



St Mary's
Church of England
Primary Academy

Encourage, Aspire, Flourish

Friday 4th October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who came along to the drop-ins this week. One of the outcomes of our parent questionnaire last term was a request for more informal opportunities to meet with teachers so we hope that this was a useful time for you. It is always lovely to have time to look at the children's learning and to share in their progress and success.

Thank you also to those who took the time to let us know their preferred time for the Friends' AGM. We will have a date out for this soon and hope to see lots of you there.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs L. Watts - Executive Headteacher

This week in class...

Ash Class - This week in Ash class we have been reading, 'What Makes Me Me?' We have talked about how we are all unique and have shared what is special about ourselves as well as celebrating differences. We have also talked about the feelings and emotions that the main character felt throughout the story and identified times when we have felt the same. We have painted some amazing self portraits to decorate our classroom and thought about language to describe ourselves and each other. We have also started our Rea Write Inc. phonics lessons. In maths, we have been looking at and making patterns.

Elm Class - This week Elm Class created a whole class collage based on the importance of light to Christians. We used different media to represent light in different ways. We have also been thinking about writing in the third person, and writing in the past tense. In PE we played team games to develop our listening and communication skills. We have also been developing our observation skills. We used magnifying glasses to observe plants in our local area, carefully drawing and labelled all the things we noticed. We discussed how different this investigation would be in the winter months where many children drew upon previous learning to think about deciduous and evergreen trees.

Beech Class - In Beech class this week we have written our rules for staying safe online and created slogans to help us remember to use them. In science we carried out an investigation about invertebrates. We set pitfall traps to collect creatures in the woodland learning area. Although it was only partially successful we did manage to catch a worm and a snail. We classified these as Annelids and Molluscs.

Oak Class - This week in Oak we have been doing assessments in maths, reading, grammar and spelling. It has been tough but everyone persevered and did really well! We also began our science top, which is Humans and other animals and found out that humans are made up of 60% H₂O or water. We have also started a new writing topic - speeches (discursive writing) and are looking forward to getting stuck into a subject that we feel passionate about.

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 - 100% ✨

Beech & Willow - 97.7

Oak - 98.7%

Whole School - 98.43%

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

Maths morning On Tuesday 15th October at 9am we are hosting a maths workshop for parents in KS2. This is a follow on from the very successful KS1 workshop we held last year so do come along - more information can be found below

Smarties this week go to...

Bailey, Gabriele, Charlie R, Pixie,

Theo, Joshua

Well done!

Dates for your Diary

Monday 7th October - Oak family learning, 2.15 - 3pm

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

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

Tuesday 15th October - KS2 Maths Workshop, 9am

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

Wednesday 23rd October - Harvest lunch

Wednesday 23rd October - Harvest Festival at St Mary's church - 2pm

Thursday 24th October - last day of term

Friday 25th October - NO SCHOOL (INSET day)

Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November - Half-term

Monday 4th November - Back to school

Monday 11th November - Parents' consultations

Friday 15th November - Non-uniform for Children in Need

Thursday 5th December - Decorations morning

Tuesday 10th December - Christmas memorial at Cromer Crematorium

Wednesday 11th December - Nativity

Thursday 12th December - Christmas jumper day

Friday 20th December - Christmas service, 2pm, end of term