



20th September 2019

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I would like to welcome you all back and hope you all had an enjoyable and relaxing break. I am pleased that the children are settling well into the new school year and their new class quickly and smoothly. Thank you for sending them all back to school looking so smart. Many children seem to have grown a lot during the holidays! Welcome also to families new to our school!

Staffing – I would like to welcome all our new members of staff to our school and hope too that you are also settling in quickly. Miss Marshall has joined the Year 5 team, teaching Rowan Class. Miss Pullen is in Lime Class, Year 3 as the class teacher. We also welcome Mrs Holden, Ms Tan, Mrs Wynne, Mrs Henderson and Miss Stoner to our LSA team.

School Values – Our Christian Value this half term is Hope and in Worship, we have been thinking about Bible stories and stories from other faiths which demonstrate this value. We have also been thinking about our four school values – Perseverance, Aspiration, Respect and Teamwork.

Walk to school – We are encouraging children to walk to school as much as possible. With this in mind, Strider the mascot is visiting school next week, to explain the importance of walking to school. Children making an effort to walk will be able to collect badges. The “Rose and Crown” kindly allow parents to park at the beginning and end of the day, so the last part of the journey can be walked. This helps with less congestion around Glebe Road and London Road.

Grounds Days – Grounds Days are on **28th & 29th September**. All families are invited to join in with our wonderful team, who help us in maintaining the school grounds; this can include mending benches, cutting back foliage etc. Everyone is welcome and it really helps school out. Children also enjoy exploring our grounds and helping out.

PTA – Our PTA did a marvellous job last year raising an incredible amount of money for the benefit of our children. All Year groups experienced curriculum enrichment opportunities last year including a Forest School experience, Technic lego and programming models, “Opera Brava”, a theatre trip, a historic trip. In addition, the PTA also bought many items to support learning. The first meeting of the year is at **7.45pm at the Wheatsheaf on Thursday 26th September**. New parents are very welcome to this meeting; it’s a great way to meet other parents across the school.

Harvest Festival – We will be holding our Harvest Festival at **Holy Trinity Church on Thursday 3rd October – 9.30 for KS1 & 10.30 for KS2**. We welcome parents joining us at these services. Donations this year will be in aid of Family Support and we ask that children bring in their donated in date tins or packets from Monday 30th September please.

Prospective Parents September 2020 – We will be offering parents of Reception children due to start in September 2020 the opportunity to look around school. The dates tours will run are **Monday 14th, Tuesday 15th, Wednesday 16th, Thursday 17th, Friday 18th, Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd October**. Please ring the school office if you would like to see school and to arrange a time.

Breakfast Club – Rising Stars are now running a Breakfast Club every morning from 7.30am – 8.45am in the hall. Children may have breakfast and then join in the activity provided eg inflatables, dodgeball etc





Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed their trip to London to go on the London Eye and visit the Tate Modern Gallery. These two experiences are supporting their art & DT learning and their core text this term, which is the London Eye Mystery.

Three very busy weeks in our school!



Damson writing about "Bog Baby"



Elder practising addition



Chestnut searching for earwigs under logs!



Lime sharing ideas about characters



Year 4 children dribbling footballs!



Rowan practising fast recall of tables



Picasso cubism drawing by Silver Birch



Damson exploring the grounds



Maple researching oceans and continents



Year 4 exploring to find clues relating to their book "Oliver & the Seawigs"



Willow using problem solving skills in maths



Year 1 phonics isn't easy!



Silver Birch keeping a rhythm in music



Lime writing their first drafts



Hawthorn writing character descriptions

Reception children settling in, getting to know each other, playing and working hard!



Sharing and turn taking games



Role play using our imagination



Friends squeezing together so they all fit on the bench



Construction and working together



Enjoying exploring new toys



Learning to play with new and old friends



Sticks just like in our book



Sharing ideas in the sand



Colouring for good hand eye coordination

Achievement Leaves on the Tree:

6:09:19

Chestnut – Tom, Damson –Danny, Elder –Cooper, Hawthorn –Dayna & George, Juniper – Arthur, Lime –Annie, Maple –Georgie, Oak –Ethan, Pine –Polly, Rowan – Heather, Silver Birch –Maile, Willow – Ivor



13:09:19

Chestnut – Sienna, Elder – Joel, Hawthorn – Kali, Lime – Aaron, Juniper – Elizabeth, Maple – Lucas, Oak – Fiona, Pine – Felix, Silver Birch – Harry F, Willow – Kieran



20:09:19

Chestnut –Bertie, Damson- Alex & Arthur, Elder – Sam, Hawthorn – Lily , Lime – Luke, Juniper – Charlie, Maple – Immie, Oak –Holly, Pine – Lola, Rowan -Ava , Silver Birch –Nicola, Willow – Liam



Congratulations to:

Maple – Reuben for writing match reports for a local football club

Oak – Fiona for winning a special quilting award and having her work on display in London

Elder – Joel for taking part in a football event

Elder – Annabelle & Thalia for taking part in the Library Summer Reading Challenge

Pine - Esme for achieving Grade 1 piano award with Distinction

Rowan – Ella for playing a “ French tune” on the piano in Worship

Juniper – Amine for taking part in a football training event

Year 6 Ambassadors for 2019 – 2020 are:

Perseverance - Lead – Alex, Deputies – Molly K & Ethan

Aspiration – Lead – Annabel, Deputies – Toby & Ty

Respect – Lead – Maile, Deputies – Ollie & Dan

Teamwork – Lead – Sam, Deputies – Fin & Fenella



INSET DAYS – Friday 22nd November, Monday 24th February, Friday 5th June, Friday 10th July

Monday 23rd September – Walk to School Worship

Friday 27th September – Year 4 Cake Sale

Thursday 4th October – Harvest Service at Holy Trinity Church 9.30am Years 1 & 2 10.30am Key Stage 2

Friday 4th October – Year 3 Cake Sale

Friday 4th October – Year 6 Residential

Friday 11th October – Year 2 Cake Sale

Friday 18th October – Year 1 Cake Sale

Thursday 24th October – Key Stage 2 Eucharist at 10.00am at Holy Trinity Church

Friday 25th October – Reception Cake Sale

Saturday 2nd November – Cuckfield Bonfire

Tuesday 5th November – Open Afternoon to look at your children's books with your child

Wednesday 6th, Friday 8th November - IEP Reviews

Monday 11th & Wednesday 13th November Parent Consultation Evenings

Wednesday 20th, Thursday 21st November – IEP Reviews

Saturday 30th November – Christmas Fair

Thursday 5th December – Carols Round the Tree

Friday 13th & Monday 16th Christmas Gift Making with the PTA

Wednesday 18th December – Party Day

Friday 20th December – Christingle Services – 9.30am – Reception & KS1, 10.30 – KS2

Friday 20th December – Christmas Lunch

There will be further dates to be added, we are just awaiting confirmation of these dates.