

St Faiths' Primary School – Newsletter 1 – 11/09/2020

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Christian Value of this Half-Term:

Generosity

Corinthians 9:6-8 ~ Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.

Welcome Back from Miss Wilson

A very warm welcome, to students old and new, for the upcoming academic year. I don't think 2020 has panned out as anyone had planned but I'm confident that we'll make the end of the year engaging, ready to tackle 2021 head on! The main change for the coming year is the restructure of classes (and their relocation!):

<p><u>Elm Class</u></p> <p>Reception/Year 1</p> <p>Mrs Landles</p> <p>Old Robins Classroom</p> 	<p><u>Chestnut Class</u></p> <p>Year 2/Year 3</p> <p>Miss Woolley</p> <p>Old Barn Owls Classroom</p> 
<p><u>Oak Class</u></p> <p>Year 4/Year 5</p> <p>Miss Bean</p> <p>Old Kingfishers Classroom</p> 	<p><u>Willow Class</u></p> <p>Year 6</p> <p>Miss Wilson</p> <p>Old Ducklings Classroom</p> 



Thank You

A big thank you to all adults and children for embracing our new morning and after-school routines. Please can I kindly reiterate that the yellow zig-zag lines are a 'Keep Clear' zone and so cars should not be parking or dropping off children in this area. If you miss your time slot, you will not be able to come on site until all other children have left, at 9:00am. Please can I also ask that while waiting for your children at the end of the day, you keep car engines off, maintain social distancing and refrain from smoking. Thank you.

Hello to our New Friends

I'd like to extend a warm welcome to all our new Reception children and the new children we have throughout our school. They're fitting in well to life at St Faiths', making lots of friends already. In addition, I'd like to extend a warm welcome to Miss Jessica Newton, who will be completing her PE Apprenticeship with us this year. I know she'll feel welcome by our lovely children and fit in well.

Weather-Appropriate Clothing

As we aim to keep classrooms ventilated, it might be prudent to send your child with at least their jumper or cardigan every day. School fleeces are also available from our uniform stockists and could be worn in the classroom. As always, please ensure all clothing is clearly named.

Here We Are

Last year we started to use the Power of Reading programme to structure our English and Literacy lessons using good, quality texts. This year is no exception and the whole-school began the transition back into school with Here We Are by Oliver Jeffers. Through letter-writing, poetry and thinking of others, the children have produced some lovely pieces and each class has created a unique class display in the corridor. These can be seen on Seesaw and Tapestry.

SeeSaw and Tapestry

As with last year, all classes have signed up to use SeeSaw this year. As you will have seen from lockdown, it's an excellent tool that allows regular and easy communication, as well as interactive activities. Mrs Landles has spoken to Elm Class parents about using Tapestry to share your children's work; please ensure you sign up. We'll use it to upload photos and messages regularly, including homework and spellings which will need to be completed online. Those with children in Chestnut, Oak or Willow class will have had an email with their respective access codes from Sarah. If you haven't, please contact the office.

Reading

One skill that underpins all learning is the ability to read. We will be issuing children reading books that can be taken between home and school, accompanied by a Reading Record Journal to help keep track of the reading you do at home. Please rest-assured any books sent home will be quarantined for at least 72 hours after use and Reading Record Journals will be checked once a week. We ask that they are brought into school every day to ensure regular home/school communication.

Please ensure you read with your children regularly or – if they read independently – hold discussions about what they are reading. No child is 'too old' to be read to either! Children will receive merits for their reading at home. We recommend at least:

Elm Class – 10 minutes shared reading daily

Chestnut Class – 15 minutes shared reading daily

Oak and Willow Class – 20 minutes reading daily

Reading doesn't have to be a traditional novel or a school reading book. It could be game instructions, articles, magazines, comics or even the TV guide!

Please ensure you upload a photo to Tapestry/Seesaw of your weekly reading record to show your class teacher how much reading you're doing at home. This could be on a Friday/Monday for the previous week.

ParentPay

Yesterday you received a letter about our new cashless payment system – ParentPay. By using this online system, we'll be able to manage all school payments through one platform. Please try logging in and playing around with the system. If you need any support, contact Sarah in the office.

Homework

On Monday children will bring home their reading records and a reading book. Along with these, you'll find your child's login information for TTRockstars, Numbots and Seesaw. In Chestnut, Oak and Willow classes, homework and spellings will be set on a **Friday**. A letter with more information will go home on Monday with the reading records.

A Message from Mary

For those of you who don't know me, I am the Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCo) across the three Harnser schools (Frettenham, Hainford and St Faiths). I also teach Year 2/3 at Frettenham. I like to visit each school regularly to see parents and children and to support teachers but, obviously, at the moment visits will be limited.

I have time out of my classroom on Thursday mornings, so this is the best time to get hold of me. I am also available after school. If you would like to talk to me about your child, if you have any concerns or would like some advice please ring or email the office at any of the schools to arrange a time when we can talk.





Thank you,
Mary Board

Food Parcels

We have been working alongside the Soul Church to ensure everyone has access to necessary food during, and after, lockdown. I know lots of families have been incredibly grateful for this additional support; in fact, over 100 Nebula families have been supported over the last 20 weeks! I'd like to extend an additional and special thanks to Jenni, our Executive Deputy, and Natalie, our Pastoral Care manager, who have both tirelessly managed the delivery of food parcels across our 6 Nebula schools, along with a team of staff volunteers, all through the summer. Thank you!

Attendance





School Target: 97%
So far this half term: 97.4%

				
Autumn Half-Term 1	100%	94.4%	99.8%	94.9%

Many congratulations to **Elm 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:

	Minnie W ~ A great start back, being an excellent role model and doing some lovely writing.
	Fletcher ~ Coming back with a great attitude to learning and settling in well to Year 3.
	Iris ~ Being a great role model and friend to our new classmate.
	Ethan ~ Some creative writing and a <i>très bon</i> accent in French!

Key Dates for Your Diary

October 2020

Thu 15th Flu Immunisation – Whole School
Wed 21st Last Day of Autumn 1

November 2020

Mon 2nd First Day of Autumn 2
Weds 11th Virtual Teddy Bear Hospital – Elm (R/1)

December 2020

Fri 18th Last Day of Autumn 2

January 2021

Mon 4th First Day of Spring 1

February 2021

Fri 12th Last Day of Spring 1
Mon 22nd First Day of Spring 2

Fri 26th

March 2021

Last Day of Spring 2

April 2021

Mon 12th

First Day of Summer 1

May 2021

Fri 28th

Last Day of Summer 1

June 2021

Mon 7th

First Day of Summer 2

July 2021

Wed 21st

Last Day of the Year