

St. Mary's (Endowed) Church of England
VA Primary School



Friday 12th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome back to everyone and a Happy New Year! I hope that you were all able to enjoy the holidays and avoid the various coughs and colds. It has been lovely to welcome everyone back to school and to hear the children's news.

As the weather has turned much colder, please could you make sure your children have plenty of layers to keep them warm in school so that we can be outside whenever possible. Children in Years 3 and 5 as well as Willow class will have Woodland Learning for the first part of this term so it is especially important they wrap up warm.

We look forward to lots of exciting opportunities this term, I have included dates and PE sessions etc. below but if you have any queries please do ask the office.

Have a lovely weekend!

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Mrs L. Watts - Executive Headteacher

This week in class...

Ash Class - This week in Ash Class, we have been reading 'Anansi and the Magic Pot'. It is linked to a traditional tale about a cunning spider from Ghana in Africa. We found Ghana on a map and took a 'magic aeroplane' journey to visit. We have been exploring mini beasts and creating habitats in our small world area.

Elm Class - Elm Class found out about the print artist Karen Lederer this week. They then used different objects from around the classroom to experiment with printing. In Literacy they have been learning about imperative verbs, and have been thinking about how to give people instructions.

Beech Class - This week Beech class have enjoyed finishing their Stop-Motion animations. They have started a new book called Sam Wu is not afraid of the Dark which they are finding great fun. We have also been enjoying some linked texts with the theme of space.

Willow Class - In Willow we have enjoyed settling back into our routine in the willow room and starting a new PE slot on a Thursday with Laura. We practiced our running, jumping, balancing and throwing skills using a circuit in the hall and then enjoy a calming down session at the end listening to classical music.

Oak Class - In Oak we have really been enjoying our new history topic the Kingdom of Benin. This topic is one that very few of us knew anything about so we are looking forward to learning a lot about it. In science we are learning about forces. We had great fun using chopsticks to pick up pieces of jelly. At first we found it pretty easy, even if we had not used chopsticks before. However, coated with oil make them very slippery and nearly impossible to hold onto!

| Day | Clubs | Leader |
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| Monday | Lego & Crafts | Sam Rose |
| Tuesday | Creativity club | Active Education |
| Wednesday | Netball | Sarah Lynes and Bethany Lewis |
| Thursday | Creativity club | Active Education |
| Friday | Dodgeball Stay & Play | Active Education (Childcare only) |

PE & Woodland Learning

Tuesday - PE for Ash and Elm

Wednesday (up to and including 7th February) - Woodland Learning for Y3, Y5 and Willow

Wednesday (from 14th February) Woodland Learning for Y4, Y6 and Willow

Thursday - PE for Willow

Friday - PE for Elm, Beech and Oak

New Year, new hobby? Our wonderful piano teacher Mrs Everett, has spaces for new pupils to start learning with her this term. If you are interested, please enquire at the office. **Thank you**



Jigsaw awards this week go to...

George A, Lily, Cawlie, Zinnia, Louis, Bonnie, Lyra,
Leon, Millie, Hattie, Mary, Anthony, Pixie, Josh,
Freddie, Ralph

Silver awards this week go to...

Charlie G, Noah, Cawlie, Freddie B

Smarties awards this week go to...

William, Millie, Florence, Myla, Sara,
Charlie A, Louis





Thank you from Cromer Hospital

Before Christmas, the children in each class created some art work to help decorate the corridors and waiting room at Cromer Minor Injuries Unit. Our theme was *Three French Hens* and the children created amazing art work as well as recording their singing which was cleverly attached to the display with a QR code.

We received the following thank you from Glenda Bacon at the hospital.

Dear St Marys Endowed C of E VA School,

This email is being sent as a huge thank you for your amazing artwork which has helped brighten up the Emergency Department.

You are clearly all very talented artists, your pictures have received lots of compliments from patients and staff at the hospital. Attached is a picture of just some of your amazing artwork that was displayed. Your singing is amazing and is being enjoyed by lots of people ☐

A massive thank you to your teachers for helping us too.

Wishing you and your families and friends a very Happy Christmas.

Kind Regards

Glenda Bacon

Senior Receptionist Emergency Department NNUH and Cromer MIU

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 24th January - Rearranged football tournament at Happisburgh (Y4/5/6)

Wednesday 31st January - Y1/2/3 Dodgeball tournament @ Happisburgh, details to follow

w.c. 5th February - Mental Health Awareness week, details to follow

Wednesday 7th February - Y4/5/6 Dodgeball tournament @ Happisburgh, details to follow

Wednesday 14th February - Netball tournament @ St. Mary's, details to follow

Friday 16th February - End of term

Monday 26th February - Back to School

Tuesday 27th February - Parents' Consultations, all classes

Wednesday 28th February - Parents' meeting for Oak class London residential

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day reading café @ 2.15pm, details to follow

Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th March - Oak class London residential

Wednesday 13th March - Y4/5/6 Ultimate Frisbee tournament @ The Belfry, details to follow

Wednesday 20th March - Easter lunch

Friday 22nd March - Playground proms performance, Norfolk Music Hub

Monday 25th March - Easter hunt and bonnet parade @ 2.45pm

Wednesday 27th March - Easter service @ 2pm, End of term

