

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



Friday 26th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a lovely week in school with the children really settling into their new topics and sharing lots of their learning with others. Our new CUSP curriculum is having real impact on the children's vocabulary and the knowledge which they have learned and we are excited to develop this further over the year.

We are very sad to announce that Mrs Searjeant will be leaving us next week. She has been a valued member of the team for several years and we will miss her greatly. We are currently interviewing for a new teaching assistant and will let you know as soon as we have more news.

Have a lovely weekend!

*L. Watts*

Mrs L. Watts - Executive Headteacher

**This week in class...**

**Ash Class** - Ash Class have enjoyed exploring balance, both in PE and during maths! We have been looking at traditional nursery rhymes and tales as part of our work on the story Each Peach Pear Plum.

**Elm Class** - This week Elm Class have been writing recounts about a time that they went to the beach. They have been working on adding detail, and using exclamation marks in their writing. The children have also created a work of art using some of the printing techniques they have been learning about lately. They used object printing, stencilling and reverse stencilling to create their final piece. In Science they have been practising their observation skills by dissecting daffodils and explaining the function of each part.

**Beech Class** - Beech class have been busy writing a third person narrative set in the desert. They have been thinking about choosing the best adjectives to use. In our story a meerkat has a close encounter with a predator. Sadly, not all of the meerkats have survived!

**Oak Class** - In Oak we are LOVING science. This week we were testing water resistance and had a competition to see which team could take on the most 'passengers' before sinking. We also compared the design of the sail boats which compete in the America's Cup. The difference between 2000 and 2021 boats is amazing! Have a look online and see for yourself. Art is also great. We have started to weave an abstract shape using the our outdoor learning area as inspiration.

**Contact Details** - if you have changed your email address, phone number or postal address recently, please could you let the office know? We have tried to contact a few parents recently whose contact details have been out of date - many thanks!

Day	Clubs	Leader
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

### Woodland Learning request

As part of their woodland learning sessions, they children have really enjoyed using the mud kitchen. We would love any donations of metal or wooden crockery, utensils, pots and pans etc. If you have any you would like to donate please bring them to the office. Thank you!!

**Uniform** Please could we ask again that children come to school in full school uniform each day with school shoes and not trainers. Please could they also wear school PE kit on their sports' days. School uniform is a key part of our identity as a community and also makes sure that everyone is safe and ready for the activities which we provide. Please could long hair also be tied back for safety reasons.

### Jigsaw awards this week go to...

George R, Willow M, Angelique, Tabby, Mary,  
Charlie R, Charlie G

### Bronze awards this week go to...

Willow M

### Silver awards this week go to...

Bentley, Teagan, Charlie R

### Smarties awards this week go to...

Ruby, Halle, George C, Jasper, Pixie,  
Benjamin W, Charlie A



## News from the Kitchen

As half-term is a week later this year Norse are able to offer two very special puddings in the last week of this term. There will be pancakes on Tuesday 13th of February and a Valentine's Day biscuit on Wednesday 14th February. These lunches can be ordered in the normal way but please be aware of the changes. Allergen friendly options will be available.

After half-term, our lovely cook Maxine will also be taking part in the *Eat them to defeat them* campaign to encourage children to try and to enjoy more vegetables. More information can be found in the parents' guide attached to the newsletter email. Please do encourage your child to take part.



## Dates for your Diary

**w.c. 5th February** - Mental Health Awareness week

**Thursday 8th February** - Express yourself day! Wear uniform and a fun accessory!

**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 13th March** - music and movement workshop for Y4/5/6 - PE kit please

**Thursday 14th March** - Norfolk Music Festival performance, more 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