

# St Faiths' Primary School – Newsletter 8 – 19/4/2021

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## Christian Value of this Half-Term:

# HUMILITY

*Psalm 25:9 ~ He leads the humble in what is right and teaches the humble way.*

### Welcome Back

Welcome back to the Summer Term! I can't believe it's here already... What a year. I hope you all managed to recharge over the Easter holidays and enjoyed some quality outdoor time with friends and loved ones. We are hitting the ground running this term with lots of exciting plans ahead. I would also like to give a big St Faiths' welcome to two new children who have joined our school. It has only been a week but Charles and Evie have made friends and settled well!

### Assertive Mentoring

Thank you to everyone who has already booked an appointment with our teachers to discuss the year so far. Assertive mentoring appointments are still available tonight (Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021) and Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2021 so please contact Sarah if you'd like an appointment.

### Elm Class

As you know, Miss Cunningham has taken over as class teacher for our youngest children. I'm pleased to let you know that we will be keeping a firm hold of her for the next academic year. Those with children in Elm Class will have seen that Miss Cunningham has been a breath of fresh air in Elm Class and we look forward to seeing what else she brings!

### Friends of St Faiths'

As many of you will know, we have been very fortunate for a number of years to have such an active and present PTA, run by Sue Gurney, Louise Joslyn and Anna Saunders alongside other parents. Initially, I was writing with sadness that their legacy would not be continuing (now their children have left our school) but I'm pleased and very grateful to Rachel Scarff who has agreed to keep the account open. I know you will all join me in thanking the team for their tireless efforts, for the hours of work put in and all the tea, coffee and cake provided over the last ten years. *My sincerest thank you ladies (and gentlemen!) for everything you've done for our school.*

**If you would like to be involved in this fantastic opportunity to raise money to enhance our children's learning experiences, please get in touch with Rachel directly or contact Sarah in the office and we can arrange contact.**

### Summer Term Curriculum

Our curriculum overviews will be with you by the end of this week. We will be taking PE outside this term as much as possible so please ensure the children are dressed appropriately for this. Class PE days are as follows:  
*Elm Class – Tuesday and Thursday*  
*Chestnut Class – Monday and Tuesday*  
*Oak Class – Tuesday and Wednesday*  
*Willow Class – Monday and Thursday*



## **Outdoor Play**

Staying with Elm Class, I'd like to thank everyone who has supported Mrs Hopkins in her pursuit of an exciting and engaging outdoor learning area for Elm Class. Giving up her (and her family's!) time during the Easter holidays, the Hopkins family cleared lots of dead leaves and weeds to make an inviting outdoor space for the children to use. We are also in the process of building two 'bug' hotels which will provide lots of learning opportunities across the school in Science and other areas of the curriculum.

## **Bikes and Scooters**





I'm aware that as the weather starts getting brighter, more children would like to be able to bike and scooter to school. Unfortunately, while we are in class bubbles, this won't be possible. Each class has an allocated area of the playground and we don't have the space for four separate storage areas as well as enough room for each class to play outside safely. Once government guidance changes, our risk assessment will be amended accordingly. Thank you for your understanding at this time.

## **End of the Day**

Finally, could I ask parents of children in Elm and Chestnut class to promptly collect their children and wait off-site for any older siblings. The reason for this is so those children who are walking home independently don't have to walk through groups of parents when trying to leave. Off-site refers not to the space outside the office but on the public pavement. This doesn't need to be immediately outside school, it could be arranged with your children that you meet at an alternative spot, helping to build their independence while keeping everyone safe. Please could I also ask that you don't let the children run around the pear trees and through the flower beds. A lot of work has been put into this area and the flowers are struggling to grow due to the compacted ground. Thank you for your support with this.

## Attendance

**School Target: 97%**  
**So far this half term: 95.59%**





				
Autumn Half-Term 1	<b>97.46%</b>	96.46%	96.44%	95.3%
Autumn Half-Term 2	94.21%	91.96%	99.1%	<b>99.32%</b>
Spring Term	92.13%	91.95%	<b>97.95%</b>	96.81%
Summer Half-Term 1	96.31%	94.52%	<b>98.33%</b>	97.62%

**Please note: Attendance figures include authorised covid-related isolation.**

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

## Superstars

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

	Charles ~ well done for settling in so well as an Elm!
	Elsie ~ great work in Spanish and a great explanation of the male/female spelling pattern.
	Betsy A ~ working hard to understand column subtraction.
	Ethan ~ a mature and sensible discussion during PSHE.

## Key Dates for Your Diary

Blue = new

### Month

### Event

#### **May**

3<sup>rd</sup> ~ Early May Bank Holiday – SCHOOL CLOSED

20<sup>th</sup> ~ Tempest photography – individual and class groups (sorry, no mixed-bubble sibling photos)

28<sup>th</sup> ~ Last day of Half Term

#### **June**

5<sup>th</sup> ~ First day of Half Term