

## **Newsletter 2.7.21**

### **The end of term**

Thank you for your understanding and support regarding the end of term events this year. We know it is disappointing that many of the activities have to happen behind closed doors. Where possible we will share with you via Tapestry and Seesaw. You will be aware of the discussions regarding schools and the Covid restrictions in September. At the moment we do not know what this will look like. I will update you as soon as the new guidance is available.

### **New classes**

You will receive letters today informing you of your child's class in September. The teachers have worked very hard allocating the children to classes. There are many different factors to take into account to ensure a balance. We will use the first days of next term as transition days to ensure that the children have time to get to know their teachers and classmates.

### **Staff for September**

Mrs Devito will be retiring fully at the end of this term. I would like to thank her for her many years of service as a teacher at St Peter's, including returning from retirement to teach part time since 2016.

Mrs Enright will be teaching 2 days a week as a job share with Mrs Sullivan.

The other year groups remain unchanged:

EYFS- Miss Smith and Mrs Stimson

Year 1/2 Miss Bolton, Mrs Brooker and Mr Robertson

Year 3/4 Mr Brennen, Dr Gardner/ Mrs Osborne and Miss Vianello

Year 5/6 Mrs Armitage, Mrs Styles, Mrs Sullivan and Mrs Enright.

### **Church news**

Normally introductions for new parents and teachers happen at the beginning of the school year in September, so it feels a little strange for me to say hello near the end of the school year, but I am really pleased and excited to have started in my role as vicar in Coggeshall and surrounding parishes. I visited St Peter's School just before half term break and enjoyed the scarecrows, especially the scarecrow wedding. We have many weddings over the next few weeks - so many couples have been waiting for a long time to get married, and now at long last the bells are ringing again, the florists are being booked and the photographers are looking for the best angles. I wonder what you have been waiting and longing for, and I hope that the plans you have had to reschedule will soon come to pass. We are particularly looking forward for church to be open again without having to limit numbers and also more regularly during the week. So every once in a while when passing why not check the gates, and if they are open why not take a few minutes to enjoy a bit of peace and quiet to sit in your beautiful church. I look forward to meeting and seeing many more of you very soon!

Revd Heike Prentice

### July 9<sup>th</sup> Sport themed school dinner



To celebrate the summer of sport- football, Olympics, Wimbledon, we are having a themed picnic lunch menu on the 9<sup>th</sup> July. All of the children can come to school in their favourite sports kit. To order a school dinner, please see the email that is sent out each week.

### Year 5/6 Documentary filming

The children in Year 5/6 have been carrying out socially distanced interviews with invited guests as part of their research project on the Coggeshall community.



### Reading Challenge

The children have been busy reading the books in the St Peter's Reading Challenge. On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July we will be voting for our favourite books in KS1 and KS2. The winner will be announced the week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> July. For the children in KS2 there is one week left to try a new book! If you have one of the books at home, please bring it in to be passed on to the next child that is waiting. The children in KS1 have been sharing their book altogether in class.

We've been on adventures to new worlds, worn some crazy new shoes and had our heart warmed by a bowl of soup... I wonder which book will win!



### Wonderful Weaving

Our weaving project has developed in many different directions, using different techniques and different materials.



### **Library Summer Reading scheme**

We had a virtual assembly last week to introduce the children to the Summer Reading challenge

Saturday 10 July – Tuesday 31 August in all Essex Libraries and mobile libraries This year's Summer Reading Challenge will be WILD!! Children aged 3-11 will be challenged to read 6 books to earn cool nature themed stickers and if they complete the challenge a certificate and medal. With a specially designed activity for the 0-2s there's fun for all the family over the summer holidays.



### **Governor news**

At the full Governing Body meeting this week, Mrs Weston resigned as Chair of Governors with effect from the end of this term. I would like to thank her for her support for the school during her time as Chair, and in particular throughout the pandemic. Mrs Jayne Robertson was elected as the new Chair of Governors.

Mrs Wilkins also stepped down as a Foundation Governor. Again I would like to thank her for her support for the school providing a link between the Church and school during the interregnum period.