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## Newsletter – 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023

**This half-term's value is Generosity**

### **Headteacher's Message**

A very warm welcome to the beginning of the new academic year. We have had a very successful start to the new school year with pupils beginning to settle back into the rhythm of the school day.

A special welcome to our new families and also to our new staff who have joined us this year.

Pupils have come back to school looking smart, on time and ready to learn. Thank you to parents and carers for ensuring children are looking good and are ready to get cracking with their learning.

We have started our Wildlife Wednesdays this week – the feedback from the children has been brilliant. Mr Honman has shared some lovely photos on Class Dojo in case you haven't had chance to see them. I can't wait to hear about the exciting outdoor activities the children will be getting up to with our wildlife expert!

Mrs Mayhew has started her new role as SENCo and she has hit the ground running with setting up systems and making referrals. Please note Mrs Mayhew has additional hours, weekly when she will be working on this role.

We have lots of exciting alterations happening this year, starting off with a facelift for the playground. The trim trail will be updated and the red area will have new flooring. We are also having toilets refurbished in Key Stage 2 and the summerhouse will be arriving soon which will be brilliant for use on Wildlife Wednesdays. We also have enrichment days planned that we can't wait to share details of so please watch this space!

Just a few reminders please–

- Can parents please cross over the road to collect your children at the end of the day. Children will not be allowed out of the gate until you are on the same side of the road as we are not allowed to send children across a road unattended.
- Please note that it is our school policy that **all** children wear our school tie.
- It is also school policy that Sparrows children should exit school first at the end of the day. Please do not call children from other classes to leave the gate before them as this is potentially dangerous for the smaller children. It also means staff are aware of which children have gone and who they have left.

I look forward to working closely with families during this new academic year.

Have a super weekend,

Mrs Scott

## **Prayer for the Week**



Thank you god for this new day,  
In my school to work and pray,  
Please be with me all day long,  
In every story, game and song,  
May all the happy things we do,  
Make you, Our Father, happy too!

## **Worship**



We held our first worship in church on Monday and we were happy to have Reverend Delphine join us. Our school and work bags were blessed to remind us that no matter how hard work can be, God is always with us.

We also discussed our new value of Generosity. I was extremely impressed with the ideas the children gave for how we can show generosity. They came up with the following - we can be generous

with our time, we can show generosity through our actions, we can be generous with our words to each other and we can be generous with our support. It was so lovely that we didn't even get to money!

Reverend Delphine then presented our new worship team, Annabelle, Emilia, Phoebe and Ruby, with their pin crosses which I am sure they will wear with pride. A blessing was then said for our worship team.



This Wednesday saw the start of Wildlife Wednesdays and the children absolutely loved it!

Did you know that for every human on earth, there are 2 hundred million insects! With the arrival of our new school pets - Mrs Sticky & Mini - it only seemed right to spend our first Wildlife Wednesday learning about all insects - and why they are so important! We started by sorting a bunch of creatures into 'insects' and 'not insects' before identifying what the insect group all had in common - six legs, two antennae and sometimes wings. We learned the different parts of their bodies through a game - rolling a dice to win a head, thorax, abdomen, antennae and legs all before working together as a 'colony' of ants, removing obstacles from our path! Mrs Sticky and Mini joined us on the field and certainly made lots of new friends!





### **School Uniform**

Please make sure ALL items of school uniform are named - a name on the washing label with a permanent marker will suffice. School water bottles and ties can be purchased from the Office and there is a small stock of polo shirts, shorts, jumpers and cardigans. All other uniform needs to be ordered online at [www.brigade.uk.com](http://www.brigade.uk.com)

In addition, please note:

- the only jewellery worn is a pair of plain stud ear-rings and a watch,
- nail varnish is not allowed and should be removed before coming to school,
- all pupils are expected to wear a cotton shirt/blouse (not polo shirt), tie and school jumper/ cardigan other than the day they are doing PE when they are allowed to attend school in their PE kit,
- hoodies are no longer accepted as everyday school uniform and are only to be worn on PE /swimming days and school events/trips (where specified),
- please ensure school shoes are worn and **not** sandals, boots or trainers.



### **Why is Good Attendance Important?**

Regular school attendance is an important part of giving children the best start in life and if pupils miss school frequently they fall behind in their work. Therefore, as a school, we have a target that all children should achieve an attendance percentage of at least 96%. in order to have the maximum learning opportunities for your child.

- 98 percent attendance means four school days missed
- 95 percent attendance means 10 school days missed
- 90 percent attendance means 19 school days missed (**PERSISTENT ABSENCE**)
- 80 percent attendance means 38 school days missed
- 50 percent attendance means 95 school days missed
- **1 school day is around 5 hours of learning missed**
- **Five minutes late each day means three school days missed**

Please note - and for all other pupils at the slightly earlier time of 8.40am. Please note, the gate will close at 8.50am. School will now end at 3.20pm.



PE lessons will continue to be held on Tuesday afternoons and, this half term, Doves will be travelling to the Community Centre for their session. Please could children continue to wear their PE kits to school on Tuesdays.

Please note that swimming lessons will take place after February half term next year.

Breakfast Club runs each morning starting at 8am and costs £4 per session. If you know your requirements in advance please message Mrs Stones on Dojo to book in however, it is equally fine to simply turn up on the day. In addition, if you require an occasional early start this too can be arranged with Mrs Stones.







We will be holding our Harvest Festival service in church on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October and would be delighted for friends and families to join us at 9.15am.

As in previous years, we will be asking for donations to support the local foodbanks that are in desperate need.

**A TYPICAL FOOD PARCEL INCLUDES:** Breakfast cereals, soup, pasta, rice, pasta sauce, tinned beans, tinned meat, tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, tea or coffee, sugar, biscuits, snacks, tinned desserts, tinned fruit, jam, squash, UHT milk, carrier bags. If you could help with any of these items, please bring your donations into school between Monday 09<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October. They will be blessed in church as part of our service and then delivered to the food bank that afternoon.

It is a tradition to hold our Macmillan Coffee morning after the Harvest Festival and this year we look forward to welcoming you into the classrooms so you can share a cuppa and a slice of cake with the children and staff. The staff will provide all the refreshments and cakes/biscuits so please come and join us and help raise some money for this wonderful cause.



We are pleased to offer the clubs, as detailed below, until October half term. Each session will cost £4, will run until 4pm and will include a snack.

Each night will have a theme but if your child doesn't like the theme, please don't worry as there will be other things for them to do. If you require care on a Friday Mrs Scott and/or Mrs Mayhew will cover this and will be an 'All Sorts Club'.

Please book your places with Mrs Stones in advance.



**Monday**



**Tuesday**



**Wednesday**



**Thursday**



**Friday**

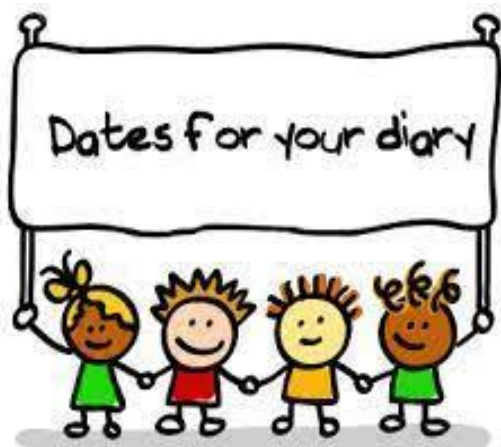


### This Week's Think is .....

**If you say sorry but don't mean it, but the person you say it to thinks you do, does it count?**



We are no longer awarding a weekly class Headteacher's Award instead it will be replaced with "Mrs. Scott's Star Pupil" Award where one child will be selected from the whole school that has shone like a star that week.



Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest Festival at 9.15am  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October – Macmillan Coffee Morning  
Inset day – 22<sup>nd</sup> December  
Inset day – 09<sup>th</sup> February  
Inset day – 03<sup>rd</sup> June  
Inset day – 22<sup>nd</sup> July



To help your messages get to the correct person, please refer to the list below:

School dinners, After School Club, Appointments & Absences - Mrs Stones (Office)

Learning or Behavioural Concerns - Class Teachers

Special Educational Needs – Mrs Mayhew

Breakfast Club - Mrs Stones

Please feel free to contact us by telephone, email or Dojo



### PENKRIDGE FOOTBALL COACHING CLUB

The Rural Enterprise Academy

Rodbaston Drive

Penkridge, ST19 5PH

Tuesday Evenings (12/09/23 - 19/12/23)

(For all abilities, girls and boys aged 4 - 13)

Dear Parents,

Due to the great success of our football coaching club we are delighted to offer new dates. The course will start on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September** and will run for 14 weeks and will be held in the sports hall.

Taking part in our sessions can be the perfect stepping stone towards the development of your child's self-esteem whilst developing technique, fitness and strength.

Summary of the new course:

- All children are catered for regardless of their ability.
- The soccer course features fun skills practice, match play, team building games, penalty shoot-out competitions and small tournaments.
- All children are guaranteed to receive at least one **trophy and certificate!**
- **Special Prizes include goalkeeper gloves and a premier league match ball**
- The course is tightly structured with players fully supervised at all times (parents are welcome to stay and watch if they wish).
- The children will be coached by **UEFA and F.A Level 2 Coaches**, all of which are **fully DBS Enhanced checked**.

Group 1: School Years Reception, Year 1 & 2	5:00-6:00pm
Group 2: School Years 3,4,5&6	6:00-7:00pm

The cost of the club is £6.00 per session which needs to be paid every four weeks online or at our course to secure your child's space for those sessions. (£24).

If you would like to book your child a place on the weekly course, please call or text your **child's full name, year group** and **Penkridge** to

**07530 868 512**

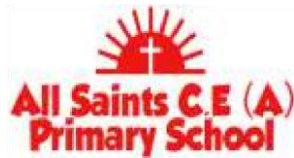


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## **Autumn Term 2023**

**Inset Day:** Monday 04<sup>th</sup> September

**Inset Day:** Tuesday 05<sup>th</sup> September

**Term Starts:** Wednesday 06<sup>th</sup> September

**Half Term:** Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 03<sup>rd</sup> November

**Term Ends:** Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December

**Inset Day:** Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

**Holiday:** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December – Friday 05<sup>th</sup> January

## **Spring Term 2024**

**Term Starts:** Monday 08<sup>th</sup> January

**Inset Day:** 09<sup>th</sup> February

**Half Term:** Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February

**Term Ends:** Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

**Holiday:** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March - Friday 05<sup>th</sup> April

**Easter Sunday:** Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March

## **Summer Term 2024**

**Term starts:** Monday 08<sup>th</sup> April

**May Day:** Monday 06<sup>th</sup> May

**Half term:** Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May

**Inset Day:** Monday 03<sup>rd</sup> June

**Term ends:** Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July

**Inset Day:** Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

**Holiday:** Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August