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This week we've been thinking more about teamwork, using [this fascinating video clip](#) of ants building a bridge to think about how we achieve more when we work together. Whether it's playing on a sports team, helping to lay the table at home, tidying up the Reception classroom at the end of the day, helping your friend to find their jumper, working on a piece of shared writing with a friend or collaborating on a maths challenge, we agreed that **T**ogether **E**veryone **A**chieves **M**ore. The children considered some of the skills they thought were essential when working together: listening to others, including everyone, valuing everyone's different strengths, taking turns, everyone playing a part, encouraging each other, being positive and being prepared to try again when something doesn't work out quite right—the list went on. Do make a point of telling your children when they are being good team players and working well with others on a task, however small it might be.

Stars of the Week

Years 1&2: **Geordie** - for being an excellent Year 2 role model—he has been spotted helping others on numerous occasions.

Years 3&4: **Arianna** - for a super effort this week—fantastic listening and some wonderful writing.

Years 5&6: **Margaret** - for working so hard on her presentation

School Event Dates—Page 2!

Please keep a close eye on the calendar on page 2 of this bulletin. We like to provide as much notice as possible of upcoming events and this is the first place they will be posted, for example the date for the school photos has just been added. As you will see the term is already action packed!

Christmas Fair—Volunteers Needed!

Our Christmas Fair is a much-loved annual event that raises vital funds for the school. We are looking for someone (or perhaps a pair of you) to take on running the event this year. Please could we ask you all to seriously consider stepping forward to take on this role. We rely heavily on the fabulous fundraising efforts made by parents to maintain the provision that is important to us all and events such as the Christmas Fair are a valuable way of bringing the school community together with a sense of shared purpose. Please let us know asap if you would like to take on this rewarding challenge.

PE Kits and Sports Equipment

A reminder that children in all classes need to change into their correct school PE kit for PE lessons. Year 3 and 4 children also require shinpads and gum shields for their hockey lessons this term. We understand that the turn around after clubs can be a quick one but it is essential that PE kits are in school every day please. This ensures that time is not wasted looking for things that are not at school and prevents delaying the start of PE lessons for the rest of the class who have their kit. Thank you for your support with this.



Good Manners' Champion

This week's Good Manners' Champion is **Ivy** in **Year 2**. Ivy is a particularly good friend who is inclusive to all and who has a radiant smile as she travels around school. Ivy plays happily in the playground, having fun with all sorts of different children and playing all sort of different games. She is also very polite and asks good questions proving that she listens to others around her. Mr Grant told Ivy, "Ivy always listens carefully to her talk partner and gives thoughtful answers in assembly. Ivy is speaking out more and her confidence is clearly growing. Ivy always choses the right time, right place, to talk to others." Ivy's friends went on to add; "I have seen you playing nicely in the playground with Ugo.".. "You are a really, really kind friend. You asked me to play with you when you spotted me feeling sad.".. "If someone doesn't want to play, you let them take on a different role.".. "At home she sometimes plays nicely with me (older brother Louis!)".. "I notice you in the playground as you have a big smile and are always with lots of friends.." Ivy, a huge well done. Your hard work and kindness is making a huge impression!



Dates Coming Up

Wed 25th Sept	Year 5 Young Leaders CNPS
Wed 2nd Oct	U11 Football Tournament CNPS
Mon 7th Oct	AIM D&T selected children
Mon 7th Oct	School Photos
Wed 9th Oct	Year 1/2 History Workshop
Tues 15th Oct	Parents' Evening Yr 1—6 4-7pm
Wed 16th Oct	Parents' Evening Yr 1—6 3:30-6:30pm
Thurs 17th Oct	Flu Vaccine Clinic in School
Wed 23rd Oct	U9 + U11 Cross Country Competition CNPS
Fri 25th Oct	INSET day
28th Oct—1st Nov	HALF TERM
Mon 4th Nov	Back to school
Wed 20th Nov	U11 Netball Tournament CNPS
Fri 22nd Nov	Year 5/6 Street Dance Workshop
Tues 17th Dec	The Christmas Feast
Tues 3rd Dec	AIM Art
Thurs 12th Dec	Christmas Nativity Play—Reception, Year 1&2 Performances at 2pm and 6pm.
Fri 20th Dec	End of term Christmas Service, Great Tew Church 9am End of term at 12 noon
Mon 6th Jan	Inset Day
Tues 7th Jan	Back to school—Spring Term begins
Fri 10th Jan	Year 5 and 6 Swimming Lessons Commence
Wed 15th Jan	Swimming Gala CNPS
Wed 29th Jan	U11 Hockey Tournament CNPS

