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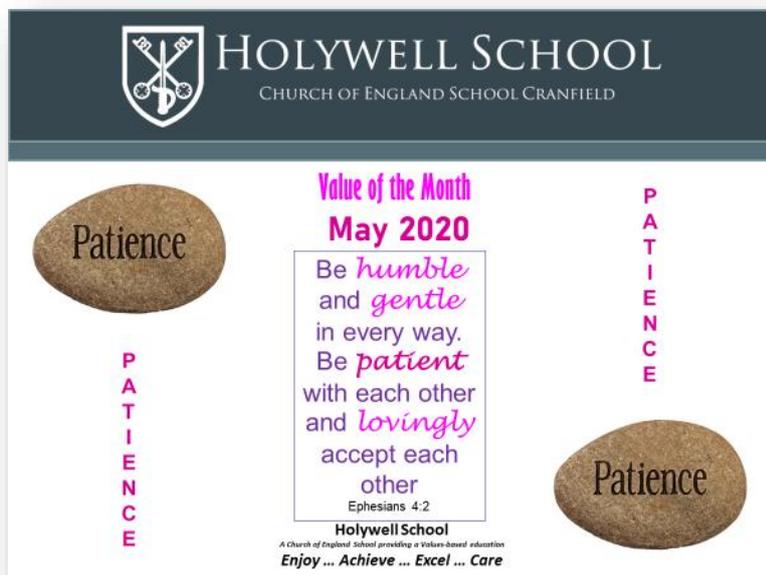
Dear Students, Parents and Carers

We have some different things for you as updates this week.

There is an update video available at this link:

https://drive.google.com/open?id=16_iTXIwcjmx_AvEqxEIqvHxVmHUFmZRE (Apologies for not having time to check all permissions – all photographs used in the video have previously been cleared for use in school and on the school website – any issues, please let us know and we can re-edit).

Our other main update here is from Mrs Donnellan and it is all about our new, revised value of the month:



Our value for May is PATIENCE. It is a value we will need to work at. All of you have been practising it for the last 5 weeks and we will need to continue to practise it for an unknown time in the future.

PATIENCE

- Patience is the ability to wait for something without getting angry or upset.
- Remember, Patience is not simply the ability to wait - it's how we behave while we're waiting.
- It may take a long time for things to become “normal” again and in that time, we must try not to get angry and upset about things we cannot change.
- We must aim to be the best version of ourselves as we wait for the things we want to happen.



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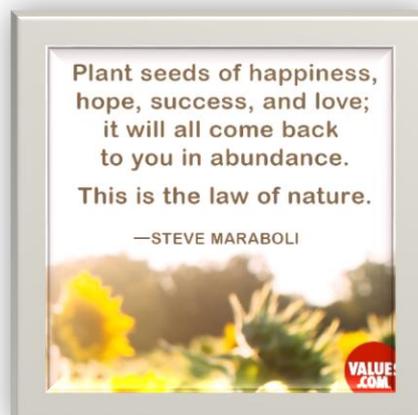
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—JOYCE MEYER

**ALWAYS BE HUMBLE
AND GENTLE.
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EACH OTHER,
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OTHER'S FAULTS BECAUSE OF
YOUR LOVE.**

— *Ephesians 4:2* —

This week why don't you practise patience in different ways. Try one or two of these.

Plant some seeds- wait patiently for them to germinate. Mr Marshall from Marshall's Hardware, High Street Cranfield is expecting a delivery of flower and vegetable seeds at the moment, and is waiting patiently for them to arrive. If you plant some seeds or have already planted some seeds, send me a photograph of the results



Grow a salt crystal- the longer you leave it without moving it the more perfect it will be. Follow the instructions here but remember to ask a parent or carer to help you as you will need to use boiling water. Send me a photograph of any you have grown. I wonder who can grow the biggest!

<https://www.wikihow.com/Make-Salt-Crystals#Making-Easy-Salt-Crystals>



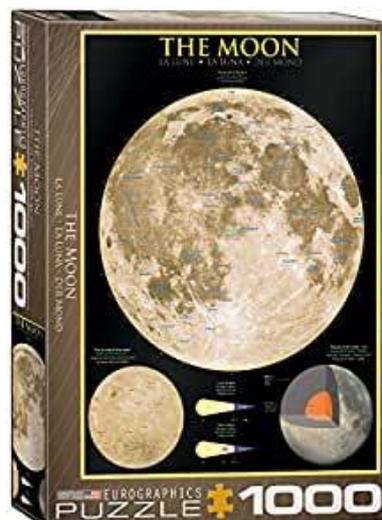
Make a loaf of bread- it takes time to rise and the results may not always be perfect. If your family has been able to buy bread flour and yeast why not follow this recipe and let me know how you got on.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C-K_6w8psco

If you want to show real patience -make a sour dough starter and use that to make bread. Here is one I made today- not perfect but hopefully very tasty!



Complete a difficult Jig-saw puzzle. Take a photograph of it and send it to me. How many pieces did it have? I keep planning to make this one.



Build an amazing Lego model. You don't have to follow instructions, be creative. How about making some portraits of the teachers at Holywell and send us a photograph? We will try to guess who it is.



Remember we have all been asked to be patient. We do not yet know when Holywell will reopen for everyone. In the meantime, we can make our lives and the lives of the people we live with so much better if we practise patience. We cannot change what has happened but we must stay positive and use our time to build ourselves into better versions of ourselves. Try to enjoy tasks that are difficult to do and take a long time to complete. Practise social distancing and observe all the government guidelines – be patient about meeting up with friends – do it safely online and avoid public gatherings (don't be tempted to have a secret 'chance' meeting at the skate-park or 'round the Thrift!). Let me know how you get on and share the different ways you are learning to be patient.

Mrs Donnellan

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On a more sombre note, as you go through the next few weeks, please spare a thought for those families who have lost loved ones to coronavirus. We have been supporting students who have lost parents, aunts, uncles, grandparents and family friends. We won't share all the details with everyone but rest assured we are all here as a community to support each other in these saddest of times. If you know anyone who needs our help or if you need someone to talk to, please contact us by phone or email. For independent counselling or support, you can contact CRUSE bereavement Care: <https://www.cruse.org.uk/>

...and finally ...

please be patient when trying to access your work ! If you are sharing IT resources and hardware at home, take turns and students – you need to remember that other members of the family have to use the computer, the laptop, the kitchen table, the study too. Draw up a timetable or just be patient. For those families signed up for our printed pack service - if you are waiting for hard copies of the core work to arrive, please be patient and understanding with the post people. The resources are posted out on Wednesday for the following week so should arrive in plenty of time ... unless it's like the Easter card I sent way before the Easter break to my family in the North-East – it arrived on Tuesday this week! If you live in Cranfield, the packs can be picked up from Reception ... so while you are on your walk around the village, please call in for your copy. If you don't receive your pack, please let us know.

Have a good week – and be proud of the fact that you've made it to the end of the sixth week of lockdown – stay strong, be patient and stay safe.

MG Simpson

Mr Simpson
Headteacher