

St Faiths' Primary School – Newsletter 11 – 24/2/2020

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Christian Value of this Half-Term:

Forgiveness

Colossians 3:13 ~ Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

Out of School Appointments

Please note – all medical appointments should, where possible, be made outside of the school day. This minimises disruption for all pupils and ensures children can access all their learning.

Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 11th February was national Safer Internet Day. Although we regularly talk and encourage safety online, we spent Monday 10th February working on a range of projects to ensure the children had a good grasp of how to be safe online and what to do if they came across anything that left them feeling uncomfortable. Attached to this newsletter is an information sheet with some handy information to support keeping children safe online. For example – did you know that the **legal age for What's App is 16**, since the introduction of GDPR regulations last year? You can find a host of up-to-date online safety information here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/e-safety-leaflets-resources/>

Library Overhaul

This term, we are putting our great 'read-a-thon' fundraising to use and having our school library audited and restocked. Please check at home for any school library books and return them this week. Marilyn Brocklehurst, from the Norfolk Children's Book Centre, will be in school at the end of the week to audit and catalogue all of our books and replenish old stock! It's been a long time coming but in time for the summer term, our school library will be up to date and well-stocked for the children to continue developing their love of reading.

Nebula Cross Country

Before half term we participated in the Nebula Cross Country races at Horsford Primary School. Each Nebula school could take just 3 boys and 3 girls from each year group and our runners didn't disappoint. The children were great representatives of our school and showed perseverance and determination. A special mention goes to Ewen in Year 2, who finished 5th in the Key Stage 1 race!

100 Days of School

Thank you so much to all the parents of our Ducklings and Robins children who came in on Thursday before half term to celebrate our 100th day of school. It was great to see so many adults getting involved with everything from 100 kisses to 100 star-jumps! The children worked hard counting a variety of 100 objects during the day too.

Primary Stars

Last half term, children from Barn Owls and Kingfishers participated in the Premier League Primary Stars scheme with Jake Mardell from the Community Sports Foundation. Using football as a focus, one group worked on their resilience and co-operation skills in a PSHE workshop while a second group worked together on a variety of Maths activities using football statistics and other sports-based data. The children worked incredibly hard and got a lot out of the sessions. Well done and thanks to Jake for all his hard work!

Assertive Mentoring

Thank you to those of you that have already signed up to meet with your child's class teacher at this term's Assertive Mentoring. This parent-teacher evening allows us to share the progress your child is making, while setting targets for the term ahead. There are still appointments available so please sign up. If you're unable to make it to either evening, please contact your child's teacher via the office, Tapestry or Seesaw to arrange a mutually convenient appointment.

Promoting Independence

It's hard to believe that we are more than half-way through this school year! As we head to the summer term, we want to help our youngest pupils develop their independence at the start of the school day. With this in mind, we will no longer allow parents bring their children into school starting next week. Instead, we'll encourage some of our older children to walk the Ducklings into school and to find their pegs. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

World Book Day

This year, we're having a slightly different take on World Book Day. Rather than coming into school dressed as your favourite book character, we are asking you to design a 'Character Hat'. This could take on any form (from a physical hat to a drawing) but we'd like your imagination to run wild. Can you make your hat represent a specific character?

We'll display each hat and have a competition for the best design, with the winner receiving a book-themed prize! I can't wait to see how creative you can be!

Christian Values

Last half term our Christian Values focus was around 'Honesty'. The children were very knowledgeable about where and how we can demonstrate this value in school and the wider community. As with each term, a child has been selected from each class to receive our 'Values' award. This half term, for being honest and good role models to others, the award goes to Chester, George G, Charlie M and Amy.





The Christian Value this half term is 'Forgiveness'. Please encourage conversations with your children about what this means and engage with the children about their learning through Collective Worship and in class.

End of School Day

Could I please remind all parents and carers that the gate opens for EYFS/KS1 collection at 3:05pm and we encourage you not to arrive too much before this. The foyer outside the office should be kept clear as access is needed at all times. In addition, parents who come for Book Look in Ducklings will still need to leave at the end of Book Look and collect their other children as normal. We cannot let them leave class early. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Attendance





School Target: 97%
So far this year: 95.47%

				
Autumn Half-Term 1	93.23%	93.08%	97.04%	95.66%
Autumn Half-Term 2	92.11%	93.11%	97.71%	97.46%
Spring Half-Term 1	95.78%	95.11%	97.75%	97.3%
Year to Date	93.6%	93.66%	97.52%	96.72%

Many congratulations to **Barn Owls** for having the best attendance last half term!

Superstars

A very big congratulations to the following children from each class for receiving their weekly 'superstar' award:

	Rudy ~ teaching others to use the iPad Reggie ~ for being very patient Harry ~ being a good friend to our new Duckling Mrs Landles ~ lovely joined handwriting
	Lauren ~ concentrating and writing a good story plan Mrs Weston ~ achieving 19/20 on a Y5 maths test Theodoros ~ good polar bear conservation ideas
	Thomas ~ doing some great home-learning about Vikings Sam ~ showing good sportsmanship in korfbal
	Toby ~ an excellent attitude during assessment week Maggie ~ a good understanding of percentages

Key Dates for Your Diary

blue = new

February 2020

26th – Ash Wednesday – activities in school
Assertive Mentoring 3:30-6pm

March 2020

5th – World Book Day
Special World Book Day lunch
9th – STEM Week
13th – Sport Relief – Details TBC
19th – Y6 Maths Challenge event – selected children
27th – KS1 Tri-Golf @ Horsford Primary School
31st – Rocksteady Easter Concert – All Welcome

April 2020

1st – Robins Cake Sale
Last Day of Term – Spring