

# St Faiths' Primary School – Newsletter 12 – 28/6/2021

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## Christian Value of this Half-Term:

# Friendship

*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.*



## Sports Week

We had a variety of sports-themed activities planned across all classes during Sports Week. In Elm Class, the children enjoyed a range of panathlon activities planned by Miss Newton. They were able to practise a range of PE skills in activities that were inclusive and engaging for all. In Chestnut class, a maths focus was to record and present data. Miss Woolley got creative and the children attempted a range of tasks in one minute and compared their results. For the children in Oak Class, sports week made its way into guided reading and through their maths work. They even undertook a sports-themed quiz. Finally, for our oldest children in Willow class, the sports theme ran through the entire curriculum including a Sports Day mystery in Grammar, an 'Olympic' challenge in Maths and even a reading comprehension activity all about Euro 2020(1)! The children were engaged all week and had lots of fun.

## Sports Day

As always seems to be the case when it's Sports Day, it rained! Because of this, our individual events had to be postponed but were rearranged for Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June. The afternoon of activities still went ahead. Oak and Willow class participated in an inter-house cricket competition which was a great success! Mrs Hudson arranged the afternoon, so all teams played a round robin of games. It was incredibly close but a big congratulations to **Waxham**, who won the competition! All other teams were equal on points so a big well done to everyone for participating and special thanks to Mrs Hudson for organising.

## Community Sports Foundation

Sports Week culminated in a visit from the CSF, based at The Nest. Paul and Isaac worked with the children looking at a range of different personal skills – including resilience and fair play. The children completed a range of physical activities in their class bubbles before sharing a special assembly, linked to Norwich City Football Club. The children were so well-behaved and both Isaac and Paul complimented each class on their teamwork and their excellent behaviour. Well done everyone!

## Water Bottles

With the warmer weather (hopefully) on its way, please could you ensure your child has a water bottle in school each day of the week. We have had some children coming to school with squash and flavoured water. Unfortunately, these drinks are **not permitted**, and children will be asked to replenish their bottles with fresh water if they come in. As a healthy school, we promote wellbeing throughout our curriculum, including the importance of water for a healthy mind and healthy lifestyle. In addition, when squash drinks are spilt, they create sticky messes, ruin work, and invite ants into the classroom. Thank you for your help with this.

## Road Safety

Some concerned members of the local community have been in touch regarding children's safety in the village. Please could I remind all families that the school gate doesn't open until 8:45 and your children are your responsibility up to this time. Lots of our older children are also playing at the Beck before and after school and aren't being safe near the water. If you'd like support with road safety, please see:

<https://www.think.gov.uk/education-resources/>

Could I also ask, as the weather is now looking brighter, that those families who are within walking distance of school, please walk to reduce the amount of car traffic outside of school at drop-off and pick-up. If you are unable to do so, please park safely.

## High School Transition

Our main feeder school, Hellesdon High School, will be holding their reduced transition day on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July. Unfortunately, in line with government guidance, we can't host our own transition in the traditional sense, but we have lots of plans in the pipeline. This includes class teachers sharing stories with their new year groups and a possible activity session in the final week of school. We also are going to be inviting our new intake into school after school to ensure we don't cross bubbles and settings.

## **Reports and Parent Consultation**

Reports will be shared with families on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021. You will have the opportunity to discuss your child's report on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July via Teams. This can be arranged once the report is received. The final consultation isn't compulsory. 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**

As the end of term fast approaches, I would like to share with you our plans for bidding farewell to our Year 6s. On Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July, we'll be hosting a Year 6 leaver's party. This will hopefully 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 also hope to host some kind of leaver's service on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July but, as with other guidelines, it is unlikely we will be able to invite parents to attend this year. When I have more news, a letter will be sent home with all necessary information.

## **Trim Trail Re-Opens**

It has been a really long wait, but I'm pleased to say the trim-trail has finally reopened for the children to use! Following the new flooring being installed (and the builders breaking our slide!) we have had the trim-trail audited and it is now safe for use. Each bubble has an allocated day of use, with a day in between to ensure it can be cleaned. It's really lovely seeing the children enjoy it once more.

## **Wear Purple for Nelson's Journey**

On Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July, we'll be holding a non-uniform day to raise money for Nelson's Journey. This great charity has done lots of work with pupils of St Faiths – both past and present – and so we'd like to show our appreciation with a small fundraising activity. We're inviting children to come into school wearing non-uniform with a **purple** theme, for a small donation. In addition, we have arranged a special packed lunch for the

children with Norse. The menu can be seen at the end of the newsletter. This special meal is free for FSM and UFSM but £2.30 for children in KS2. A percentage of profits from the meal will also be donated by Norse.

## **Sixth Merit Card Non-Uniform**

Children in school are working incredibly hard at the moment, with some of our children recently completing their sixth merit card! You might remember the reward for this is a non-uniform day where the children can come to school wearing anything they like! Parents of the children who are invited to wear non-uniform **this coming Friday** (2<sup>nd</sup> July) will receive a text from Sarah.

## **Norfolk Libraries Summer Reading Challenge**

Going live on the 10<sup>th</sup> July, this summer's reading challenge is one to be involved in! Visit your local library to register your children for the Summer Reading Challenge for children aged 5-11 and pick up their free packs. There is also a mini challenge for under 5s so younger siblings don't miss out. 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.

*When we return in the autumn, each child that takes part will receive a special school-based prize so there are lots of reasons to get involved and read this summer!*



## **Boots' Birthday Celebration**

Thank you for all of the wonderful and creative birthday cards Boots received on Friday. It was a really difficult decision, but a winner was chosen to receive a special Boots-themed gift! A big well done to Clara in Chestnut Class for her thoughtful card; Boots loved it. In fact – he loved them all!



# Summer Reading Challenge 2021

## WILD WORLD HEROES



Presented by The Reading Agency.  
Delivered in partnership with libraries.

# Coming Soon

to a library near you



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INSPIRE YOUNG  
READERS TO STAND UP  
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## Attendance

**School Target: 97%**  
**So far this half term: 94.65%**





				
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%	<b>96.95%</b>	95.5%
Summer Half-Term 2	94.34%	92.56%	<b>97.03%</b>	95.65%

*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:

	Harry ~ Great independent writing! Stanley ~ Always offering a helping hand.
	Phoenix-Rose ~ Excellent leadership skills and teamwork during Sports Week. Leo ~ Writing a thoughtful letter from Beowulf about his adventure so far.
	Florence ~ Working really hard on handwriting and presentation. Sam ~ Amazing sporting attitude and great batting in cricket!
	Honey B-B ~ An improved attitude and skill in cricket. Tilly ~ A good understanding of the hidden themes in a text.

## Key Dates for Your Diary

Blue = new

### Month

### Event

#### **July**

2<sup>nd</sup> ~ Y5/6 Nebula Cricket Day (selected children)

5<sup>th</sup> ~ Wear **Purple** for Nelson's Journey – non-uniform day and special lunch

7<sup>th</sup> ~ HHS Maths Roadshow (Y6 only)

8<sup>th</sup> ~ GOAL Afternoon (Y5/6) *More information to follow*

9<sup>th</sup> ~ Y3 Nebula Cricket Day (selected children)

16<sup>th</sup> ~ Reports to Parents

**Hellesdon High School Transition Day**

19<sup>th</sup> ~ Feast in the Field – special picnic lunch

**Sprowston Community Academy Transition Day**

Parent Consultations re: School Reports

20<sup>th</sup> **Year 6 Leavers' Party – 5pm collection from school**

21<sup>st</sup> ~ **Last Day of the Year!**