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This week in our Gospel Assembly, we heard the Gospel story of the widow who gave away her last two coins. Children learned that Jesus is interested in the generosity of our hearts. Even if it feels like we have little to give, will we trust God and give our all?



“A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny.”

Mark 12:42

Children will understand that:

- The generosity of our hearts is more important than outward shows of generosity.
- God provides so we can be generous with others.
- We don't need to have much to be generous with what we have.

I want to say thank you to all our children for their respect during our observed two minute silence on Monday to commemorate Armistice Day. The children took part sensitively in discussions about the importance of this event and how grateful we must be for the peace in our country and the sacrifices that people have made to make this happen.

This week it has been Anti-Bullying week and the focus was 'Choose Respect'. This is about empowering children and young people to not resort to bullying, even when they disagree and also reminding adults to lead by example, online and offline. There have been circle times and discussions on how to disagree respectfully – to agree to disagree.

Imagine a world where respect and kindness thrives — it's not just a dream, it's in the choices we make. Join us in following on from Anti-Bullying Week and talk to your child about how to 'Choose Respect'.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Barlow

Attendance Matters

What does Good School Attendance look like?

We take school absence very seriously. We identify students whose attendance drops below 96% and provide support to help improve this. We will contact any family whose child's attendance drops below 90% which is the persistent absence threshold.

It is important that parents/carers and school work together to reduce absence and prevent legal action being taken as a result of persistent absence.

We categorise levels of attendance into red, amber and green.

BLUE - 100%. Excellent attendance above the national expected average, ideally where all children should aim to be.

GREEN - 96% or above. Good attendance - in line with or above national expected average.

AMBER - below 96%.

RED below 90%, which is significantly below national average.

Attendance below expected level. We will monitor the child's attendance and if we do not see an improvement we will contact you by letter.

Year Group	St Benet's	St Edmund's
R	96%	95%
1	93%	99%
2	97%	98%
3	91%	97%
4	97%	95%
5	85%	97%
6	90%	91%

Safeguarding Matters

Below are 15 apps that are widely used by young people which can be used to exploit or abuse them.

FIFTEEN APPS

PARENTS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

MEETME  <p>MEETME IS A DATING SOCIAL MEDIA APP THAT ALLOWS USERS TO CONNECT WITH PEOPLE BASED ON GEOGRAPHIC PROXIMITY. AS THE APP'S NAME SUGGESTS, USERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO MEET EACH OTHER IN PERSON.</p>	GRINDR  <p>GRINDR IS A DATING APP GEARED TOWARDS GAY, BI AND TRANSGENDER PEOPLE. THE APP GIVES USERS OPTIONS TO CHAT, SHARE PHOTOS AND MEET UP BASED ON A SMART PHONE'S GPS LOCATION.</p>	SKOUT  <p>SKOUT IS A LOCATION-BASED DATING APP AND WEBSITE. WHILE USERS UNDER 17-YEARS-OLD ARE UNABLE TO SHARE PRIVATE PHOTOS, KIDS CAN EASILY CREATE AN ACCOUNT USING A DIFFERENT AGE.</p>
WHATSAPP  <p>WHATSAPP IS A POPULAR MESSAGING APP THAT ALLOWS USERS TO SEND TEXTS, PHOTOS, MAKE CALLS AND VIDEO CHATS WORLDWIDE. WHATSAPP USES AN INTERNET CONNECTION ON SMART PHONES AND COMPUTERS.</p>	TIKTOK  <p>TIKTOK IS A NEW MOBILE DEVICE APP POPULAR WITH KIDS USED FOR CREATING AND SHARING SHORT VIDEOS. WITH VERY LIMITED PRIVACY CONTROLS, USERS ARE VULNERABLE TO BULLYING AND EXPLICIT CONTENT.</p>	BADOO  <p>BADOO IS A DATING AND SOCIAL NETWORKING APP WHERE USERS CAN CHAT, SHARE PHOTOS AND VIDEOS AND CONNECT BASED ON LOCATION. WHILE THE APP IS INTENDED FOR ADULTS ONLY, TEENS ARE KNOWN TO CREATE PROFILES.</p>
BUMBLE  <p>BUMBLE IS SIMILAR TO THE POPULAR DATING APP 'TINDER' HOWEVER, IT REQUIRES WOMEN TO MAKE THE FIRST CONTACT. KIDS HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO USE BUMBLE TO CREATE FAKE ACCOUNTS AND FALSIFY THEIR AGE.</p>	SNAPCHAT  <p>SNAPCHAT IS ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR APPS IN RECENT YEARS. WHILE THE APP PROMISES USERS CAN TAKE A PHOTO/VIDEO AND IT WILL DISAPPEAR, NEW FEATURES INCLUDING 'STORIES' ALLOW USERS TO VIEW CONTENT FOR UP TO 24</p>	KIK  <p>KIK ALLOWS ANYONE TO CONTACT AND DIRECT MESSAGE YOUR CHILD. KIDS CAN BYPASS TRADITIONAL TEXT MESSAGING FEATURES. KIK GIVES USERS UNLIMITED ACCESS TO ANYONE, ANYWHERE, ANYTIME.</p>
LIVE.ME  <p>LIVE.ME IS A LIVE-STREAMING VIDEO APP THAT USES GEOLOCATION TO SHARE VIDEOS SO USERS CAN FIND OUT A BROADCASTER'S EXACT LOCATION. USERS CAN EARN 'COINS' AS A WAY TO 'PAY' MINORS FOR PHOTOS.</p>	HOLLA  <p>HOLLA IS A SELF-PROCLAIMED 'ADDICTING' VIDEO CHAT APP THAT ALLOWS USERS TO MEET PEOPLE ALL OVER THE WORLD IN JUST SECONDS. REVIEWERS SAY THEY HAVE BEEN CONFRONTED WITH RACIAL SLURS, EXPLICIT CONTENT AND MORE.</p>	WHISPER  <p>WHISPER IS AN ANONYMOUS SOCIAL NETWORK THAT PROMOTES SHARING SECRETS WITH STRANGERS. IT ALSO REVEALS A USER'S LOCATION SO PEOPLE CAN MEET UP.</p>
ASK.FM  <p>ASK.FM IS KNOWN FOR CYBER BULLYING. THE APP ENCOURAGES USERS TO ALLOW ANONYMOUS PEOPLE TO ASK THEM QUESTIONS.</p>	CALCULATOR%  <p>CALCULATOR% IS ONLY ONE OF SEVERAL SECRET APPS USED TO HIDE PHOTOS, VIDEOS, FILES AND BROWSER HISTORY.</p>	HOT OR NOT  <p>HOT OR NOT ENCOURAGES USERS TO RATE YOUR PROFILE, CHECK OUT PEOPLE IN THEIR AREA, AND CHAT WITH STRANGERS. THE GOAL OF THIS APP IS TO HOOK UP.</p>

This week Year 6 attended a trip to Crucial Crew, where they learnt about the role of the emergency services in our society.



Rufus, you bring light to the classroom. You spread joy and solidarity throughout your day by including everyone in your games and sharing a great enthusiasm for learning. You look after your friends and always think of new ideas to make your games even more interesting. You especially showed us your talents when we played Verb Charades and are a great team player! What a star!



Daisy, you are a calm and thoughtful member of Beech Class. You put others before yourself and listen to people before you share your own thinking. You are conscientious, polite and always work incredibly well with everyone. You are a great role model Daisy, you are a star!



This week's Heart of Gold award in Rowan class goes to Theo. Theo has spoken very respectfully and thoughtfully during our remembrance day lessons. We have been thinking about how remembrance can bring peace to our world and Theo had some lovely ideas about how we can honor those who sacrificed so much.



The Oak Class heart of gold goes to Louisa for her thoughtful and sensitive contributions in our Remembrance lesson this week. Well done!

Art Club

Thank you all for your kind donations that helped make our new lunch time Art Club happen.

Also, a little shout out to Neave and Lily for organising and running the club too, they have been superstars!



Treat Tables



This week Oak and Rowan classes completed their wow active sessions.



Dates for your Diaries

Wednesday, 11th December – Carol Service and Nativity Play 2.30pm

Thursday, 12th December – Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday, 18th December – School Christmas Lunch

Friday, 20th December – Finish for Christmas and Return Tuesday, 7th January

Mass Times at St Benet's Catholic Church 11am every Sunday.



Artsmark
Silver Award
Awarded by Arts
Council England