



**THIS TERM WE WILL BE FOCUSING ON FAMILY AND START THIS HALF TERM LOOKING AT GRATITUDE.**  
*O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good: for his steadfast love endures for ever.*  
**Psalm 107:1**

Dear Children,  
I hope you and your families are well and keeping safe at home. I will be writing to you at the end of every week to share and celebrate all the lovely things you and your friends have been up to and different staff members will also be writing special messages to you. Your teachers will be telephoning you soon to find out how you are and if you need any support with your home learning. Well done to all of you for trying your best and doing as much as you can.

Sending my love and best wishes,  
Mrs. Ajayi



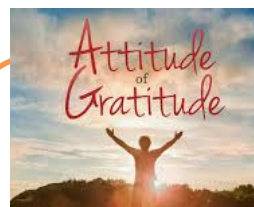
Please join me in welcoming Mrs. Whitbread who has joined the staff as the Nursery teacher.



**Special mention:** Our value this half term is *gratitude*. The teachers are “specially mentioning” pupils who have stood out.

	<b>Special mention</b>
<b>Orchard</b>	Noah Sylvester-Grady
<b>Bellamy</b>	Lucas Dineen
<b>Siderman</b>	Alex Chipita
<b>Stephens</b>	Sophie Vair
<b>Ipgrave</b>	Sanjana Shah
<b>Sanders</b>	Lilika Gbelehui
<b>Elliott</b>	Jean-Divine Sengendo
<b>Palmer</b>	Jude Kennedy
<b>Talbot</b>	Jayda Mackenzie

<b>Orchard</b>	Kellon Charles for working hard to complete the work that has been set. He has accessed all the platforms and has taken on board the feedback given and gone back to improve his work.
<b>Bellamy</b>	Kaine Kinsella for working very hard on his letter formation and writing his name.
<b>Siderman</b>	Persephone Daley - for an excellent and hardworking start to the new term!
<b>Stephens</b>	Joshua Jaiyeola for his amazing story about 'Camouflage Koala'.
<b>Ipgrave</b>	Yoan Hristov for trying hard with his home school learning.
<b>Sanders</b>	Amalya Hunte for doing a lot of work on the online platforms. Well done and keep it up.
<b>Elliott</b>	Xyele Small for working hard and producing a lot of work this week.
<b>Palmer</b>	Carlito Lewus for trying extremely hard with his homework and always completing it on time.
<b>Talbot</b>	Zakiya Bello for working incredibly hard every day to complete her online work. She is eager to improve her work and will make changes and ask for feedback. What a great role model for online learning.



**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...**

Our value this half term is **GRATITUDE**. This means the quality of being thankful and being ready to show your appreciation. We know life is different and very challenging at the moment. So, this week how can you show others how much you are thankful and that you appreciate what you have?

**We wish the following children a very happy birthday.**

- Zoie – Sanders Class
- Riley Ray – Elliott Class
- Renee – Elliott Class
- Goodluck - Elliott Class
- Dillon – Elliott Class
- Eleonora – Stephens Class





Please see below special messages from some staff members. I will have more to share in the coming weeks.

Ms Darby saw this poem online and thought it would be cheerful and uplifting for parents and children to read!

### The Rainbow Children

The history books will talk of now,  
That time the world stood still.  
When every family stayed at home,  
Waved out from windowsills-  
At those they loved but could not hold,  
Because they loved them so.  
Yet, whilst they did they noticed all the flowers start  
to grow.

The sun came out, they can recall,  
And windows, rainbows filled.  
They kicked a football in their yards,  
Until the night drew in.  
They walked each day but not too close,  
That time the world stood still.  
When people walked straight down the roads,  
That once the cars did fill.

They saw that people became ill,  
They knew the world was scared.  
But whilst the world stood still they saw,  
How much the whole world cared.  
They clapped on Thursdays from their doors,  
They cheered for the brave.  
For people who would risk their lives,  
So others could be saved.

The schools closed down, they missed their friends,  
They missed their teachers so.  
Their Mam's and Dad's helped with their work,  
They helped their minds to grow.  
The parents used to worry that,  
As schools were put on hold,  
Their children wouldn't have the tools,  
They'd need as they grew old.

But history books will talk of them,  
Now adults, fully grown.  
Those little boys and girls back then,  
The ones who stayed at home.  
They'll tell you that they fixed this world,  
Of all they would fulfil.  
The RAINBOW children building dreams,  
They'd dreamed whilst time stood still.

Written by Gemma Peacock

Hello Stephens class and families,  
I hope you are all doing well and are being the super Stephens I know you can be! I am so proud of all the work you have been producing at home and it makes my day to see how much you are enjoying yourselves! I miss seeing your happy faces every morning 😊 Keep checking OneNote for work and contact me if you need to!

Miss Baptiste

### SPECIAL MESSAGE

Dear Siderman Class, I hope you had a lovely Easter holiday and are excited about the new term, especially about our new, exciting topic 'Space Explorers'. I love this topic. I love imagining what it would be like to go into Space and learning about Neil Armstrong, the first man on the moon!

To help us learn more about travelling in space, make sure you tune in with real-life astronaut 'Nicole Stott' next Tuesday 28th April at 2pm. She will be answering questions live via the link

here! <https://www.youtube.com/ISSETSpaceSTEM>

I can't wait and will be tuning in live myself! Perhaps afterwards you could let me know what you enjoyed the most by messaging me on One Note.

All the best to you and your families.

Bye for now.

Miss Cust-Hughes

### Message from our Chaplain...

The Psalms are a great place to see celebration, sadness, anxiety and satisfaction. All the things we are feeling at the moment.

This term we see our memory verse: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His Love endures forever. (Psalm 107:1)

In this season - of closed schools, isolated families and a future we can't plan for – we need to remind ourselves that God's love passes through locked doors, times of hardship and seasons of sadness. The Easter season reminds us that God's love wins, God's desire for us to live amazing lives of faith passes through everything the world places in front of us and that God is Good.

Stay safe, look for signs of light in your life, of kindness in your community and hope in the news. Amen.

Rev. Dominic Hubbuck

Let us pray...



Dear God,

Help me to remember what is important; not being surrounded by things but having my life full of family, friends, love, laughter and most importantly, **You** beside me every step of the way.

**Amen.**