



St. David Haigh and Aspull C.E. Primary School Newsletter

Monday 4th October 2021

October already! How time flies when you are busy learning. We are very much looking forward to introducing a few new initiatives in school, this week, and seeing how our wonderful children respond to the challenges set.

Young Minds



On Friday, 8th October, we will be joining thousands of schools, offices and communities by taking part in #HelloYellow and raising vital funds to support the work of Young Minds. We are asking that all children and staff wear something yellow and bring with them a donation of 50p. Throughout the day, the children will take part in bite-size mental health and wellbeing activities and ultimately celebrate the little things we can do to look after ourselves and support each other's mental health.

Read Write Inc



Following the Department for Education's up to date guidance regarding the teaching of phonics, we are extremely excited to have introduced Read Write Inc in school. In the coming weeks, further information will be shared with you about how we teach our children to read and brand new reading books will be coming home. In the meantime, if you have any questions or queries, please contact Mrs. Winrow, via the school office.

Class Names

Thank you to all the children and families who put forward their well thought out suggestions for our new Class Names. After much deliberation, we have decided to name our classes after trees that can be found in Haigh Hall Country Park.

Class One – Acorn

Class Two – Sycamore

Class Three – Pine

Class Four – Beech

Class Five – Oak



Reception Intake September 2022

We warmly invite families, who have children that will be starting school in September 2022, to contact Miss Cairns, in the school office, to register for a tour of the school on any of the following dates:

Wednesday 3rd November at 4.30pm

Wednesday 10th November at 4.30pm

Wednesday 17th November at 4.30pm

Wednesday 24th November at 4.30pm

Wednesday 1st December at 4.30pm

Please share these dates with your family and friends, as we very much look forward to welcoming new families into our school community.

Generosity

Please find attached to this week's newsletter a copy of our Home School Value Poster for Generosity. The poster contains many ideas on how you may want to explore the value together at home.



Together in God's Love: Aim High, Stay Strong, Be Determined



GENEROSITY

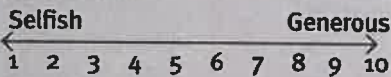
HOME SCHOOL VALUES

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

TALK TOGETHER about Generosity

When we think about **generosity** we usually think about being **generous** with money or possessions. However, we can also be **generous** with our time, our gifts and our abilities. **Generous** people often say that they receive much more than they give. Perhaps this is because when someone is **generous** to us, it makes us want to be **generous** in return. The opposite of being **generous** is being selfish. What kind of person would you prefer to have as a friend?

- How would you describe yourself on this scale?



- Where would other members of your family put you on the scale and what are their reasons?
- Who is the most **generous** person you know?



READ TOGETHER...

The Widow's Mite

Jesus had been teaching in the Temple. But now he sat down near the treasury and watched as the many visitors to the Temple passed by and dropped money into the collecting box to help with God's work.

The rich men dressed in fine robes threw in handfuls of coins as they passed, without a thought. But then a poor widow came by, paused, and placed just two mites (tiny coins) into the box.

Jesus called his disciples to him and told them what he had seen.

Then he said to them, "Let me tell you, this poor widow gave more than all those people who threw many coins into the treasury. The wealthy men gave just a small part of their riches which made no difference to them. But the widow gave all that she had."

You see, God is more interested in what is in the heart of the giver than the size of their gift.

Bible story based on Mark 12:41-44

A Mite in Jesus' time was a small brass coin worth 1/128th of a denarius. Typically a labourer was paid 1 denarius for a day's work.



In Britain, many years ago, a coin called a mite was in general use and worth half a farthing, a very tiny amount of money.

THINK TOGETHER Words of Wisdom

"God loves a cheerful giver"
2 Corinthians 9:7

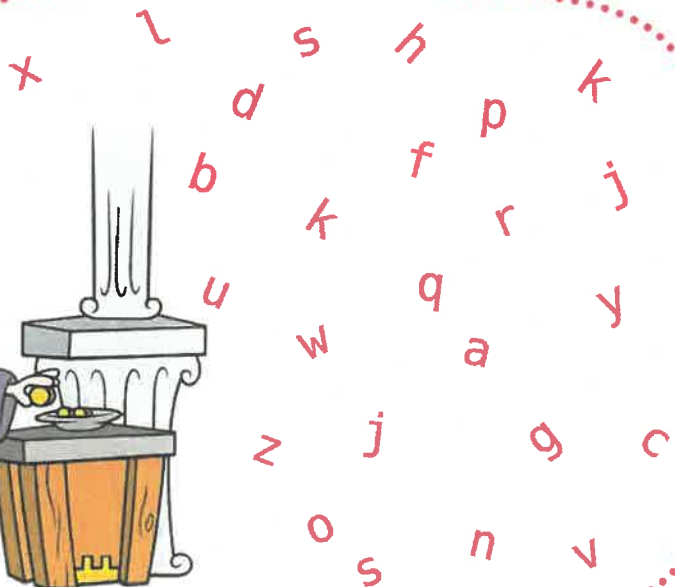
New King James Version® of the Bible



QUIZ

Lost Letters

Which letters are missing from the alphabet? Arrange them to make a word from the story.





HALL OF FAME

A Generous Saint

Nicholas grew up long ago in a poor part of Turkey. His father earned just enough to provide for the needs of his family but many people in the town were extremely poor.

One day something extraordinary happened. A wealthy relative, who Nicholas barely knew, suddenly died and left him a vast fortune. Overnight Nicholas became rich, so rich that he felt very uncomfortable about having so much money when many of the townsfolk barely had enough to eat. But Nicholas knew that the families were proud and they would not want to accept money that they had not earned. He needed to find a way to help them in secret.

So in the dark of night, Nicholas crept through the town leaving parcels of food, clothing and money for the families most in need. He helped one family with three daughters several times. The father was so curious about the mysterious benefactor, that he was determined to stay awake and discover who was being so **generous**. As Nicholas quietly left his gift at the door of their tiny home the man leapt out and chased Nicholas until he finally caught up. Nicholas was embarrassed and begged the man not to give away his secret. The father promised. But he was so happy and grateful that he just couldn't help telling people, and soon the whole town knew about Nicholas' **generosity**.

Nicholas continued to live in the same town and he continued to be **generous** to every one in need. Every December he rewarded the children who had been good during the year by secretly delivering presents whilst they were asleep. To this day Nicholas is remembered in countries across the world when children receive gifts on December 5th, St Nicholas' Day.



HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE



The Generositree

The fruit of the generositree are blessings.

Think of something **generous** that you could do that would bless someone and make them happy. Then do it.

Design and make a colourful exotic looking fruit to represent the blessing and take it to school to hang on the Generositree.



FASCINATING FACTS

Leading the Pack

Lieutenant Baden-Powell was a brave soldier in the British Army and served in India and Africa. He was an expert in wilderness survival skills, like hunting, making fires and building rafts. To help new soldiers he wrote a small manual. A version of this became 'Scouting for Boys' and gave him the idea of setting up the Scouting movement.

Today, worldwide, millions of children and young people are Scouts, Cubs, Beavers, Guides, Brownies or Rainbows.

- In the UK over 160,000 volunteers run Scouting and Guiding groups
- They **generously** give over 20 million hours of service each year
- Many parents also use their skills to help children to earn badges



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FAMILY FOCUS

Secret St Nick

Each member of the family could decide on someone that they think deserves a special present. Find some pots for each person and begin to save a small amount each week.

When December comes buy presents that will make your special person smile or that they will find useful. Wrap the gifts as creatively as you can and write their name on a homemade label. Deliver in secret on 5th December, St Nicholas' Day.