



HEADCORN HEADLINES: Friday 5th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

The longest January that we've ever experienced has finally come to an end. Whether you've completed Dry January, Veganuary or made it through 4 weeks of home-schooling in one piece, I salute you! To think that we are already through our first week of February astounds me. Already I feel a shift towards Spring as daylight stays for that little bit longer bringing a small amount of relief from the darkness of this time of year.

A small pinprick of light at the end of a very dark and long tunnel.



'The light at the end of the tunnel' is a phrase I have heard more than once recently, especially in regard to the falling infection rate and number of vaccinations being administered. Yet I'm not sure many of us feel that glimmer of hope just yet.

Recently I have been thinking on the power of **hope** and how it can energise and motivate us. We are really feeling the weariness and endlessness of our current situation which causes a struggle at times to find motivation, inspiration and optimism for the next step. There is a proverb that says, 'Hope deferred makes the heart sick.' I think we are all feeling a little like our hope keeps getting delayed, placed just out of our reach. However, did you know that there is a second part to this proverb: 'but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life.'

This week, in talking about the future for our school, planning and dreaming about next steps, it has felt a little like we are creating our own glimmer of light at the end of this tunnel. These conversations have brought a renewed energy, an excitement and a hope in the middle of this challenging time.

We can't change what is beyond our control, but we can influence and shape things that are.

Enjoy the weekend...and potential smattering of snow!

Just one more week and you can all have a well-deserved week away from home-schooling.

Miss Symonds

30 days hath
September, April,
June, and
November. All the
rest have
31...except for
January which has
about 973.



Young Voices Charity Single with Billy Ocean

Let's support Children's Mental Health Week with as many charity single sales as we can! All UK Profits to leading children's mental health charity Place2Be.

You may have seen the TV coverage of Lovely Day, the Charity Single with Billy Ocean, Yolanda Brown and Ruti. The single hit the charts last weekend and is already starting to raise vital funds for children's mental health charity Place2Be.

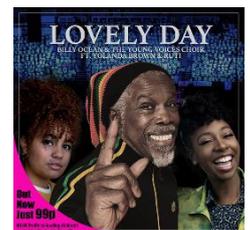
Can you help so we can really make a difference?

1) You can download the charity single for 99p and support Place2Be: [BUY HERE](#)

2) Share on social media and encourage your wider school community to help us top the charts:

[SOCIAL MEDIA TOOLKIT HERE](#)

"We have all been affected in different ways over this difficult last year, and many children have really struggled. I'm so happy to be able to join with Young Voices to help make a difference and to raise funds for children's mental health with this wonderful and hopeful song," - Billy Ocean



Young Voices Live at Home! Young Voices at Home Elevenses sessions in the past few weeks have been brought back. Every Thursday at 11am you can tune in to the YV experience live and online on Facebook! All sessions are fun and suitable for those at home with their families. If you can't tune in at that time - don't worry all sessions will be available shortly after the live session on our YouTube channel YVTV.

Messy Church: The church is planning to have a 'Virtual' Messy Church over the February half term and are going to put out craft / art activities in bags that can be collected from the church. Details will be available on the church Facebook page. Takeaway bags will be available for collection from **Saturday 13th February** and throughout the half-term week, either from the church porch, or from under the lychgate (weather dependent). Best wishes from Jane Hatley and the Messy Church Team

