



09.09.2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had such a brilliant week back with the children. There has been such a positive atmosphere in the school!

It has been such a pleasure to see the children busy at work and enjoying their lessons with their new teachers and teaching assistants. We have been working really hard with the children on creating an environment that is conducive to a high-quality learning experience. We have launched five new Learning Superpowers with the school that fit in really well with the school's values and church ethos. Our new School Council has been actively involved in developing these this week. I have been impressed by their thoughtful comments and the enthusiasm that they have shown for creating the new learning code in school. All of the Wow Certificates will now be based on children demonstrating these qualities. We have also a new Kindness Cup for children who are seen caring for others around school.



**Kindness**  
**Originality and Creativity**  
**Respect and Cooperation**  
**Focus and Hard Work**  
**Perseverance and Resilience**



**School Council and Worship Committee**

Congratulations to our new school representatives who were fairly elected by their peers to help in the new pupil voice groups. The Worship Committee will support collective worship in school and members of the School Council will have the opportunity to discuss school projects and ideas. They will all receive badges next week!

Worship Committee



School Council



We are excited to be planning for some themed days this half term. These include:

**Roald Dahl Day**  
**European Day of Languages**  
**National Poetry Day**  
**Mental Health Day**

**Tuesday 13th September**  
**Monday 26th September**  
**Friday 7th October**  
**Mon 10th October**

**WE WELCOME OUR PARENTS**

**Books and Biscuits for Parents A Relaunch**

Teachers will be shortly inviting you in to share their work and have some time in class with your children.

## **Parent Volunteers**

If you would like to volunteer to hear readers in school and are willing to have a DBS check, please contact me.

Also, I am looking for volunteers to help clear overgrown shrubs in the outdoor space in the centre of the school. Where the Little Angels Pre-School used to be. Please contact me if you are interested.



## **Macmillan Coffee Morning Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 10am – 11am.**

We invite you to join us here in school for this charitable event. Please donate cakes the day before and bring them into the school office. It will also be an opportunity for me to meet some of you in person and tell you about some of the plans we have for the school.

### **Contact Details**

Please remember to notify us via the office if you have any updates regarding contact details and addresses.

### **Cost of Living**

We are aware that the future is looking uncertain for many financially and so if you are feeling the pressure as a result please come and see us and we will do our best to support you.

### **Governor Vacancies**

We are looking to recruit Parent Governors to join the Governing Body. The role of a Parent Governor is important in the life and development of the school. You would join an experienced Governing Body and support the strategic direction of the school. It is challenging but rewarding to know that you have really contributed to the education of the students and the school as a whole. Your commitment would be to attend two meetings each term, plus any training sessions. There is no payment for the role of Governor, but there is an immense satisfaction to be gained by contributing to the education of young people in our community. We very much appreciate the time given by Governors who take their role seriously.

Applications are therefore invited from any parent or guardian who has children on roll at the school. Please come and see us to find out more.

### **Attendance**

We are concerned by the increase in term time holidays this academic year. After a significant time of disruption from the Covid-19 outbreak, we are keen to maximise the time children are with us in school to aid their ability to catch-up. Now most families have had all postponed holidays due to COVID, we ask that all future trips are booked in the holidays rather than term time. The last thing we want to do is to add to costs at this time by introducing fines for term time holidays, however there is an expectation that we will take all necessary measures advised by the DfE to improve attendance.

### **Heritage Trail**

The Halstead Heritage Trail takes place this coming weekend and for the first time Holy Trinity Church is included. They have made a British Wildlife Trail in the churchyard for children to take part in. This consists of clay tablets, each with an animal's paw or footprint on. The idea is for each child to take a rubbing of each one and match it to an answer paper showing which creature matches the rubbing. The answer sheets will be in the church itself. They are asking for a voluntary donation of 50p per child. All proceeds go to the church fund. The church will be open from 9am through to around 4pm each day.

## School Access

From Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September you will be able to access the gate via Chapel Hill.

## Clubs

Multicoach will be offering sports clubs (details to follow). Monday will be multisports and Wednesday will be dance.

Teachers will also be offering clubs and extra tuition during the year. A separate letter will follow outlining these for you in the next few days. As a minimum, we will be offering Lego Club, French Club and Netball club.

## Lost Property

During next week we will be leaving lost property out on the table for you to see if you can find any lost items.

## Key Dates for your Diary

Parent Consultation meetings	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 3.30-6pm or Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 3.30-6pm
Open Day for new starters	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> November 9.30 am or 1.30pm
Open Day for new starters	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> November 9.30 am or 1.30pm
Nativity performance for EY, Y1 And Y2	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2pm or 6pm
Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children)	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December

A floral tribute will be placed outside Buckingham Palace on behalf of the school this weekend in memory of Her Majesty.



### A prayer by Year 6 Worship Committee

Dear God,  
We thank you for blessing us  
with such a wonderful Queen who showed  
us love, care and compassion for so many  
years. We will always remember her for  
being our guiding light in times of need,  
darkness and despair. We will greatly miss  
you, our gracious Queen.

Have a wonderful weekend.  
Mrs Rowe