

Autumn Part 1 2018

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3rd September	North and South Korean families have been reunited for the first time in nearly 70 years. The reunions follow much better relationships between North and South Korea in recent months.	What would you say to your family after 70 years apart?	Rule of Law - All countries have different laws and rights for the people who live there. Some families may become separated due to war, conflict or laws beyond their control. When countries can make peace, it can provide opportunities for families to be reunited.
10th September	Dr Amy Kavanagh is a visually impaired activist and campaigner who has launched the #JustAskDontGrab campaign to help change the way people interact with those with disabilities.	Is our help always wanted?	Mutual Respect - Before we help someone who we think may need our assistance, it's always important to ask first. They may not need or want our help. We should treat everyone with the same respect we'd like to be shown!
17th September	More than 300,000 people in Britain are officially recorded as homeless, according to figures recently released by the charity Shelter. Last month, the Government announced its strategy in response to the problem, the Homelessness Reduction Act, which comes into force next year.	Should we give money to the homeless?	Individual Liberty - The number of people who are homeless in the UK is increasing. As we head towards winter, it is a difficult time to be without shelter and warmth. If we want to help, we can make choices about how we help, through donating to charities, raising awareness or giving our time volunteering.
24th September	September 27th, 2018 marks the 20th birthday of the biggest search engine in the world, Google. Twenty years ago, two students, Larry Page and Sergey Brin formed Google in the garage of their friend Susan Wojcicki.	How different would life be without information at our fingertips?	Mutual Respect - Google and other search engines can be very powerful and empowering, but with great power comes responsibility. It's important to show respect and consideration when we use this technology.
1st October	Criminals under the age of 25 should be treated more compassionately by courts because they are still growing up, according to a report published last week.	Should young people who break the law be punished like adults?	Rule of Law - Laws are made to ensure we are all kept safe and that there are consequences for crimes that people commit.
8th October	High street retailer Marks & Spencer has announced the launch of a new 'easy dressing' range designed for children with disabilities.	What would you find hardest about living in a world designed for people different from you?	Mutual Respect - Everyone is different, and everyone deserves the right to be included. We will do all that we can to ensure others are included at every opportunity.
15th October	On October 16th, 50 years ago, African-American sprinters John Carlos and Tommie Smith raised their gloved fists in a black power salute at the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City, while the American national anthem played during the presentation of their medals.	Are there times we need to break the rules to change how people think?	Rule of Law - Our laws ensure that we are treated equally, regardless of our skin colour, gender or anything else that makes us who we are.
22nd October	A recent investigation exposing the scale of chimpanzee trafficking has helped police in Nepal uncover a smuggling operation. The discovery found two baby chimpanzees, exhausted and hungry, and sucking their thumbs.	Should any animal be allowed to be kept as a pet if it's cared for?	Individual Liberty - Animals have rights, just as people do. It's important that we look out for animals, treat them with respect and make sure we speak up when animals aren't being treated well.

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29 th October	A 2006 spray painting by the famous graffiti artist Banksy, ended up being shredded as soon as it was sold. The print was in a large frame that had a shredder hidden inside it. As soon as the sale was confirmed the image moved down towards the shredder and “self-destructed”.	Who decides what is art?	Rule of Law - Graffiti is a way people express their opinions about the world, but it is important to respect the laws of the land and consider where it is presented.
5 th November	2018 marks 100 years since the end of World War One. It was called ‘The Great War’ and affected millions of people around the world. On 11th November 1918, an agreement called the Armistice was signed which silenced the guns after four years and four months of fighting.	Can remembering the past help us make a better future?	Respect - World War One affected almost everyone in the UK, and many people all around the world. It is important to show our respect when learning and thinking about this time in history.
12 th November	China is to launch a fake "moon" into space that it hopes will illuminate one of the country's biggest cities. Officials in Chengdu, announced plans to place a satellite in orbit by 2020 capable of reflecting sunlight onto its streets at night, claiming it will be bright enough to entirely replace street lights.	Should we be able to control when it is day and when it is night?	Democracy - The politicians we vote for, make key decisions about our country including changes that might make our lives easier through debate and democratic consultation.
19 th November	A study sponsored by Sainsbury's and Oxfam has calculated that more than 235 million articles of clothing were sent to landfill annually. People in the UK also throw away around 295 billion pieces of plastic every year, much of which is single-use and cannot be recycled.	Have we become a throwaway society?	Individual Liberty - What we do with the things in our care is our responsibility. Things that may seem old or even broken, may be repairable or of great use to someone else.
26 th November	Scientists conducting the world's largest study of gender differences in the brain have recently found men were more likely to prefer “things” and “systems”, while women were more interested in people and emotions.	Does your gender affect the job you choose?	The Rule of Law - Modern equality laws protect the rights of individuals and advance equality of opportunity for all.
3 rd December	A Christmas advert raising awareness of the impact of palm oil production on the environment has been banned from UK TV after it was described as "too political". UK supermarket Iceland wanted to use the advert which tells the story of an orangutan whose home is being destroyed by palm oil producers.	Should adverts be a place to share news and opinions?	Rule of Law - Adverts, like TV programmes, are often viewed by huge audiences and have a specific purpose. If the advert doesn't follow the guidelines, it may not be allowed to be shown.
10 th December	The restaurant chain Frankie and Benny's is hoping to stop customers from using their mobile phones while eating dinner. It believes it is the first large company in the UK to start the scheme and is offering a 'children eat free' bonus to anyone who agrees.	Should technology be banned at mealtimes?	Individual Liberty - We are often able to choose how we interact with others during mealtimes, we can talk, read, or sit quietly. It's important to consider those around us too. Is it a good time to talk, if others have had a bad day or want to chat?
17 th December	The Virgin TV Stars competition gave primary schools across the UK the chance to have their Christmas play produced for millions of TV viewers.	What does it take to perform in front of others?	Mutual Respect - We are all different. Some of us may feel confident standing in front of lots of people and enjoy it, for others it may take a lot of courage. It's important to show respect and support each other when performing!

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7 th January	Thousands of people had their Christmas travel affected by disruption at London Gatwick airport. The airport's runway was shut down for more than a day after what were thought to be drones were spotted flying over it.	Should drones be banned?	Rule of Law: Drones can be lots of fun if used correctly, but if they aren't used safely, they can be very dangerous. There are laws for drones, that we all must follow to help keep everyone safe.
14 th January	Britain is set to leave the EU on the 29th March this year following the referendum in June 2016. This week, over two hundred Members of Parliament have signed a letter to the Prime Minister asking her to rule out a no-deal Brexit, to try to protect jobs and manufacturing.	Should our leaders make key decisions, or should we all have a say?	Democracy: Voting is the most fundamental right in our democracy. Citizens care deeply about their countries and it is important they get the chance to obtain the best possible information to make their choices.
21 st January	A recent report by United For All Ages, claims that bringing young and older people together can tackle many different issues including loneliness and wellbeing.	Should we spend more time with people who are older than us?	Mutual Respect: Our communities and families are made up of people of all ages. We can all benefit and learn from spending time with those who are both older and younger than us.
28 th January	The Soil Association, the UK's leading food and farming charity, has criticised the government's £40million scheme to get school children to eat more fruit and vegetables. It argues that it is 'actually putting them off their greens'.	Should all children receive free fruit at school?	Individual Liberty: It is important to eat a balanced diet to stay healthy. Throughout our day, we will often make choices about the food we eat. We can use these choices to make sure we eat a wide range of foods to keep us well.
4 th February	British tennis player, Andy Murray has been beaten in what might have been his last ever match. He lost in five sets to Roberto Bautista Agut in the Australian Open first round. Speaking about the match, Murray said "If this was my last match, it was an amazing way to end. I gave everything I had - it wasn't enough tonight."	Is there a time when giving up is the right thing to do?	Mutual Respect: At times, people may need to make difficult decisions about their work or things they enjoy doing. This may mean giving up something we love and needing to change direction. We must respect these decisions, as sometimes things are out of our control.
11 th February	The Department for Education has announced that employees from retailers including shoe shop Clarks and newsagent WH Smith will be trained to speak to children as part of a drive to improve early language skills.	Is it everyone's responsibility to help us learn?	Tolerance: We can learn a lot from people who have different experiences from our own. It is important to show an openness to learning from and speaking to others in all kinds of places!
18 th February	At least 35,000 school children took a day off school and braved cold and rain in Brussels to demand the Belgian government and the European Union increase their efforts to fight climate change at the end of January.	Is it ever acceptable to take time off school?	Rule of Law: There are rules and laws in place to ensure we all receive an education and have the opportunity to go to school. The rules are in place to benefit us all.

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25 th February	Having been delayed by a week, Nigeria's presidential election is set to take place on the 25th February. Whoever wins will have to respond to power shortages and high unemployment.	Should you always vote if you have the chance?	Democracy: In a democracy, people elect their leaders and have a say in how their country is run. Nigeria became a democracy in 1999 and has recently held elections to find their new president.
4 th March	A group of MPs in our government have called for clothing companies to pay 1p on every item of clothing they sell to pay for a £35m annual recycling scheme.	Do we have more clothes than we need?	Individual Liberty: Clothes are important both to reflect who we are and to keep us warm and covered! It takes a lot of time and energy to make clothes, so we need to take care of them and be sure to reuse and recycle wherever possible.
11 th March	Education secretary, Damian Hinds has announced a new pilot for up to 370 schools for the teaching of mindfulness.	Can we learn how to be happy?	Mutual Respect: There will be times when we feel happy, and times when we feel sad. It's important we support each other during difficult times and celebrate together the things that make us happy!
18 th March	Children at Russell Scott Primary in Tameside have launched a campaign which involves patrolling the street outside their school and giving out fake parking tickets to anyone who stops on yellow lines or with their engine on.	Should schools be car free zones?	Rule of Law: There are rules and laws about where and how cars park around our schools to keep us all safe. It's important we follow these rules and encourage others to do the same.
25 th March	A bid to stop plans to close 25 libraries, and hand over several more to be "community-run" by volunteers, has failed in Essex last week.	Do we still need libraries in modern times?	Respect: Libraries can offer a lot more than just the books they contain, they are a welcoming place to educate, enrich and support us all regardless of who we are or where we are from.
1 st April	A couple from Oxford have raised £12,000 for charity by creating Panini- style cartoon versions of football players during international football tournaments.	Is it ever ok to copy others?	Individual Liberty: Copying is something we all do, it can be positive if it is helping us learn something new, but it can also be negative if we are copying someone else's work as though it's our own.
8 th April	Sir Anthony Seldon, from the University of Buckingham and a long-time believer of better support systems for children in schools, has suggested that schools across the country should have dogs to help deal with stress.	Should all schools have pets?	Respect: Keeping animals as pets can bring us great joy but they are a big responsibility. If we are taking care of an animal at home or school, it's important we understand and meet its needs.
15 th April	The Great British Bake Off judge and celebrity chef Prue Leith, has called for schools to ban pack lunches	Who should decide what we eat for lunch?	Individual Liberty: School lunchtime is an opportunity to rest, refuel and let off some steam! It's important to think about what we eat and how we can make the best use of this time each day, given the choices we have.

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22 nd April	More than 1,200 ex-offenders now work for the Timpson group, which includes the shoe-mending and key-cutting chain. After 15 years' recruiting prisoners, Timpson is now stepping up its plans, aiming to recruit another 150 this year. "It's a great way of finding amazing people," says James Timpson, the chief executive and great-great-grandson of the founder, "We look for staff everywhere, but a lot of people who have been in prison are desperate for an opportunity".	Should we always give people a second chance?	Rule of Law - People who break the law and have spent time in prison will often find it hard to get a job. A second chance at work can mean a fresh start for people who may otherwise find it difficult to be forgiven.
29 th April	A huge fire engulfed the medieval cathedral of Notre-Dame in Paris, one of France's most famous landmarks. The 850-year-old Gothic building's spire and roof collapsed but the main structure, including the two bell towers, were saved. France's President, Emmanuel Macron, called it a terrible tragedy.	Is it always better to rebuild than to start again?	Respect - Buildings and places can hold huge importance for people. They can be part of who we are, hold special memories and be part of our shared culture.
6 th May	The country of Ukraine has elected a comedian called Volodymyr Zelensky as its new president. Volodymyr who is originally an actor and comedian, once starred in a role as a teacher who accidentally becomes president!	Can anyone become a good leader?	Democracy - Like Ukraine, many countries will hold votes to allow people the choice to decide who will become their leader. Sometimes, the winner may not be what we expect, but in a democracy the votes are what count!
13 th May	McDonald's is being called on to stop its introduction of paper straws in the UK, amidst claims that they dissolve in drinks. The restaurant is switching from plastic to paper straws at all of their 1,361 restaurants after customer pressure.	Should McDonald's have banned plastic straws?	Respect - Plastic straws take an estimated 500 years to decompose! We should always ensure we are using plastics carefully and use reusable items whenever we can.
20 th May	Whilst many schools have been busy preparing for summer testing, Flakefleet Primary School in Lancashire have been preparing for something just as nerve-racking but for completely different reasons! The choir at Flakefleet Primary School have been gearing up for the semi-finals of Britain's Got Talent, which will be held next week.	Does it take more than talent to succeed?	Individual Liberty - It's good to have dreams and goals. Trying hard and aiming high can help us to achieve great things. There's also lots to be learnt from when things don't go to plan!

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3 rd June	Technology is increasingly replacing stories at bedtime, with more than a quarter of parents trying to use home assistants, apps and voice notes to tell their child a story before bedtime research suggests.	Will technology replace bedtime stories?	Individual Liberty - Technology is constantly changing how we live our lives and how we learn. It's important to know the difference between when technology can help us and when it's best to learn and do things on our own.
10 th June	Children as young as four are now getting even shorter break times at school, because of a push to increase lesson time. A long-term study revealed primary school pupils today have 45 minutes less break time a week than they did nearly 25 years ago.	Should breaktimes be reduced to improve learning?	Rule of Law - Our teachers and schools think carefully about when we have breaks and how long we have between lessons, making sure that we have enough time to learn and enough to rest!
17 th June	Last week, the US President Donald Trump visited the UK for an official state visit. He spent time with Prime Minister, Theresa May and the Queen and other members of the Royal family. Theresa May has said it was a chance for the US and UK "to strengthen our already close relationship". But others don't think that he should be given such a formal and important welcome.	Should we always make everyone feel welcome?	Democracy - All countries have their own rules to decide how their country is run and who their leader will be. In a democracy, a voting public allows everyone to have a say. In the USA, Donald Trump was voted in as their President.
24 th June	The 2019 FIFA Women's World Cup is now well underway in France with the final less than 2 weeks away! The competition is being held across nine cities, with the semi-final and final being played in Lyon.	Should women footballers be paid the same as men?	Mutual Respect - Lots of people enjoy playing and watching football! The FIFA Women's World Cup is currently underway and over 1 million tickets have been sold. Women's football is thought to be one of the fastest growing sports across the world!
1st July	A Norwegian island is campaigning to get rid of the concept of time, allowing the people who live there to do "what we want, when we want".	Is it important for us to measure time?	Democracy - The island of Sommaroy doesn't have a traditional night and day for much of the year so the people, who live there, are campaigning to get rid of the usual way we measure time. If they are successful, they will be the first place in the world without time!
8 th July	Heathrow Airport has unveiled its £30 billion expansion plans with a third runway set to open by 2026. Many campaigners have warned the project will cause 30 years of misery and long-term damage.	How important is it to travel?	Individual Liberty - People travel for different reasons. Some may want to learn about life in other places, others may be visiting loved ones or travelling for work. For some, travelling may be essential but for others it might be a lifestyle choice.
15 th July	It has been 50 years since humankind first stepped foot on the moon as part of the Apollo 11 moon landing mission. The Apollo Program took eight years and cost around £20 billion!	Is space exploration important to the world?	Respect - It took billions of pounds and thousands of people many years to put people on the moon. When we find out more about the universe, we also learn more about ourselves and our place on planet Earth!