

*"Growing and Learning Together with God"*

*Summer Term 1 Value : Confidence, Self-belief and Endurance*



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# **Newsletter 5 Summer Half Term**

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**Dear Parents and Carers,**



### **Message from Mr Hart**

This week I have been working with Advisory staff on aspects brought up in our Ofsted inspection, all of which will create improvements for our children.

I have also attended a Leadership Conference where the focus for Headteachers was on values-based schooling and curriculum design.

I was really pleased to monitor 'behaviour for learning' within our classroom and beyond during the week. Our pupils were engaged and enjoying what they were being taught which is always good to see. This was a very positive aspect noted during the inspection and continues to be a strength of our school.

One part of curriculum development that we need to work on is investigation, reasoning and problem solving in Mathematics and this is going to be a focus over the coming term. I think that this will be very challenging and enjoyable for our pupils and we will be collating evidence of the skills that the children acquire during their learning.

We have finally reached the end of the first half of the Summer term and are looking forward to a good break, ready for the last six weeks of this academic year. The second half of the term is full of activity so we hope that all the children will be rested and ready to tackle some hard work and fun!

## Class Activities

### *Tiddlers & Minnows*

The Tiddlers and Minnows have had a joyful end to this half term.

In music they have continued to listen and appraise funk music and are learning to sing a song 'Big Bear Funk'. They have continued learning facts about snails and the Minnows used their excellent Phonic skills to write these facts in their English books.



In Maths the Minnows have been learning about subtraction - they can use objects to find the answer to some number sums - and the Tiddlers have been using balancing scales to discover how heavy and light objects around the classroom are.

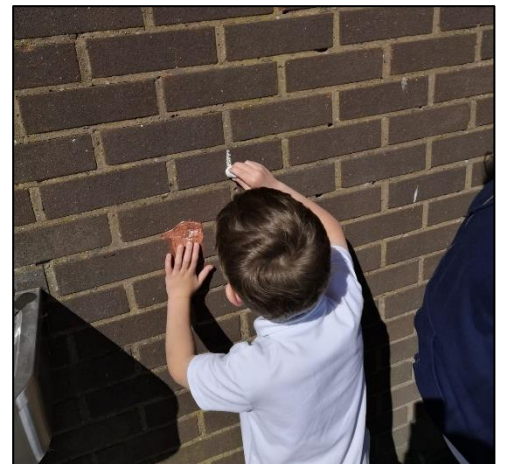
The children also had a great time in Forest School where they played some of their favourite Forest School games, snakes vs lions vs eagles and 1, 2, 3, where are you? A fantastic way to end this half term!

### *Sticklebacks*

During the week the Sticklebacks talked about the story book 'Dogger' and then discussed the emotion of losing things.



They have started some work on fractions and finding halves of shapes. The children went around the school grounds and drew lines to show halves on objects.





## Class Activities (continued)

### Sticklebacks (continued)

Well done to the whole class for such confident performances in their class sharing worship yesterday! Mrs Ejiogu was very proud of everyone.





## Class Activities (continued)

### Seahorses

This week the Seahorses have shown amazing *personal success* in their writing, as they have written some fantastic diary entries as a character from their book 'Couch Potato'. They have also used their editing stations to help them proof read their work so that they can learn from their mistakes and continue to grow as authors.



In maths the Year 3s have been finding fractions of amounts which has really tested their reasoning skills. Meanwhile, the Year 2s have been exploring shapes and using what they have learnt to develop their problem solving skills.



In PE this week the children have looked at agility as they have been racing to different sides of the muga.

### Stingrays

All the school values were shown by the children on Monday when they worked together to create 'a den with a theme' in Forest School. Mr Pemble, Mrs Churchill and Mrs Neal (PE & Well Being governor) were very impressed with their creativity, enjoying the challenge of guessing the themes which ranged from a cinema to a tea room!





## Class Activities (continued)

### *Stingrays (continued)*

In Maths the children have continued to develop their understanding of decimals, showing increased confidence in working with decimals to two decimal places.

'Endurance' was definitely required on Tuesday when the classroom was transformed into a 'clay workshop'. Dali would certainly be pleased to see the impact his work has had on the children as they allowed their imaginations to run free to create their models.





## Class Activities (continued)

### *Stingrays (continued)*

It was also great to see such 'Confidence and Self-Belief' and 'Respect and Compassion' when the children auditioned for their upcoming production. Both actors and audience were brilliant.

During English they had a very enthusiastic debate about whether we should keep zoos or not. The children showed great respect and passion for their viewpoints and were able to back up their arguments using research and knowledge.

In Geography they watched the volcanic eruption in Iceland during 2010. The class was fascinated with the moving dust cloud and thought of the effects this would have on the local, national and international communities. They are very much enjoying this topic.

### *Sharks*

Sharks have been developing their journalistic writing this week, writing news reports about a miraculous mountain rescue. To help them practise using direct and reported speech to give quotes, they enjoyed a drama lesson using the adventure trail as the Swiss Alps so they could act out some of the events they were reporting on and collect quotes from the characters involved.



## Class Activities (continued)

### Sharks (continued)

In Maths they have been practising a range of strategies to mentally multiply larger numbers, as well as developing rounding and inverse strategies which mean they can check the accuracy of their own calculations when problem solving.

Wednesday was an exciting day when Sharks and Stingrays auditioned for roles in their upcoming performance of Shakespeare Rocks. The teachers were impressed with the **Confidence, Self-Belief and Endurance** of all of the performers, and hope that they enjoy reading through their lines over half term ahead of them starting rehearsals soon.

### 'Child of the Week'

Minnows	Harrison H and Pippa C
Sticklebacks	The whole class!
Seahorses	Rose K and Oscar M
Stingrays	Theo E and Elexa S
Sharks	Mia S and Xavi N



### Super Sentence Writers :

Minnows	Amber B and Ava E
Sticklebacks	Brody H and Max M

Family Group Points : **Unicorn**

Whole School Attendance : **91.69%**

### Clubs Next Term

All Clubs will continue as usual after half term :

- Mondays* – Forest School Club
- Tuesdays* – Adam Bradley Football Club
- Wednesdays* – Sewing Club
- Thursdays* – Gymnastic Club and Field Sports Club
- Fridays* – Seahorses + Extras Swimming

### Message from Fresh Start

If your child has school dinners please remember to go on to Meal Manager and order soonest. Due to all the bank holidays coming up the deadline for ordering meals for the first week back at school is **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June**, not Thursday as is normally the case. Please do make sure that you have had email confirmation from Fresh Start to let you know that your order is placed.

## Rags 2 Riches 4 Schools

Half term is the time to start getting together your unwanted clothes for our donation to Rags 2 Riches 4 Schools on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June**. Please remember that your used clothes must be in good condition and wearable for others. Below is a reminder of what items can be collected.

### *Clean and reusable items that can be donated :*

Good quality clothes and accessories.

Adults', children's and babies' clothing such as jackets, jumpers, hoodies, trousers, skirts, scarves, gloves, belts, handbags.

Paired shoes and other footwear etc.

### *The following items cannot be accepted - please do not put them in your bags :*

Worn out shoes or clothes, clothes that are wet or have holes in.

Curtains, pillows or duvets, bric-a-brac or books. Personalised items.

Work uniform, School uniform or School sports kit.

## Attendance

Please be aware that the Department for Education is now placing great emphasis on school attendance and concentrating on ways to liaise with parents and carers to improve the situation in many schools. In accordance with their instructions, we have today sent home letters to parents whose child or children have fallen below 90% attendance since the start of the academic year. Further action may be taken by County if absence is persistent.

We do realise that children cannot attend school if they are ill but it may be possible that, in some cases, a dosage of Calpol would enable a child to come in and even feel better with the distractions of the school day. Please also remember that you are welcome to come to the school half way through the day to dose your child with more medication if you wish.

We thank you for your support.





We wish you all a wonderful half term break.

Kind regards,

**Jon Hart**  
Headteacher



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MfSF Music Lessons  
Stingrays Forest School  
Forest School Club – Years 1 to 3  
Year 6 Brass  
Adam Bradley Football Club  
Sewing Club – Years 4 to 6  
Early Years Forest School  
Gymnastics Club – Years 1 to 4  
Field Sports Club – Years 4 to 6

*Monday 30<sup>th</sup> – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June*

*Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June*

*Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June*

*Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June*

*Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June*

*Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June*

*Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June*

*Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June*

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*Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June*

*Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July*

*Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July*

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*Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July*

*Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July*

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*Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July*

*Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July*

*Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July*

*Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July*

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*Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July*

*Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September*

*Half Term*

**Inset Day – no children in school**

*Back to School*

Year 1 Phonics Assessments

Class Photographs

Queen's Jubilee & 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

Whole School Trip to Leamington Gurdwara Sikh Temple

**Rags 2 Riches Clothing Collection**

**Tiddlers & Minnows** Sharing Assembly 2.45pm

Year 5 & 6 Boys' Cricket Final

Sports Day

**Seahorses** Sharing Assembly 2.45pm

Class Swap Day

New Starters Nursery and Reception Morning

Upper School Play Performance 6.00pm

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Minnows, Sticklebacks & Seahorses Trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park

iRock Summer Concert

Year 6 Leavers' Trip to Hill End

Year 6 Leavers' Barbeque Party

Year 6 Leavers' Service and Presentation

**Last Day of School**

**Start of Summer Holidays!**

**Start of Term and new Academic Year**