

Friday 2nd July 2021

Dear parents

I am writing to you on the first Friday in July, wondering where the school year has gone! I don't know about you but I am tired and need a break but am astonished that the year has flown by so quickly! This week I am writing to you with information about a creative challenge, about becoming a governor and various reminders.

### Hope creative challenge

We have been asked by the local churches to get the children involved in a creative challenge around the word HOPE. Mrs Unsworth Brown our creative arts leader has put the below information together. The children are encouraged to get creative at home, and may well also be given a chance at school in the last three days of term to produce some art. Any art work completed at home should be brought to school before Wednesday 21st July 2021.

How do you enjoy being creative? Maybe you sew, draw, cook, take photos, doodle, play music, dance... the options are endless.

Creativity has been really important over the last year - we have been so impressed with your contributions to our *Get Creative* newsletters.

This challenge is all about looking forward and HOPE. What symbolises hope to you? Is there a special place or thing that's kept you looking forward over the last year? Here are a few ideas to get you started. Now's your chance to GET CREATIVE!



Paper cranes are used as a positive symbol all over Japan. They look very impressive and can be made in all different sizes. How to make a paper crane tutorial:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-elhDbZ6sds>

Rainbows have been a fantastic symbol over the lockdowns. Have a look at these rainbows in art for inspiration: <https://www.tate.org.uk/kids/explore/top-5/top-5-rainbows>

Here's a special rainbow made by someone in my class at Platts Heath - she made them to raise lots of money for the NHS. I was lucky enough to win one in her raffle! I wore it when I went out for the weekly clap.



Whatever you do, have fun! Being creative is great for you and there are no right or wrong answers!

#### Reminder Radio 2's Big Bee challenge

Just a reminder that if your child would like to take part in the Radio 2 Big Bee challenge the closing date is Monday 5th July at 5pm.

The website link has more information regarding the competition and how to enter.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/2qk4dDdJJdsVFmcLhZ7RwmW/how-to-enter>

#### Aspire Governors recruitment

The Aspire federation board of governors are looking for more members. Please find a letter from Annie Allum, chair of governors regarding becoming a governor. The letter also includes Mrs Allum's contact details should you be interested in gaining more information.

#### Class structure next year

Next week all heads of school will be writing to parents to inform them of the class structure for September 2021.

#### Parents consultations

Next week we are holding parents evenings, hopefully you have booked your appointment for either a Google meet video call or a phone call. If not please contact your child's school office.

#### School uniform

Just a reminder of how to order the new school uniform, including the active uniform and traditional option.

Please visit [http://www.brigade.uk.com/content.php?page=select\\_school&for=parents](http://www.brigade.uk.com/content.php?page=select_school&for=parents)

And choose your child's school from the list. You will then be able to order the items you require. The only mandatory item is the school sweatshirt - this comes in a variety of options.

For the active uniform which can be worn at all times, it is either the hooded sweatshirt or the zipped hooded jacket.

Wishing you all pleasant family weekends and a win for England on Saturday!

**Kind regards,  
Emma Hickling  
Executive Headteacher  
Aspire Federation**