

St Faiths' Primary School – Newsletter 2 – 23/09/2019

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Christian Value of this Half-Term:

RESPONSIBILITY

Ephesians 2:10 ~ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Power of Reading

To kick-start the new school year, we have been involved in a Nebula Reading Week. Across the school, the children have completed a range of tasks and activities based on Tin Forest by Helen Ward and The Promise by Nicola Davies. Both texts fit in with our Christian value of Responsibility as they are about looking after the environment and being responsible for our actions.

In Ducklings the children shared the story of Tin Forest as a class. They worked hard on their listening skills and enjoyed a different type of picture book. After they shared the story, the children thought about the animals that they might find in a tin forest.

In Robins the children enjoyed exploring language to describe the differences between the animals in the Tin Forest and a real forest. They've created a lovely classroom display of their artwork, comparing the two landscapes.

Using The Promise, children in Barn Owls also wrote a range of descriptive sentences. Using the story and the book illustrations, the children thought about the message the book gave – that we should look after the environment.

Children in Kingfishers didn't participate in this Reading Week as our rehearsals for A Midsummer Night's Dream are well underway. We are excited to be heading to the Norwich Playhouse on Wednesday (25th) for our first on-stage rehearsal.

Nelson's Journey

We are taking a trip to Wales at the end of September to climb Mount Snowdon. We'll be above the clouds and maybe celebrating with a sausage roll but the main reason we're climbing is to raise money for Nelson's Journey. We do a lot of things with Nelson's Journey and they help us and other children to remember people we have lost. To raise money, we are going to have a '**Wear Purple**' non-uniform day on **Friday 27th September** and try to build a money mountain! We'll give more information soon. Thank you ~ Ellias, Charlie and Sam Matkin

House Captain

It seems there was a computer error in your last newsletter and some of the children's names didn't show up. I'm pleased to share again our House Captains and Vice-Captains for this academic year. The selected children have already shown great responsibility and kindness to others and are excellent role models:

Cromer

Captain – Emmeline S
Vice-Captain – Honey G

Sheringham

Captain – Eleanor H
Vice-Captain – Adam F

Waxham

Captain – Daniel
Vice-Captain – Casper

Wells

Captain – Nancy M
Vice-Captain – Ethan

A Message from Our SENCo

Hi to all parents, I hope that you and your children are setting into, or back into, school life. I just wanted to let those of you who didn't already know that I am the Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCo) for our three schools. I teach my own class, Years 2 and 3, at Frettenham for most of the week but my SENCo time is on Thursdays this year when I will be out my classroom.

I endeavour to visit Hainford and St Faiths alternately on Thursdays so will see the children and staff around at both schools. If you ever want to talk to me or meet with me, Thursdays are the day to do so and you can contact me through any of the school offices to arrange a chat about how your child is getting on or with any questions or concerns you might have.

If Thursdays are tricky for you, please do still get in touch because I am likely to be able to sort out another time or arrange to see you after school one day.

Thank you,
Mary Board

SeeSaw

If you haven't yet signed up to our online learning platform Seesaw, please do so at your earliest convenience. Seesaw is an excellent way for you to see different elements of your child's learning, as well as have regular updates and contact with your child's class teacher. You should have received your child's personal QR code by now. If you haven't, please email Sarah in the office for an email invitation.

Circle Time Meetings

This year, we are moving away from School Council and encouraging all our children to have their say on a variety of topics linked to our school. We held our first meeting last week and it was a great success. The children worked in their House Teams to talk about their first impressions of the new school year. They were very honest and have shared some thoughtful ideas about ways we can further improve our school. Watch this space for their ideas in future!

Flower Festival

Each class has been hard at work this week creating a piece of artwork to be displayed in Church for this year's St Faiths' Flower Festival. The theme is 'Fruits of His Spirit' and the children have been incredibly creative in their interpretations of His values. If you'd like to see your child's work, the Flower Festival will take place over the weekend of the 5th and 6th October from 10-4 each day. There will be a pop-up café in the Mission Room alongside a tombola and raffle!

Harvest Festival

On Monday 7th October the children will be participating in the annual Harvest Festival at the Church of St Mary and St Andrew in the village. The service will start at 2:30pm and we'll be walking from school at 2:00pm. If you'd like to accompany us for the walk, we'd greatly appreciate your support... We can even lend you a hi-vis jacket to wear!

Along with some of our favourite hymns, each class will present a piece on the theme of 'Harvest' and we also are asking for food donations for the **Norwich Food Bank**. The children can bring these to school and we'll take them with us to church. All children will also need to be collected at approximately 3:10pm from the Church.

Open Afternoon





This year we'll be holding our school open afternoon on Thursday 17th October 2019. This is an opportunity for prospective parents to visit our school and see all the wonderful things we do. If you have any children looking to start Reception in 2020 or you know anyone that might, please pass on our information or ask them to get in touch.

Reading Lists

As mentioned in the last newsletter, we are having a big push with reading this year. Your children should have their reading records and will be reading regularly in school. This can be further supported by you at home. Accompanying this newsletter are year group-specific reading lists to give you and your children some inspiration for a variety of age-appropriate texts. The library in Hellesdon is free to join and the Libby app gives you access to an infinite online library too!

Attendance





School Target: 98%
So far this half term: 97.5%

				
Autumn Half-Term 1	97.06%	96.25%	99.82%	97.22%

Many congratulations to **Barn Owls** 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:

	Oscar U ~ Excellent listening skills Charlie-Jae G ~ Changing independently for PE
	Peggy A ~ Working hard in Literacy George G ~ Wonderful descriptive writing
	Matthew F ~ Determination and stamina in PE Tommy R ~ Being a great role model and friend to others
	Maggie B ~ Sharing good ideas in Comprehension Angelina W ~ Well-written independent piece about Henry VIII

Key Dates for Your Diary

September

25th – SSF at Norwich Playhouse 1pm – 4pm – Kingfishers

27th – Wear Purple Day and Money Mountain in aid of **Nelson's Journey**

October

4th – KS1 Multi-skills at Horsford Primary School (selected children)

4th – KS2 Cross-Country at Gresham's School (selected children)

7th – Harvest Festival at the church 2:30pm *Collect from Church at 3:10pm*

14th – Flu Immunisation*

17th – Open Afternoon for Reception 2020 1:30pm – 3:00pm

18th – Break up for Half Term

28th – Return for Autumn Second Half Term

November

4th – Assertive Mentoring 3:30pm – 6:00pm

6th – SSF Performance at Norwich Playhouse – Kingfishers

7th – Assertive Mentoring 3:30pm – 5:30pm

December

10th – Height, weight and vision checks – Reception and Y6

17th – Rocksteady Music Concert – 9:00am

18th – Last Day of Autumn Term

* Height and weight checks have moved to December