



St Mary's
Church of England
Primary Academy

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Friday 13th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new year! It has been so lovely to see all the children back, settled to their learning and making good progress already! There are always lots of transitions to navigate in September but we have been so impressed with the way that the children have managed these.

In school for the last two weeks we have had a big focus on our expectations, in class, for learning and for playtimes. The children have really risen to these expectations and we are looking forward to a great year ahead.

Below you will find lots of dates of events over the coming term, please remember to add these to your diary and we will share further details as we move through the term.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs L. Watts - Executive Headteacher

This week in class...

Ash Class - We have had a wonderful week in Ash Class this week. We are so impressed with how well the children have transitioned into Reception class. The children have been getting to know their new surroundings as well as the adults at school. They have spent a lot of time exploring the outside area, constructing vehicles, ball runs and water courses as well as rolling tyres, cooking in the mud kitchen and drawing with chalk. Inside, we have read some lovely books together and done some artwork based on *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and *The Gruffalo*. They have also drawn self portraits and pictures of themselves with their families.

Elm Class - Elm Class have been learning about compass directions in Geography, and have been identifying physical and human features. We have also been focusing on drawing in Art, and have experimented with making different marks. We then listened to lots of different types of music and created marks in response to these. In Science, we have been learning about living things, including an impressive acronym called MRS GREN. We created special actions to remind ourselves of all the necessary features of living organisms. In Reading, we have been retrieving actions from a text and miming them using dramatic gestures and facial expressions. We had lots of fun trying this and learning new vocabulary along the way.

Beech Class - In Beech class we have been learning lots about our new topics in History and Science. We have built Iron Age houses and have been thinking about the habitats that animals live in. We have chosen our home reading books and are very excited to be reading *The Queen's Nose* in class. We have been talking about rules and expectations to know how to make school an amazing place to learn and have fun.

Oak Class - Oak Class have had a great week of learning and play. We are enjoying our class reader, *Rooftoppers*, about an eccentric man and his ward who likes to play the cello on the rooftop. We have got stuck into the maths, 'conquering' numbers with 7 and 8 digits and powers of 10. In writing, we are learning about autobiography and the difference between past tense and past progressive tense. After two weeks back, we have really found our feet and are back in the swing of learning. It's going to be a great year!

Day	Clubs	Leader
Monday	Singing	Eve Bryant
Tuesday	Multi-sports	Active Education
Wednesday	Netball	Sarah Lynes
Thursday	Multi-sports	Active Education
Friday	Dodgeball	Active Education

Attendance this week

Ash - 100%

Elm - 93.04%

Beech & Willow - 99.06%

Oak - 98.6%

Whole School - 98.9%

PE & Woodland Learning

Tuesday - PE for Elm and Beech

Wednesday Woodland Learning for Y6, Willow and Elm

Thursday - PE for small group - TBC

Friday - PE for Willow, Beech and Oak

Singing Club

We were so pleased to welcome Eve Bryant to lead our singing club on Monday after school. She led a fantastic, fun session which the children really enjoyed. We would love more children to join this club as it is very small at the moment but lots of fun! Please contact the office if you would like your child to come along.

Smarties this week go to...

Jonas, Willow Pr, Alex, Alastor,

Willow M, Mary

Piano lessons - Mrs Everett has spaces for anyone wanting to have piano lessons in school. They are £8 for 20 minutes. Please contact the office for further information.

Email update

In previous letters we sent the wrong email address for Mrs Bone. Please could you update your records and use - wbone9nrh@nsix.org.uk

Thank you

Friends' AGM - Please note that the Friends' AGM will take place at 7.30pm on the 26th of September at school. It would be lovely to see you there, all welcome!

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 17th September - Flu vaccines

Thursday 26th September - Grandparents' worship and Macmillan Coffee Morning, 9am

Thursday 26th September - Friend's AGM, 7.30pm at school

Tuesday 1st October - Parent drop-ins @ 2.45pm, all welcome

Friday 4th October - Scootlife, Year 2

Thursday 10th October - Y4/5/6 dodgeball @ Happisburgh, more details to follow

w.c. 14th October - Bikeability levels 1 and 2

Tuesday 22nd October - Harvest service, Cromer Crematorium, more details to follow

Thursday 24th October - last day of term

Friday 25th October - NO SCHOOL (INSET day)