



# Newsletter

25<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Welcome back to the second half of the Spring term! We have another busy half term ahead of us, which ends with the official opening of the school on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March, please keep an eye out for an invitation to this event. We are delighted that we will be joined by Bishop Dagmar Winter, who will perform the official opening.

Over the coming few months, we are looking to establish a new Local Governing Body for the school. Attached is an information sheet about what the role entails, if you are interested in supporting the school to enact its vision and ethos, and can be a critical friend, please do let us know.

Learning has started in earnest this week, you will by now have received an information leaflet from your child's class teacher, detailing all the learning that will be happening across the coming half term. I have already seen the children in Attenborough embarking on learning about plants and growing in EYFS, and Kings, Queens and leaders in Year One and Two. In Seacole class, learning continues about the Anglo-Saxons and in Geography moves to the South West of the UK. Einstein class are focusing on the Victorian era and further afield to Australia in Geography and China in Art. Over the half term we will share via twitter and our new Facebook page more about the learning. Year 6 need an extra mention, they are attending extra learning sessions every day before school, and after school in preparation for Statutory Assessments in May, and to ensure that any gaps in learning due to the Covid pandemic are filled, and they are equipped with all the knowledge they will need. Well done Year 6 and thank you to the parents for supporting them with this. Through Collective Worship this week, we have revisited our behaviour policy with the children, particularly focusing on those behaviours needed to be a good learner; including being prepared for lessons, being attentive to those who are talking, sitting appropriately and getting straight in to the tasks given.

On Thursday next week it is World Book Day, the children are able to come to school dressed as a character from a book, there will be a number of different activities across the day for them to participate in. One of these will be the launch of One Hundred Reads, this is an initiative that we are starting to encourage children to read outside of school, not just to support them in learning to read but encouraging reading for pleasure. Each time your child reads at home please ensure you record it in their reading record. The children can then share this with the adults in their class to receive a stamp on their card. Once a child has completed 100 reads they will be able to choose a book from my special collection to keep for themselves. Please do support your children in this, reading opens up so much new knowledge for children, and for those embarking on their reading journey the more they read the easier it will become.

Our Christian value for this half term is Justice. The staff and I will be exploring with the children through Collective Worship, what Justice means; how this is more than just making things 'fair'. They will consider what this looks like in many different ways, relating to both the times when Jesus was alive, and today. We will be looking at rules and laws that exist in our communities today. Attached is an information sheet, along with some activities that you may like to do with your children around this value.

Covid Update: In line with the Government announcement, all Covid restrictions came to an end yesterday. School now returns to the way in which school was run prior to the pandemic. There is no longer the requirement to wear masks on site or in classrooms, social distance or isolate if testing positive. However, the staff and I are relying upon you as parents

and our community to be sensible in your approach to this. There is no longer a legal requirement for isolation, it is however advisable that should anyone test positive that they do stay at home for a minimum of 5 days. This is advisory, I cannot enforce it, but if your child is genuinely not well please do not send your child in to school. We are working with the Trust regarding this to update our infectious disease risk assessment, and will continue to do as much as possible to avoid spreading any types of illnesses within the school. We are still awaiting some guidance from Health and Safety and I will update you when this is received. Should there be a significant outbreak we will work with Public Health and be guided by them regarding the running of the school at such time. Fingers crossed we are now through the worst of this and school becomes as much as normality as it was before.

You will have seen some further developments at the front of the school: the installation of a lamppost and the removal of the deck. Unfortunately, the deck has started to rot and has become a safety hazard, therefore it has needed to be removed. We are still awaiting the installation of the controls to the gate, a few teething problems with the electrics have been encountered, but hopefully all will be in place before we break up for Easter.

## REMINDERS

**Dinners** – Due to some supply issues, some menu's are changed at very short notice. Please accept our apologies for this. Please be advised that the menu has been changed slightly to incorporate World Book Day.

Dinner on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February - Margarita Pizza

Dinner on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March - Meatballs & pasta

**Swimming** - Children in Year Three and Four will continue to go swimming every Friday morning. Please can children arrive promptly as they leave as soon as the register has been completed.



**Parking** - Please can we remind you to be considerate and respectful to our neighbours across the road, and make sure that their driveways remain clear during morning and afternoon drop offs. Also ensuring that you are parking safely if you choose to park on the road rather than at the car park available to you at the social club. Thank you those of you who have engaged in the Safer Schools, and are continuing to both park and drive carefully outside our school.

## DIARY DATES

Swimming every Friday morning, Year 3&4 children need to be in school by 8.45am.

There will be no clubs on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2022 due to the official opening.

### March 2022

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Friends of Holy Cross meeting from 3.15pm – please do attend!
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - SEND Café from 1.30pm
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - World Book Day
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Red Nose Day (more information to be sent separately)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - Dance Festival Yr 5 & 6 – Kings Lynn Corn Exchange
- 25<sup>th</sup> - Downham Market Tri-Golf hosted by Holy Cross CofE Primary  
OMNES Games (Kurling)
- 29<sup>th</sup> - SSP Netball Festival Yr 3 & 4
- 30<sup>th</sup> - Official School Opening 2.45pm (no after-school clubs)  
Parent Forum 6pm
- 31<sup>st</sup> - Celebration Assembly

### April 2022

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Last day of term
- 20<sup>th</sup> - Return to school

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