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## Watchorn School News

Dear Parents,

We are really looking forward to the Easter break, especially after such a tiring half term following our OFSTED inspection. We are so pleased with how the inspectors captured what our school is all about, a place where children feel safe, valued, and happy to learn. A place where children make brilliant progress and have a love for learning. We are so proud of how the children articulated their knowledge confidently to the inspector and how they demonstrated what a special place Watchorn Christian School is. I must also give a massive thanks to all the staff at Watchorn who worked tirelessly to ensure our school was captured in its best and truest form. Well done to our amazing teachers and staff who I am so proud to work alongside. But above all we really felt God's presence and peace surrounding us and guiding our steps.

We have had some wonderful learning opportunities this term and I would like to share a few photos below. Thank you for supporting our events and working in partnership with us, we really value the contributions you make to our school.



Chinese New Year  
Tasting Chinese  
food and praying  
for the Nation of  
China

Baking for our  
Mother's Day tea  
party



Clay workshop at  
The Pottery,  
making a cereal  
bowl



McDonald's  
breakfast for  
getting through  
OFSTED



World Book day  
sharing a story





Pancake party

Internet Safety day



### Growing in God

As a school we have been thinking of 6 Godly characteristics that we would like to see developing within our pupils, to help them mature into Christ-centred people able to use their gifts and talents to impact the wider world. We have linked them to a person in the Bible who displayed the same characteristic. Each half term we will focus on one of the areas and encourage the children through assemblies, stories and in learning tasks to develop this characteristic and we would love for you to continue this at home. The Godly characteristics we have chosen to work on are:

Resilience- Joseph

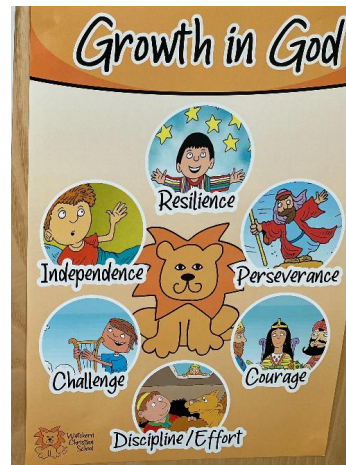
Perseverance- Moses

Courage- Esther

Discipline- Daniel

Challenge- David

Independence- Samuel



For the next half term, we will be focusing on **resilience**, we want our children to be able to recover from set-backs and to overcome failure, to persevere and not give up in the face of trials. We are more than conquerors when we are in Jesus. We hope that when the children face a difficult maths problem for example, that they will not give up and fall into self-pity but that they will find strength in God to face the problem and overcome it.

### Happy Easter

On Friday (our last day of term) we will be doing our Watchorn Egg Drop. Each class have used different materials to wrap an egg. The egg will be dropped by Mark Ozenbrook from the top of the church tower! We are going to see who packaged their egg the best to ensure that it doesn't crack! You are welcome to come and watch and cheer on your child's class, around 10.30am. We hope that you have a wonderful Easter and enjoy some rest and relaxation as we reflect on God's love for us as he gave his life for mankind as a sacrifice.

### Attendance

Thank you for helping us keep our attendance levels high, after all the disruption that Covid-19 caused it is important to make everyday count at school. We appreciate children not taking holidays outside of the school holidays. Also please note that the school gate opens at 8.50am, a late mark is given at 9am as this is when the register closes. As we start our day with reading/phonics, arriving on time is important so that learning time in this crucial area isn't missed.

### Parent-Teacher Association

As noted in my previous email, we are looking for willing parents to form a Parent, Teacher Association- PTA. The purpose is to strengthen our parent community, run a few events throughout the year and fundraise for worthy causes- including our school. Please see Mrs Ozenbrook if you are interested in this.

### **Safeguarding**

The Designated Safeguarding Officers at Watchorn School are Shani and Mark Ozenbrook, with Kathryn Holmes as the deputy. If you have a safeguarding concern, please report this to the designated safeguarding officers, who will take all concerns seriously.

Every Blessing

Shani Ozenbrook  
Mark Ozenbrook

Please note that we break up for 2 weeks on Friday (8<sup>th</sup>) and return on the 25<sup>th</sup> April.  
Please find further term dates below:

| Date                          | Event  |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April | School re-opens after Easter break   |
| Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May    | School closed for bank holiday   |
| Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> May | School trip to Magna for Stars class   |
| Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May  | Governor's meeting   |
| Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> May    | Parent consultation week   |
| Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May   | Break up for <b>2 weeks</b> (this is a week longer than Derbyshire term dates) |
| Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> June  | School reopens for the summer term   |