

## Living our School Values

Throughout this week, I have spent some time in classrooms seeing learning in full swing and I have been thrilled with what I've seen. Not only with their focus and work quality, but also in the way they demonstrate our school values through their actions, attitudes and interactions with others. Our aim as a school is to grow learners who are:



\*Being confidently me

\*Showing kindness to all

\*Making a difference

These values and mottos form a key part of our school culture, collective worship and PSHE lessons every week. At different times of the year, we also focus in on key values to demonstrate how they are incorporated in our lives.

#### Showing kindness to all

Next week, we are collecting donations for Harvest. We do this each year to raise awareness of the difficulties others may be having and to support those in our local community who may need a helping hand. The local foodbank has provided a list of items that are most in need. Please can donations be brought in between Monday and Friday next week, we will then transport them to the Basingstoke foodbank. Thank you in advance for your support – we are always amazed by the wonderful contribution our community can make.

MOST NEEDED (please avoid donating out of date items)

Powdered Milk 
Cooking Sauces 
Tinned Spaghetti/Ravioli

Tinned Tomatoes 
UHT Milk 
Sweet Snacks/Kids Treats 
Custard

Running Low

Tinned Fruit Tinned Veg FRice Pudding Fruit Tinned Veg FRice Pudding FRice Pudding FRICE Standard above Tinstant Coffee FRICE Marmite FRICE Small Packs of Tea FRICE Tinned Meat FRICE Sweet Spreads FRICE (Jam, Marmalade etc.)

Savoury Snacks/Crisps FRICE Squash FRI

We have plenty of the following in stock so please choose other items. THANK YOU.

Pasta Rice Tinned Baked Beans Pulses Hot and Cold Cereal Non-Dairy Milk Sanitary pads Baby Food, Formula and Nappies Size 4 and below Hand soap



### **Values Days**

Each half term we will hold a Values Day. During the day, the children will think about a particular value, share stories and discuss how they show this value. We will think about ways we can embody those actions in other parts of our lives and the impact having that core value can have on others and themselves.

Next Friday is our first Values Day of the year and the focus is **Being Confidently Me.** Although next Thursday is international World Mental Health Day, we will be focusing on it on the Friday as this works better with children in school. Class learning will focus on positive mental health for parts of the day, the children will develop a greater understanding of different negative feelings which could affect them and share ways to ease 'stresses' and concerns in their lives.

On <u>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October</u>, children may wear an item of yellow to show their support of positive mental health and the charity Young Minds. We are not asking for monetary donations for this event (as it is at the same time as Harvest and we will be supporting Children in Need in November), however if you would like to make a donation to Young Minds, the link is below.

Donate | Help Young People Get Mental Health Support | YoungMinds

An item of yellow clarification – children should be <u>mainly in school uniform</u> but could have a yellow t-shirt, yellow headband <u>or</u> yellow socks, etc

We truly value your support with such a worthwhile cause and look forward to the school brightening up next Friday.

#### **House Captains...**

The best role models for our school values are our House Captains. All pupils in our school are allocated to one of our four houses – Ainslie, Austen, Brunel or Nightingale. In September, the children in Year 6 have the opportunity to put themselves forward to become a House Captain. They wrote and shared speeches explaining how they demonstrate our core values of Compassion, Friendship & Respect and why they would be a great House Captain. Following this, the pupils of each house then voted for who they want to be their House Captain for the year.

Congratulations to our House Captains for this year:

- Austen Charlotte B & Imogen T
- Ainslie Penny K & Grace M
- Brunel Skyler & Quinn
- Nightingale Jack & Malachi

We are so proud of all the children who were *Confidently me* and put themselves forward and had the courage to present their speeches to so many pupils. You were an absolute credit to yourselves and our school.



#### **BSA Events...**

The BSA have been busy filling the diary with some fantastic events which provide great fun for the children and help to raise funds for the school – *Making a Difference*. The first event is the Autumn Disco in the School Hall on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October, which is shortly followed by the Big Bramley Fireworks on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Tickets for both events can be purchased through www.pta-events.co.uk/bramleyschoolassociation.

# Community Events

We are always looking at ways to strengthen our links with our local community, showing Compassion, Friendship & Respect beyond our school gates.

- ♣ This Saturday, there is a coffee morning being held at Clift Meadow Pavilion to raise money for MNDA (Motor Neuron Disease Association). There will be refreshments, cakes, a raffle and tombola to have a go at while you have a chat with friends. Please support if you can from 11am-3pm Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October.
- ♣ A selection of adults from our school took part in the St Michael's Hospice Moonlight Walk last Saturday night. It was a wonderful atmosphere with hundreds of people from the Basingstoke community walking 10km in sparkly costumes and coming together to raise money for a fantastic local charity. Well done to anyone else from our local community who was able to take part.

We hope that everyone has a lovely weekend, relaxing and enjoying some quality family time in the Autumn sunshine.

Take care

Mr Steve Moore

**Executive Head of School**