

## Message from Mrs Millsop:

Positive Play and friendship has been a major school focus this week. Through worship and class learning times, we have reflected on the qualities of strong friendships as well as continue to develop children's skills about how to speak up, ask for help and learn how to try and resolve differences and conflict.

Wednesday saw a major development with another part of our whole school plan to improve the experiences and learning opportunities for children. Staff had training with our Mentor, Rachel, from OPAL - (outdoor play and learning). Through delivering this project using the OPAL structure, we will have richer playtimes with so many more play opportunities for children, which research and experience tells us will significantly support development of skills such as resilience, perseverance and sensible risk taking. We have launched the concept to children and Mrs McLaughlin has written a more comprehensive letter to you which will be sent out next week.

### Upcoming Dates:

- W/C 21st November**

M Maths Fluency Week: Design your Rockstar

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F Last Swimming for Y4

- W/C 28th November**

M Christmas Shopping Week

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F Nursery Nativity @2pm

- W/C 5th December**

M Reception, Y2 and Y5 Performances this week

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Th Y1 and Y6 parents to visit classes

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### News

#### OPAL Play (Outdoor Play and Learning)

We would value the donation of any unwanted small world play to enhance our playtimes. (Dinosaurs, animals, figures and vehicles etc).

#### Maths Fluency Week 21-25th November

We are keen to support children improve their automatic number knowledge—please see PA connect

#### Christmas Information:

Christmas Performances: **6th—9th December** Information about dates and times has been communicated via Seesaw and PA Connect. Tickets can be booked on Parent Pay

Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day: **Wednesday 14.12.22**

**Swindon Christmas Toy Appeal:** Please see PA Connect for details of how to donate

**School Finishes @ 1pm on Friday 16.12.22**

### Values: COMPASSION

Mrs Keane led our whole school Collective worship this week. She explored our individuality as demonstrated by the different socks we were wearing. We then thought about having different points of view which means that we have to be compassionate towards each other so that we can understand each other better.