

# St Thomas' Church of England Junior and Infant School

## Newsletter—10th February 2023

### Our Value for February is Resilience.

#### Year 1 Library Visit.

Last week the children in Year 1 visited Golborne library as part of National Storytelling Week. They met the author Phil Walker who read his book *The Snots* to the children and talked to them all about creating stories.



#### Dates for the term.

16th February—Valentines discos

17th February—School closes for half term.

27th February—School opens.

2nd March—World Book Day

9th March, 9.15am—Year 1 class assembly.

17th March—Red Nose Day

27th March—Parents' Evening

28th March—Parents' Evening

More dates will be given as the term progresses

#### Children's Mental Health Week.

Children's Mental Health Week runs from February 6th until the 12th. The focus for this year is Let's Connect. The children have been encouraged to connect with each other and their families and friends. The children have seen that we don't just connect through words, but by eye contact, facial expressions and actions such as shaking hands or giving high fives. Classes have also analysed the impact of how it feels to be alone and disconnected from those around us. Strategies have been discussed regarding how to help in these situations.

#### Together.

#### A poem by Matt Goodfellow.

Together we join to celebrate,

Together we clap and cheer.

Together we watch improvements and face the things  
we fear.

Together we grow and develop,

Together we all belong.

Together we make mistakes and learn about right  
and wrong.

Together we praise the gentle,  
the kind, the strong, the brave.

Together we share achievement in a thousand  
different ways.

Together we'll finish the journey,  
wherever it started from.

Together we are tomorrow.

Together we are one.

#### Attendance

Reception—95%

Year 1—91%

Year 2—93%

Year 3—92%

Year 4—94%

Year 5—93%

Year 6—93%