

AUTUMN 2019

# NEWSLETTER NO. 13

Friday December 6th 2019

*Our value for this month is Hope*



## Our Value for December is HOPE

- The feeling that what is wanted can be had or that events will turn out for the best.
- A positive feeling of expectation and the desire for something to happen.

The value hope is about much more than just wishing as hard as we can that things will be different. It is about believing that the world can be better and being prepared to do something!

In school we will be concentrating on our hopes and wishes for the New Year. Children will be asked to think about a number of questions which might include.  
What is hope?  
What would life be like without hope?  
What are your hopes?  
Do we always get what we hope for?

Children will be given the opportunity to reflect on how they can live this value. In particular, we will think about how our choices and actions can affect the success of accomplishing what we have hoped for.

At home you could talk about your New Year resolutions and what you hope 2020 will bring for you. You may like to discuss the steps you are going to take to help you reach your goals. Talking about topical news stories will help your child understand the different challenges faced by others in our local area and around the world. You could talk about the importance of having hope for others.

Thought for the month: 'To keep a lamp burning, we have to keep putting oil in it.' Mother Teresa.

## Persuasive Letter Writing

Sycamore class worked well in groups to storymap ideas for their persuasive letter writing. Topics ranged from 'Sycamore class should be allowed to have pets in school' to 'Gothic Mede should have a log flume on the top of the library!' The children presented their ideas to the class using some amazing persuasive phrases. We can't wait to read the letters they write!



## Sharing Stories

Year three have been writing journey stories. They made their stories into books and then read them to children in year one. It was lovely to see younger children enjoying the stories so much. Year 3 felt really proud - "It made me feel like a real author".



## Christmas Jumper Day

A reminder that Christmas Jumper Day is on Wednesday 11th December. Uniform is to be worn with Christmas jumpers replacing school jumpers/cardigans.

## Admissions

Please find details of BEST admission arrangements for September 2021 together with a cover letter highlighting the changes on the Gothic Mede Website. As per the School Admissions Code, we will undertake a six week consultation commencing on Wednesday 4th December 2019 and concluding on Wednesday 15th January 2020.

## Key Stage 1 Christmas Play

A big well done to all our Key Stage 1 pupils who performed brilliantly in their play this week. The children sang beautifully and said their lines loudly and clearly. A big thank you to our wonderful teachers and staff who work so hard to put on such great performances.



## Arlesey Christmas Light Switch On

It was lovely to see our school choir perform at the Arlesey Christmas light switch on. A big thank you to all the children who attended, and also to Year 4 children Lailah, Tabitha and Charlotte who sang solos at the event.



It was also great to see one of our pupils be chosen to officially turn the lights on. Well done Lexi-May!



## Golden Book

Children are nominated by teaching assistants and teachers for a Principal's award which is entered in the Golden Book. The award can be for living one of our values or for a special achievement. Sporting awards/achievements gained through a regular commitment to a club or group are also celebrated.

Ash	Islagh-Belle	for her increased confidence in phonics and reading.
Oak	Harry	for always trying so hard in phonics and having a 'Go for it Gorilla' attitude to writing.
Beech	Nico	for his enthusiastic singing, dancing and percussion in the Christmas performance.
Elm	Evie	for her enthusiasm, readiness and effort during our Christmas play rehearsals.
Willow	Alfie	for playing the piano from memory.
Maple	Rhys	for living the value of responsibility by keeping our classroom tidy and organised.
Sycamore	Daisy	for being a wonderful role model in expressing challenging emotions.
Chestnut	Saffi	for learning her song in the Year 3 production so well.
Birch	Blake	for a confident and aspirational approach to problem solving in mathematics.
Hazel	Ryan	for his fantastic contribution at table top cricket.



## Celebrations Assembly

### Swimming

Lana Birch 25 metres

### Football

Amelia Birch Girl of the game

### Gymnastics

Poppy Hazel Star performer award.

### Dance

Kiera Chestnut 1st and 3rd

Caitlin Hazel 1st and 3rd

### Redbourne Event

Findlay Birch

Tom Birch

Josh Hazel

Alice Hazel

Lascelle Hazel

Lucy Sycamore

Ryan Hazel

Darci Birch

Freddie Birch

George Chestnut

Jack Sycamore

George Sycamore

Mia Chestnut

Lucien Sycamore

Bella Hazel

Amelie Birch

### Other

William

Willow

Winner of the week –

Rugby

William

Willow

Piano festival

Carter

Sycamore

Santa Run

## Well done!

Rhys and Phoebe entered a friendly dance competition in Cambridge. They came 4th in the under 8's beginners and 4th in the under 8's beginners in disco freestyle pairs. Rhys also came 2nd in the under 8's disco freestyle solos and Phoebe came 4th. It's the very first competition entered for Rhys and second for Phoebe.

