



St Mary's
Church of England
Primary Academy

Encourage, Aspire, Flourish

Friday 27th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much to all of the grandparents who came along to our worship and coffee morning yesterday, it was so lovely to see you all. In our worship we talked about love and how we can share this with others in our school and our families - I hope you will see this lived out over the weekend ahead! We also raised an amazing £90 for Macmillan Cancer from the coffee morning alone, thank you so much for your generosity.

Don't forget we have parent drop-ins next Tuesday which are an opportunity for you to pop into your child's class and look at their books and learning so far this year. We look forward to seeing you.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs L. Watts - Executive Headteacher

Friends AGM

We are sad to announce that we were unable to form a new committee for the Friends at the AGM as the required number of people did not attend. This means that, at present, we are not able to run Friends and raise money for the school.

As you know school budgets are more precarious than ever before and fundraising from the Friends is vital for us to be able to offer the trips, visits and extras which the children enjoy so much. Every time we take children to a sports competition, the bus alone costs at least £150. Trips and visits would cost parents at least £20 per child if they were not so generously supported by Friends.

To be able to keep Friends running, we need a new committee - Chair and Secretary. We also need at least 6 people to attend the AGM so that we can choose the committee. The AGM will be rearranged for 21 days time. Please fill in the online survey to let us know the best time for you to attend and **please, please** come along to the AGM to vote in the new committee. There is no obligation to help run events but we need enough people to get us started.

OUR CHILDREN NEED YOU!!

With many thanks to Sam, Peter, Leila and Emma for being there.

This week in class...

Ash Class - This week we have been reading, 'Dear Zoo'. We are able to retell the story and to describe the animals in the story. We have talked about our favourite zoo animals and the pets that we have or would like to have. In maths, we have continued to sort objects according to size, type or colour and have been using language to describe and compare objects according to size and length. We have had lots of fun exploring our woodland learning area, especially the mud kitchen, where we have been making potions as well as some well known and very peculiar dishes! We have continued to practice our listening skills in readiness for learning our set 1 Phonics sounds next week. We welcomed our grandparents into Ash Class on Friday and did some artwork based on our favourite zoo animals.

Elm Class - Elm Class have been learning about axles, wheels and mechanisms in DT this week. We have been experimenting with connecting wheels to an axle and looking at how different axles work. We have also been learning about the idea of cause and consequence in History, and how one event can result in different things happening. We were very interested to discover that we celebrate Bonfire Night every year because of something that happened over 400 years ago! On Thursday we were also learning about the microhabitats of plants and animals in Science. As super scientists, we predicted where we would find certain bugs. Using our observation skills, we then explored a woodland area to prove whether or not our predictions were correct. We found snails, worms and beetles in some unexpected places and discussed the reasons why.

Beech Class - In Beech class this week we have started a new unit on adverts. So far we have been identifying superlatives and using alliteration to write slogans. We have also been on a wonder walk where we collected leaves to create some art.

Oak Class - In Oak Class this week we have been looking at parallel and series circuits in science. We were investigating what happened when you added extra light bulbs to a circuit or took away cells. We also investigated what would happen if you added a switch to one side of a parallel circuit but not to the other. By the end of the lesson we had loads more questions! We loved having grandparents join us for our McMillian morning. It is always lovely to have our families come into school and share our learning with us. Last week we did our first 'cross country' village run ... we agreed that even though was is a challenge, we enjoyed more than running in circles around the playground and field!



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 - 97.14%

Elm - 100%

Beech & Willow - 98.84%

Oak - 99.13%

Whole School - 98.14%

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

Coats The weather has certainly turned cooler this week and we are finding that some children are a little chilly outside! Please make sure your child has a warm, waterproof coat so that they can enjoy being outside whatever the weather!

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, Lilley, Tabby, Tia, Freddie,

Sebastian, Lyra

Dates for your Diary

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

Friday 4th October - Scootlife, Year 2

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