

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



Friday 12th July

Dear Parents and Carers,

Although the weather still refuses to play ball, we have reached the final countdown to the end of term. It has been a lovely week in school with lots of wellbeing activities including mindfulness, artwork and sports. The country dancing on Wednesday was spectacular, I don't think I have seen a maypole plait come off so well! Thank you to everyone who came along to watch.

Thank you also for everyone who helped with the fete on Saturday. Despite the rain this was really well-supported and, although money is still being counted, it was a great fundraiser for the school. Thank you to all who came along and well done to everyone who won one of the fabulous colour hampers!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs L. Watts - Executive Headteacher

This week in class...

Ash Class - This week has been, 'Wellbeing Week'. We kicked off with a nature walk and mindfulness activities on Monday. followed by lots of physical activities on Tuesday, including yoga and country dancing. We have also thought about giving, making cards or friendship bracelets for our friends and have expressed ourselves creatively with art and craft projects. We have also been reading, Winnie-the-Pooh Helps the Bees! We have talked about the importance of bees to our ecosystem and what they need to survive and be healthy. On Wednesday, we performed our country dances for the whole school and parents. We are also doing lots of singing in preparation for our end of year church service.

Elm Class - Elm Class have been enjoying Wellbeing Week. They did some nature exploration in the Woodland Learning area, and then completed observational drawings of the objects they found. They have also been doing some mindful yoga and have been giving secret compliments to each other. During our Writing sessions the children have been learning about different forms of poetry and created their own calligrams and shape poems.

Beech Class - In Beech class week we have been finishing off lots of work. We are really enjoying our neat sheets because it shows off our amazing handwriting. We are enjoying reading The Magician's Nephew and we really enjoyed our line dance on Wednesday.

Oak Class - What a great week we have had in Oak Class! Every afternoon we have been enjoying well-being activities including: art, dance (the best Maypole dancing ever), team building games and of course, meeting all of the favourite pets and animals we have at home! We are now really looking forward to our last week of the term and for some of us, the last week before moving onto high school!

Next Year

As you know, next year we will become an academy and join the St Benet's Multi-Academy Trust. We hope that conversion will take place on August 1st and you will see our school signs changing on this day. For the most part things will stay the same for children and parents but there will be a few differences. After the summer we will be changing our name to St Mary's Church of England Primary Academy and we will have an exciting new logo. There are no plans to change the school uniform at the moment. The biggest change for parents will be how you pay for lunches, clubs etc. More details about this will follow soon with step by step instructions on how to make payments. Other than this changes will mostly be for staff. The support all staff have received from the Trust so far has been invaluable in helping us to develop our curriculum for the children and improve outcomes. This will continue next year and we know that this move will help us to make school even better for all of our children and families.

Goodbye! Next week we will be very sad to say goodbye to Mrs Skillman and Mrs Lowe who are off to pastures new. We will miss them but wish them all the very best in their new adventures - good luck!

Attendance this week

Ash - 100%

Elm - 100%

Beech & Willow - 93.2%

Oak - 90%

Whole School - 93.87%

Clubs for next term

At present we are confirming clubs for next term and the way that these will be paid for. We will have information about this as soon as possible. We sent out a link today to find out if there is interest in wrap around care on a Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. This would be offered by Active Education until 5.30pm. If this provision would be useful to you please complete the survey as it may not be able to go ahead without enough children.

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/GNOUPM/>



PE & Woodland Learning

Monday - Swimming for Oak class

Tuesday - PE for Ash and Beech

Wednesday Woodland Learning for Ash, Elm and Willow

Thursday - PE for Willow





Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 17th July - Leavers' Concert

Friday 19th July - End of term service @ 2pm

Wednesday 4th September - Back to School, Reception 8.45am - 12pm

Thursday 5th September - 8.45am - 1.05pm

Friday 6th September - 8.45am - 1.05pm

Monday 9th September - Reception full time

CHAMPIONS
WHO IS THE ULTIMATE CHAMPION?

**29TH JULY
- 2ND AUG**
10:30-12:30

BeachFest
Cromer East Beach

All children are the responsibility of their parent / carer whilst at BeachFest. They must remain under the supervision of their parent / carer at all times.