



# Newsletter

## Autumn Term

### Date: 10.09.2021

An Exceptional  
Place to Flourish

Though your beginning was small,  
your future will flourish indeed.  
Job 8:7

#### Headteacher's message / notes

Pupils are settling in well. For some it is great to be back with friends. To be honest, the start to the new academic year has been so hectic and we are all experiencing new changes. New classes... new staff... new presentation expectations... new exercise books... EVERYTHING seems to be new! It is a new beginning after all. Change can be daunting, but it depends on our attitude as to how we cope and deal with it, to make it a positive experience. Certain changes in school are needed, as we want to see our pupils flourish this year in catching up and having the best learning experience we can offer. It is undoubtedly going to mean that pupils will be challenged with the formal lessons in order to achieve and meet National Age Appropriate expectations and targets. This will not be easy and will require a lot of perseverance and diligence. Please talk to your child about their learning in school and encourage them to do the best they can. We will be using termly standardised assessment tests from NFER this year as part of benchmarking of standards and to inform planning. Daily reading and practicing of multiplication tables are vital to secure good outcomes.

Miss Marie Hazelton (SENCO) has started to contact some parents/carers to have discussions about addition provision for their SEND child/ren. Please liaise with her and Mrs Bernadette Eyo (HLTA/SENCO Assistant) about any SEND related queries. Interventions will be starting soon and Individual Educational Plans (IEPs) will be drawn up in the next few weeks.

Our new Caretaker/Site supervisor, Mr Joe Bianchi, has made a great start by clearing the overgrowth in the alleyway outside the school.

Our school attendance  
target is:

**96%**

Attendance this week:

|              |        |
|--------------|--------|
| Reception    | 99.09% |
| Year 1       | 97.33% |
| Year 2       | 85.71% |
| Year 3       | 98.13% |
| Year 4       | 100%   |
| Year 5       | 98.89% |
| Year 6       | 98.15% |
| Whole school | 97.37% |

Winning year groups:

|                          |           |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| Gold – 1 <sup>st</sup>   | Year 4    |
| Silver – 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Reception |
| Bronze – 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Year 5    |

#### Achievers of the week:

|           |        | Reader of the week | Writer of the week | Mathematician of the week | Scientist of the week | Star of the week |
|-----------|--------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| Reception |        | -                  | -                  | -                         | -                     | -                |
| Year 1    | Year 2 | Henry R            | Charlie            | Ralph K                   | Harrison              | Sienna           |
| Year 3    | Year 4 | Gabriella          | Sienna             | Teddy                     | Talia                 | Freddie R        |
| Year 5    | Year 6 | Tommy V            | Finlay             | Sebastian                 | Woody                 | Lara             |



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## Value this half-term



## Big questions of the week:

|           |        |   |
|-----------|--------|---|
| Reception | Year 1 | Is television better than books?  |
| Year 2    |        | What would you change to make the school better?  |
| Year 3    |        | Should pupils wear uniform to school?   |
| Year 4    |        | Is it better to have a brother, a sister or be an only child?                             |
| Year 5    |        | Which is the odd one out – barber, butcher, teacher and a nurse?                          |
| Year 6    |        | If you went to a desert island and can only take 10 things with you. What would you take? |

## Bible Verse of the Week



### Headteacher's message / notes continues...

Each class will have a separate Curriculum newsletter sent this week. This will be available on the school website.

Next Wednesday is International Day of Democracy. Democracy is one of the 5 British Values and we will be starting the election process of our Class Representatives and Prefects.

A kind reminder that pupils need to be wearing the appropriate PE kit to showcase our school's pride in uniform. We appreciate that the supplier is struggling to provide all of the appropriate school uniform. This will be monitored. Pupils wearing studs in their ears, need to have these remove prior the lesson as they are a health and safety hazard.

A kind request to refer queries to the class teacher in the first instance before asking the Office staff to speak to the Headteacher.



## Information and Reminders

Weekly Celebration assemblies will commence on Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> September. We will be inviting parents/carers to these. Years 3 and 4 will have a show and tell as part of assembly next Friday at 14:45. Parents of these pupils are invited to join assembly.

Dr Lawson will be scheduling weekly to meet parents informally just for a quick introduction: Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> September with year 6 parents/carers. This will be at 15:00-15:15 in the school hall.

In offering an opportunity to meet and greet the new staff, we are inviting parents to meet staff next Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> September, after school from 15:15-15:45. This will be an opportunity to see your child's classroom, some exercise books for presentation and to go over this term's Curriculum coverage. Staff will also explain the use of Thinking Maps such as Circle Maps.

Clubs will commence in the next few weeks. We will keep you updated. SCS will be offering Football club on Tuesdays (years 1, 2 and 3) and on Wednesdays (years 4, 5 and 6). They will be distributing flyers as they will manage the administration and fees of these provisions.

Year 6 pupils, who will be attending the residential to Bawdsey Manor (22-24 September), are kindly reminded to return their completed forms to school.

If your child suffers from asthma, please contact the office so that we can complete an Asthma Plan.

We will be arranging A McMillan Cancer Awareness event for 16<sup>th</sup> October. More information to follow.



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