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Back to School



On September 2nd, it was a delight walking around school and seeing all the children working and smiling. We had 98% of the children here and since then those missing 3 children have been able to return too. As well as this, we have now created a drop off and collection system that works. Thank you for being so supportive of the adaptations we have made!

As always happens in September, there are colds and bugs floating around school. The difference now is having to identify the illness. Today, I have sent out a Parentmail message and put a document on the COVID-19 tab of the website. This document is to support you to decide if your child can come into school or not. If there are no COVID-19 symptoms and previously you would have sent your child to school you still can.

On the news, I'm sure you will have seen a number of schools having to partly or fully close due to positive COVID-19 test results. As a school, we are prepared for this to happen and have published the process that we will go through on the website. As parents, please be prepared for class closures at short notice. We fully appreciate how disruptive this will be. We will be setting home school work from the day following self-isolation for both whole bubbles and individuals.

Macmillan Coffee Morning



Last year, we had an amazingly successful coffee morning and raised £408.28! Obviously, it won't be possible this year which is very sad. Within the village Terri Freeman, a parent, is selling raffle tickets for Macmillan with some superb prizes – Amazon have donated prizes, Bingham auto car have donated £200 of car servicing and an air con clean, a £50 voucher for Bingham nails to name but a few. The tickets are 50p each. Within school, we are going to have a colouring competition. Children will bring home a colouring sheet and if they wish to enter the competition they need to return it with £1 by Friday 25th September. There will be a prize for each class. If your child would rather draw a cake themed picture for the competition, they may. Every child who enters will receive 15 house points.

Could your child be entitled to Free school meals, trips and additional school funding? Find out at

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>



Useful Dates

Friday 25th September
Macmillan Colouring
Competition Closing date

Please return your entries by
today with £1

Friday 16th October
INSET day No children

A framework for Reading
Comprehension

Monday 19th October –
Friday 30th October
Half Term Holiday 2
weeks



At the end of the summer term, Mrs Bailey made the decision to retire. She will be greatly missed. For many years, Charlott was my partner in Oak class and she made every working day a pleasure. I feel truly privileged to have worked alongside Charlott for so many years. Also retiring at half term is Mrs Edis. She has worked at a midday supervisor for many years and has been a superb PAL!



When your child has their 5th birthday, they are no longer provided with free milk. If you would still like your child to have milk please register and pay at
www.coolmilk.com

Mystery Scaffolding

You will probably have noticed that we have scaffolding up around the building and some large containers in the car park.



On Tuesday 8th September, our boiler works began - they will last for about 7 weeks. The large container is a welfare suite for the workers so that they do not need to enter the main school building. All the work areas are fenced off to ensure safety for the children, school staff and playgroup staff. Until the work is completed, we will not have any heating but we do have hot water via an immersion heater. If the weather turns colder, please make sure you send your child with a jumper or cardigan. We couldn't begin this work during the holidays because the team were already commissioned elsewhere.



This message is for any of you who missed my 'Birthday Parentmail'.

With the new 'rule of 6' guidelines in place, we are aware that children will not be able to celebrate their birthdays with parties for large numbers of children from their class as they normally might.

Therefore we would like to have a mini celebration in school for each child on their birthday so they can celebrate with their friends.

From now onwards when it is your child's birthday they can come to school in their own clothes for the day. (If this is a PE day please make sure that the clothes are suitable for PE) If their birthday falls in the holidays or at a weekend then they can do this on the nearest school day.

We will also play a short party game for the child and sing them happy birthday too!

Thank you, Mrs Magirr, for this lovely idea. 😊

**Farewell
and
Good Luck**

Congratulations to Mrs Squire, who has a new job at St. Edmund Campion Primary School starting after half term. It will be a truly sad day when Vicky leaves, she has been an amazing asset to our school. She is totally unflappable in any situation and on a personal level has always been an amazing support to me through all the years we worked in class together and beyond. Good luck, they are very lucky to have you!

Welcome

This year, we welcome Miss Thomas to year 6. Miss Thomas is an experienced teacher who has a proven track record on year 6.



Miss Thomas

After the departure of Mr. Tinsley, we have three new sports coaches. On a Tuesday afternoon, Mr. Kirk works in Year 3 and 6 to cover staff planning time. Also on a Tuesday afternoon, Mr. Connolly works alongside Oak, Beech and Chestnut teachers to develop their PE teaching skills.



Mr. Steggles

Mr. Steggles works in Oak, Beech, Sycamore and Cedar classes throughout Thursday. More PE coaches photos will follow.

**Congratulations
on your
Engagement**

Congratulations to Miss Caldwell, who announced her engagement just before the holidays. Look out for her very sparkly ring when you come to collect your Oak class children!