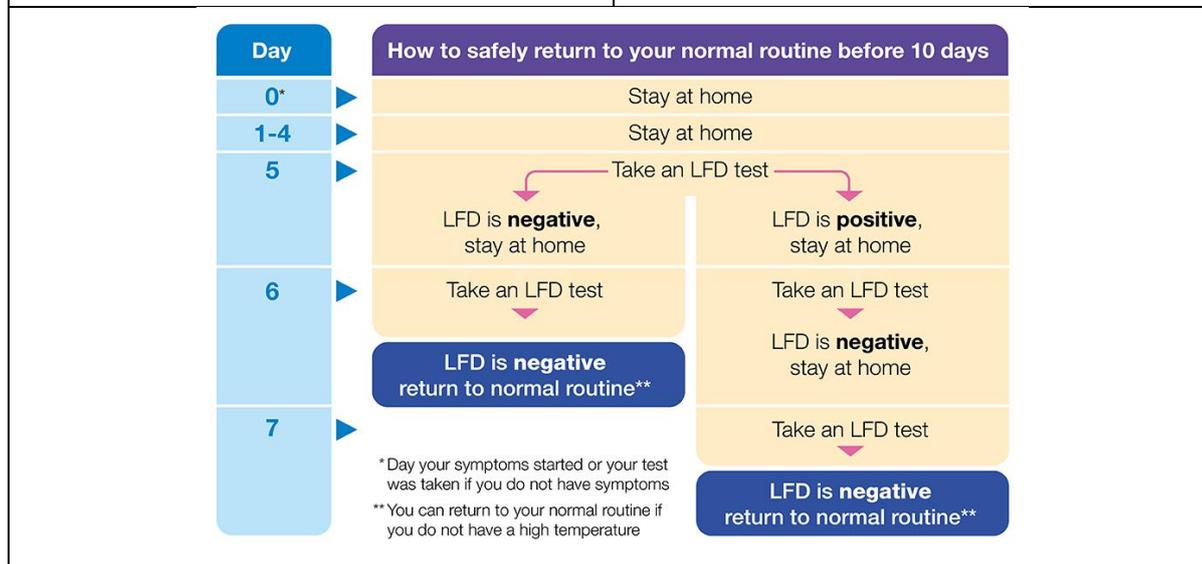
- We are thrilled to announce that **Danielle Bath** will be starting with us as a teaching assistant on Monday. She will be supporting children in class 5 each morning and will support across the school in the afternoons.
- On Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> March, **Mrs Marshall** celebrated her post-covid wedding 2.0. She has kindly agreed for us to share these photos below of this 'happily ever after' party.



## Covid summary

As the covid isolation rules feel like they are ever changing, I thought it was helpful to summarise the current school covid process. These may well change at the end of this month and I will communicate any updates as soon as I am aware of these. As we have some vulnerable families, it is very important that we follow these.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If your child <b>has</b> any of the 3 <b>covid symptoms</b> (temperature, cough, loss of taste/smell), they need a <b>PCR</b>.</li> <li>• They need to <b>isolate</b> while they wait for the results.</li> <li>• If negative, they can return to school immediately (you do not need to wait for the next school day).</li> <li>• If positive, they need to isolate and follow the flow chart below for when the isolation ends.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If your child does <b>not</b> have any <b>covid symptoms</b>, but has a <b>positive LFD</b>, they do not need a PCR.</li> <li>• They need to <b>isolate</b> and follow the flow chart below for when the isolation ends.</li> </ul>
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## Road Safety

We have been contacted by Oxfordshire County Council Fire & Rescue Service Road Safety Team following concerns within the local community about the number of people riding bikes without lights and not wearing bright or high visibility clothing. This obviously puts them at greater risk as they cannot be seen so easily by other road users. Although the evenings are beginning to get lighter, it is important to make sure you or your children do not get caught out without working lights or bright clothing if you are cycling home later than anticipated.

Please visit <http://www.365alive.co.uk/cms/content/cycling-winter> where you will find tips on how to keep you and your children safer when cycling in poor visibility or when it is dark.

Remember to always be safe, be seen: -

- Use front and rear lights and reflectors after sunset, before sunrise and in poor visibility. Check they are working correctly and keep them clean.
- Wear high-visibility clothing or accessories, or something white or bright.