

St Faiths' Primary School – Newsletter 2 – 28/09/2020

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Christian Value of this Half-Term:

Generosity

Hebrews 13:16 ~ And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

House Captains

In-keeping with our core Christian value of *Responsibility*, this week saw the children in Years 5 and 6 put themselves forward to be considered for the roles of Captain and Vice-Captain for each of our house teams. They worked hard on their speeches and presented these to the school on Friday. After a close vote, the following children were selected for each House:

Cromer Captain – Honey G
Vice-Captain – Wilfred W

Sheringham Captain – Camilla W
Vice-Captain – Archie H

Waxham Captain – Barney S
Vice-Captain – Sam M

Wells Captain – Tilly J
Vice-Captain – Brooke S

I'd also like to offer thanks to all children who volunteered to be captains and vice-captains. Although we couldn't select everyone, those that weren't successful this time were very gracious and supportive of their peers.

Home Packed Lunches

Please could I remind everyone that we are a Healthy School and packed lunches from home should reflect this. We ask that the children do not bring chocolate or fizzy drinks to school but instead have a broad and balanced lunch box. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive a fruit snack daily so for children in Years 3-6, if you'd like to provide your child with a fruit or vegetable snack for the morning, please do. If you are unsure what makes up a healthy lunch or snack, please get in touch with Sarah or your child's teacher.

Please can I also take this time to remind you we are a **nut free school**. This includes chocolate spread as the majority of these spreads use hazelnuts.

Update from Mary Board

In the last newsletter we introduced our SENCo, Mary Board. Mary is based at Frettenham but represents all of the Harnser schools. It was reported in the last newsletter that Mary's non-contact time would be on a Thursday morning, but this has since changed to a Friday. If you'd like to get in touch with Mary, please contact Sarah in the office and she can pass your message on to Mary.



Homework – Microsoft Teams

Because of current Covid restrictions, we are trying to keep homework as simple as possible. Following some feedback from parents, children in Years 2 – 6 will this week receive a Maths workbook and a comprehension book for homework. Inside is a letter explaining the use of Microsoft Teams for our remote learning. This is in line with other Nebula schools. I appreciate this is another change we are making but in the long run, it will benefit everyone. Homework will be set each week and will be set on a Friday, due in the following Wednesday.

This week, I'll be working with groups of children to show them how to use Microsoft Teams and they will all be bringing a login home, which you can find glued on the front of their homework book. There will also be an accompanying letter and some online videos to help.

Collective Worship

At present we are unable to hold our daily collective worship assemblies all together in the school hall. Because of this, we have restructured collective worship to be class-based and each day has a different theme:

Monday – Join with John – Our new Foundation Governor, John Hindley, has very kindly been providing an online assembly each week to coincide with our Christian values. The children are enjoying his humour while taking on board the message he gives. To see John's first online assembly, please [click here](#).

Tuesday – Newsday Tuesday – You can't escape Coronavirus on the news at the moment but through these Tuesday sessions, we are sharing a variety of other news stories from around the world.

Wednesday – Wellbeing Wednesday – Each week, we meet a new character to help equip us with skills and tools to promote positive physical and mental health. We've so far met Roger the Routine Rooster and Sienna the Serene Swan and have talks through tactics for a good night's sleep and what to do with our worries.

Thursday – Thoughtful Thursday – Using resources from The Philosophy Man, we share 'big questions' in class and hold a discussion about our thoughts and opinions. The adults in class challenge our thoughts to help us delve deeper into our beliefs while thinking about the beliefs of others. If you'd like to do something similar at home, why not consider this question from our learning this week: *Would it be good if people could fly?*

Friday – Celebration Assembly – My favourite collective worship of the week! Each class selects a child (or two!) for their great work during the week and I get to present their certificate virtually, using Microsoft Teams. It's also a nice chance for all the children to see each other as we can't mix between bubbles! Children who receive certificates will bring them home as the certificates have been kept in isolation before they are presented.

Parent Pay

You will have received your letter for our new online payment service, Parent Pay, last week. It's a great online platform that will allow payments to be made wirelessly, not only for school dinners but also for such a time that trips take place or monies are needed to pay for after-school clubs. Even if your child is in receipt of Universal Free School meals, we ask that you sign up to Parent Pay for these other possible financial exchanges. If you aren't sure how to do this, please contact Sarah in the office.

Book Return

If your child borrowed any books from school over lockdown (or before) that haven't yet been returned, please bring them back to school this week. We'll have a box in the corridor to put these in so they can be quarantined before we return them to the library for others to enjoy. Thank you.

Special Lunch – Thurs 1st Oct

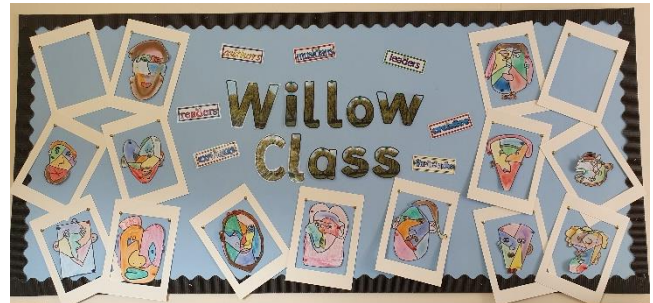
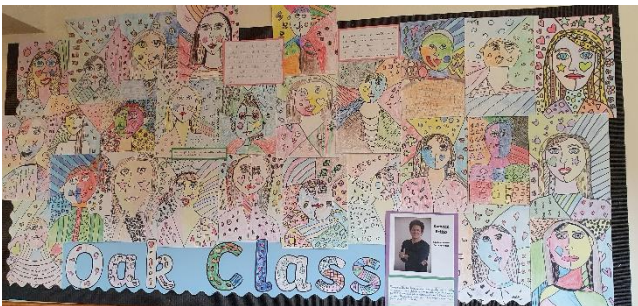
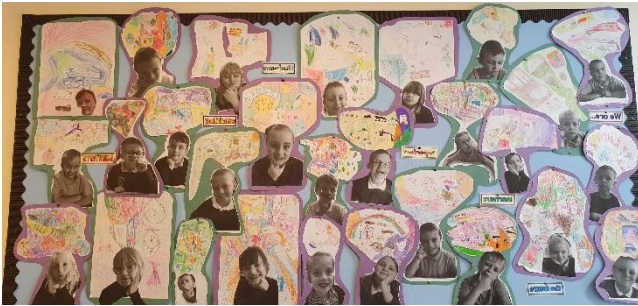
Norse are providing a special school lunch on Thursday next week. All children in receipt of Universal Free School Meals will be ordered this lunch as a way of showing some of the food available. If you still wish to send in a packed lunch from home, please do.

Parental Guidance (PG) Films

At various times during the school year, children will watch video excerpts or even full films to compliment their learning (or as a treat). On occasion, these films might have a PG certificate. An increasing number of films are rated PG for 'mild peril' or 'comic fight' scenes. Any films that are selected for use in the classroom are pre-watched by the teachers but if you would prefer for your child not to watch a PG certificate film, please let your class teacher know.





Flu Immunisations

With the cold weather fast approaching, we are recommending you sign up to the NHS flu immunisations that will be with us on Thursday 15th October. You will have received an email regarding registration. The deadline for this is Wednesday 30th September so if you haven't already, please register. If you don't register before this date, your child will be unable to have their vaccination.



Attendance





School Target: 97%
So far this half term: 95.3%

				
Autumn Half-Term 1	97.1%	94.92%	95.74%	91.4%

Many congratulations to **Elm 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:

	Kian ~ Creating a marble run independently. Toby ~ Predicting the ending of the Elmer story. Lottie ~ Being a kind friend to Betsy. Charlie-Jae ~ Showing a good understanding of time.
	Billy B ~ A lovely poem about dark and light. Peggy ~ A great attitude to learning and always trying hard.
	Thomas ~ Being very polite and stepping up to being in Year 4. Betsy A ~ Working extra hard on her writing.
	Amy ~ A lovely piece comparing Antarctica with the Arctic. Honey ~ Successfully completing an RE activity comparing Christianity with Cosmology.

Key Dates for Your Diary

Blue = new

Month

Event

October 2020

Thu 1 st	Street Food Packed Lunch – Free for all children in EYFS and KS1
Thu 15 th	Flu Immunisation – Whole School
Wed 21 st	Last Day of Autumn 1

November 2020

Mon 2 nd	First Day of Autumn 2
Weds 11 th	Virtual Teddy Bear Hospital – Elm (R/1)
Mon 23 rd	Tempest Photography in school – more information to follow

December 2020

Fri 18 th	Last Day of Autumn 2
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