

Send Church of England Primary School

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM

DATE: 8TH FEBRUARY 2024

A NOTE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Families,

This has been a shorter, but just as busy week in school! A team of our Reception children went to Guildford Spectrum for some sportshall activity sessions with teams of children enjoying activities run by our wonderful Y6 children. Well done to all of you for trying so hard. Our Y5 and Y6 children had the opportunity to take part in their own Sportshall sessions, with a good result in the team ranking overall.

This week we bid a fond farewell to Mrs Sarah Vallins who has been with us in Year 4 as a Learning Support Assistant. Mrs Vallins is a key part of our learning group set up in Y4 and we have really appreciated her calm, clear approach to working with the children. Her relationships with children helped them to feel loved, supported and secure. We will miss her and wish her all the best for the future.

We have exciting news to share about Maths at Send for after half term - please see below for more information!

When we come back to school, we will be in the season of Lent which begins on Ash Wednesday. Lent is a time when Christians traditionally set time aside to study the Bible and reflect on Jesus' life as they prepare for the celebrations of Holy Week and Easter. The Church of England's Lent theme for 2024 is Watch and Pray: Wisdom and hope for Lent and life. On the night he was betrayed, Jesus kneels in darkness in the Garden of Gethsemane and pleads with his disciples, "Stay here with me... Watch and pray". Have a great weekend. This Lent we are encouraged to wait expectantly for God to meet us and sustain us through the storms and trials we all face. We will share some resources for children to share at home when we return after the break.



Thank you for your support this half term. I wish you all a very happy half term break.
Best wishes,

Mrs Marianne McDonnell

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES:

Friday 9th February - INSET Day school will be closed for children.

Monday 12th - Friday 16th February - HALF TERM HOLIDAYS

Monday 19th February - return to school

Monday 26th February - Virtual Space Workshop for Y5

Monday 4th March - Parent's Consultation Meetings 4-7pm *NEW*

Thursday 7th March - Parent's Consultation Meetings 4-7pm *NEW*

Friday 8th March - World Book Day celebrations in school

THIS WEEK'S AWARDS:

Star of the Week:

(Awarded for effort and work in class)
N Acorn - Eliana
Y1 Elder - Joey & Leonard
Y1 Willow - Harry & Esme
Y2 Birch - Georgi & Wai Yee
Y2 Cherry - Taya and Zayan
Y3 Elm - Lilly and Bethany
Y3 Fir - Nathan & Rafferty
Y4 Maple - Megan and Bertie
Y4 Cedar - William & Jess
Y5 Pine - Billy & Grace
Y5 Beech - Teddy & Alex
Y6 Oak - Valentina & Azaan
Y6 Sycamore - Andrew & Lily

Values Champion:

(Given to children for demonstrating our school values)
Y1 Elder - Ayla
Y1 Willow - Emilie
Y2 Birch - Dela
Y2 Cherry - Erin
Y3 Elm - Theo
Y3 Fir - Caleb
Y4 Maple - Rupert
Y4 Cedar - Jess W
Y5 Pine - Emily
Y5 Beech - Nadiia
Y6 Oak - Madi
Y6 Sycamore - Evie

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NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

SEND'S GOT TALENT

Congratulations to **Mrs Bishop, Mrs Andrews, Mrs Purdy-Finn, Mrs Gibson** and **Mrs Straub** who successfully completed their 2 day Paediatric First Aid qualification this week.



If your child has an achievement from outside school that they would like to share with us, please do let us know.

Marvellous Maths

Following a review of our Maths provision and how we can best support children to develop the key skills that they need we are excited to be introducing Numbots and Times Tables Rock Stars into school after half term.

We will be sending parent information and log on details home but for now, please do have a look at these introductory videos.



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