



## “Today, I have been good enough.”

Today is the last day at school (home school) for January and what a month it has been!

On Monday, I listened to a well-being webinar run by Hampshire's Education Personnel Service, then on Wednesday, I joined my half-termly 'Headteachers' Discussion Group', which is facilitated by two of Hampshire's Educational Psychologists.

During both virtual meetings, many sources of excellent advice were shared but there were three sentences that I think we could all hold on to and I would like to share.

When we start our day, we can ask ourselves:

**“What can I do to get through the day?”**

When we start our day, we can ask others who may be struggling:

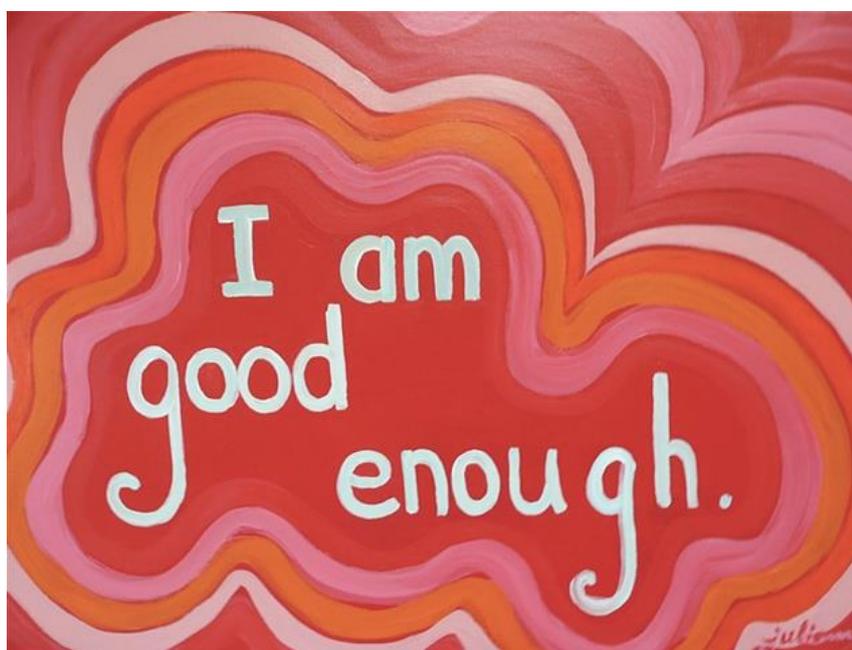
**“What can I do to help you get through the day?”**

When we get to the end of the day, we can say to ourselves:

**“I was as good as I could be today.”**

Our school community (children, parents, staff and governors) is amazing and everyone should feel very proud of everything that has been achieved during January. We will all have found some days easier than others but we have got through them.

Thank you for everything that everyone is doing to support our wonderful children and while we are disappointed that we won't be seeing them all back in school after the half term holiday, we hope that in March we will all be back together again.



## DIARY DATES

New dates / updates in yellow

Sun 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	Cookie and Oreo's 2 <sup>nd</sup> birthday
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Year 6 day trip to the Gilbert White Study Centre CANCELLED – REFUNDS BEING PROCESSED
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Close for half term holiday @ 3:25pm
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	School is closed
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	School reopens for Spring 2 (Critical workers and vulnerable children)
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	World Thinking Day (Children can come to school in their Scouting uniforms)
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Year 4 Roman Day CANCELLED
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar	Notification of Year 7 places for Sept 2021
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	World Book Day (Further details to follow)
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Parents' evening 3:45-5:30pm These meetings will now be virtual (further details to follow)
Thur 18 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Virtual Parents' evening 3:45-5:30pm
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Red Nose Day for Comic Relief (further details to follow)
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Virtual Parents' evening 5:00-7:00pm
Thur 1 <sup>st</sup> April	School closes for the Easter holiday @ 1:30pm
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Notification of Year 3 places for Sept 2021
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> April	School reopens for Summer 1
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	BANK HOLIDAY
Wb Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs Week CANCELLED
Wb Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 residential trip to Wales
Wb 24 <sup>th</sup> May	International Week
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Finish for half term @ 3:25pm
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET DAY – school closed
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> June	School reopens for Summer 2
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Class photos and Year 6 Leavers' photos

## Happy Birthday!

Eelavan - 11 years old today!

Toby, Darcy and Maxwell - 8 years old on Sunday

Lilli - 8 years old on Tuesday

Aimee - 10 years old on Tuesday

Austin - 10 years old on Wednesday

Robert - 10 years old on Thursday

## Belated Happy Birthday!

Eleanor & Sofia - 9 years old yesterday!

Oliver - 10 years old yesterday!

Faith & Harvey - 11 years old yesterday!

Tyler - 8 years old on 27<sup>th</sup> January

Aaron - 10 years old on 24<sup>th</sup> January

Hudson - 9 years old on 22<sup>nd</sup> January

Lilly - 10 years old on 22<sup>nd</sup> January

Pranav & Jack - 9 years old on 20<sup>th</sup> January

Max - 10 years old on 17<sup>th</sup> January

Ella - 10 years old on 15<sup>th</sup> January



## Virtual Playtimes

We are now able to introduce virtual playtimes for the children who are working at home. These will run for each year group on a different day of the week and parents should have received a letter about this earlier in the week.

Mrs Keenan will be running the playtimes between 12:15 and 12:45pm as follows:

Monday - Year 3

Tuesday - Year 4

Wednesday - Year 5

Thursday - Year 6

We look forward to seeing the children for some social time next week when the playtimes begin. We know it's not the same as meeting friends in real life but hope that they will enjoy the opportunity to see their friends and chat with them.

## Goodies in School

The staff have asked that I send a big thank you to the parents who have sent goodies into school. We have all been so thankful for the positive messages and treats! From warm doughnuts to cupcakes, biscuits and even wine - thank you! Each and every mouthful has been appreciated.

## New exercise books and reading books

If your child needs a new maths book or learning journal, please let us know and we can get a new one ready for you to collect.

Next week, we hope to share plans for the return of reading books and collection of new books. This is likely to need quite a lot of organisation so we will let you know more details as soon as we can.

## Covid testing for staff

School-based staff started their twice weekly Covid testing on Thursday so a huge thank you to them for doing their bit in the effort to get our children back to school.

# Happy 2<sup>nd</sup> Birthday Oreo and Cookie

Thank you to everyone who was able to bring a donation or birthday treat into school today as we celebrated Oreo and Cookie's second birthday. They have both been thoroughly spoilt! This week, they have been in Tornado bubble and the children organised a party for them. Cookie really enjoyed reading the birthday cards and they both enjoyed their birthday 'platter'. The chocolate cake was a little too much for them so the children ate that!



## Words of the Fortnight!

To encourage our children to use a wider range of vocabulary, we set a challenge for the children which we hope you will join in with at home too. Every two weeks, a new word is introduced in each class and the children get rewards for using them in their writing or in conversation. Our new words are:

Year 3

# 'Informal'

Adjective - having a relaxed, friendly or unofficial style, manner or nature

Year 4

# 'Mythical'

Adjective - not real or factual; imaginary

Year 5

# 'Infinite'

Adjective - limitless or endless in space, extent, or size; impossible to measure or calculate

Year 6

# 'Dissonance'

Noun - lack of agreement or harmony between people or things

How often can you use these words at home?

## Runway Club

Finding out about Australia and bowling!

