

St Faiths' Primary School – Newsletter 13 – 12/7/2021

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Christian Value of this Half-Term:

friendship

Proverbs 27.9 ~

A sweet friendship refreshes the soul.

Nebula Cricket Festival

This fortnight, we have attended 2 different Nebula cricket days, hosted at Horsford Primary School. The event was run by the Community Sports Foundation and a great time was had by all. On Friday 2nd July, the Year 6 children attended the event. After a morning of skills drills with their own dedicated coach, the children then participated in a game of cricket against Old Catton. We also spent time playing against Hainford, but this game was cut short as we had to come back to school!

For the Year 3 event, the children worked extra hard to put their cricket skills into practise! They participated in a variety of practise activities in the morning, before playing against some of the other Nebula schools in the afternoon... All while missing the torrential downpour that arrived mid-afternoon!

I'd like to extend a bit thanks to Mr Wickham for going with both year groups and also a thank you to the children. Well done everyone!

Green Blue Peter Badges

Children in Oak Class worked hard some weeks ago to show how we can all be kinder to the planet and in the process, applied for a green Blue Peter badge. After a long wait, the badges arrived last week! Each child in Oak Class received their badge, which not only shows that they are conscientious learners and care about the planet, but also gets free entry to a number of top attractions around the country! Well done to everyone and a special thanks to Miss Bean for arranging everything.



Reports and Parent Consultation

Reports will be shared with families on Friday 16th July 2021. You will have the opportunity to discuss your child's report on Monday 19th July via Teams. This can be arranged once the report is received. The final consultation isn't compulsory and should be made if you would like to discuss anything specifically relating to your child's report. For those of you whose children will be with us in September, the year will begin with Assertive Mentoring as usual – information for which will be shared in due course.

End of the Year Celebrations

Due to the Year 6 bubble popping, we have had to make some minor changes to our end of year celebrations. As planned, on Tuesday 20th July, we'll be hosting a Year 6 leaver's party. This will involve a pizza from Domino's and some games together on the field. This will start during the afternoon and will finish with the children requiring collection at 5pm. We will also host a leavers' assembly in school on the final day of term to give the children the best send-off we can. As parents won't be able to attend this event, we will share pictures and videos via Seesaw.

Gifts for Staff

With Covid ever-present in the local area, we have had a couple of enquiries about end-of-year gifts. We are always grateful for your kindness and ask that any gifts are brought in from Monday 19th July onwards. This gives us enough time to ensure they can be quarantined as necessary.

Wear Purple for Nelson's Journey

On Monday 5th July, we held our non-uniform day to raise money for Nelson's Journey. I want to say a big 'thank you' to all the children who came wearing purple and especially to those who donated to this great cause. The picnic lunch went down well, and it was lovely to see all the children picnicking outside – in their bubbles of course. I am really looking forward to being able to do more events like this, all together, in the new school year.

Next Year

I will be sending out a newsletter on Monday 19th July with some information about the coming academic year. Please keep an eye on your emails as there will be information relating to uniform, homework, and Assertive Mentoring.

Norfolk Libraries Summer Reading Challenge

On the 10th July, this summer's reading challenge went live, and I hope to see lots of children getting involved! Visit any Norfolk library to register your children for the Summer Reading Challenge for children aged 5-11 and pick up their free packs. Every week there will be different activity sheet available throughout the summer holidays.

This year the theme of the challenge is World Wildlife Heroes and is running in partnership with the Reading Agency and the World Wildlife Fund. If your child loves nature, the environment, animals, bugs and slugs this challenge is the perfect opportunity to foster a love of reading.

Most importantly the Summer Reading Challenge is fun and engaging for children. It can support your child to keep up with their reading during the long summer holiday and nurture a life-long love of books with all the benefits that brings.

Remember – all children who complete the Summer Reading Challenge and bring in their certificate, will receive a special reading prize in school when they return in September!





And Finally...

It is with sadness that I have to share with you the news that Sarah has accepted a new job and will be leaving St Faiths' at the end of the academic year. Sarah has worked with us for 4 years and is well-loved by the children, staff and parents alike. She is the first point of contact for many and the children are always sharing stories and pictures with her.

I know you will join me in wishing Sarah every success in the future. She will be missed.

Attendance

School Target: 97%
So far this half term: 96.53%





				
Autumn Term	94%	90.87%	96.67%	95.13%
Spring Term	92.13%	91.95%	97.95%	96.81%
Summer Half-Term 1	94.25%	92.23%	96.95%	95.5%
Summer Half-Term 2	95.58%	95.64%	98.41%	97.36%

Please note: Attendance figures include authorised Covid-related isolation.

Well done to **Oak Class** for having the best attendance this fortnight!

Superstars

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

	Lottie ~ Being compassionate and helping a friend in need. Vaani ~ Working hard in morning lessons.
	Nathaniel ~ Showing a sensible and mature attitude in class. Theodoros ~ Always being polite and well-mannered.
	Iris ~ An amazing, positive attitude during assessment week. Own ~ Adding complexity and depth to some independent writing.
	Whole Class ~ Representing the school well and participating fully at the Nebula cricket event!

Key Dates for Your Diary

Blue = new

Month

Event

July

16th ~ Reports to Parents

19th ~ Feast on the Field – special picnic lunch

Parent Consultations re: School Reports

20th Year 6 Leavers' Party – 5pm collection from school

21st ~ Last Day of the Year!

September

3rd ~ New Reception Intake

Session A: 9am-10am

Session B: 10:30am-11:30am

Assertive Mentoring – Timings soon available via the School Office

6th ~ New academic year begins