



The Catholic Primary Schools of The Waveney Valley



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back everybody. I hope you all had a lovely half term and you are ready for the term ahead. We now only have 7 weeks left of Reception.

We have many exciting things planned this term and our topic will be Summer Adventures! In class 1 we love an adventure so this term we shall be focusing on holidays, travel and transport, different environments, animals and the Queen. For more information regarding our weekly activities do look at the learning map within the classroom.

The children are continuing to progress well with their phonics and I am introducing phase 5 of letters and sounds to the children this term. It is vital that your children have the opportunity to read to you, practice the sounds and tricky words introduced and record them. Please do set aside some time to complete small tasks with your child and I will continue to provide homework on a Thursday.

Super Sentences! Has been working very well in our class and will continue this term. Each week the children will be encouraged to copy the sentences off the board, to practice their pencil grip, letter formation and awareness of sentence structures and writing stamina. On a Monday one child will be selected as the Super Sentence Writer of the week and will celebrate by wearing the super sash! I will also be taking into consideration independent sentence writing within the classroom. Please encourage writing at home as much as possible focussing on letter formation and sentence structure.

The activity board will continue this term and the children are now very independent in completing the tasks set and enjoy achieving their WOW factor certificates. Keep up the good work class 1!

In maths we will be consolidating all number concepts learnt and exploring shape, space and measure in more depth ready for year 1 objectives. Thank you for supporting the whole school maths share morning last term. It was a great success.

On the afternoon of Monday 12th June class 1 will be hosting a share event with class 2 and class 1 and 2 of St Benets. We will be having an English Garden Party to celebrate the Queen's 91st Birthday and her sapphire jubilee- 65 years on the throne!

Healthy eating week - 12/6/17 - we will be investigating what foods are good for us and enjoying many activities related to Handa's Surprise.

A week overview of important events

Table with 2 columns: Day (Monday) and Event details (Please ensure that each day reading books and reading logs are placed in the reading book tub first thing. Celebration assembly 2:50pm, all welcome. The previous week's achievements are celebrated as a whole school. Would be great to see you there.)

Tuesday	
Wednesday	PE with Miss Gates,
Thursday	Mrs Rogers teaching AM. Home/school diaries updated by Miss Whyte. Reading books changed. Homework given. PE with Miss Whyte.
Friday	Parent stay and share 8:55 - 9:15am. Library books will be changed and recorded in the reading logs. Reading book change if needed.

Please can we ensure the items brought in for class one news are relevant to our current topic to enhance our learning opportunities. Last term the special shelf became very full, therefore please limit the amount of things your child brings in from home. Many thanks.

PE

We will be focusing on Athletics and preparation for sports day for the rest of this term.

Reminders:

Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit and long hair tied up. Please ensure a water bottle is in school each day.

JONK - 'The joy of not knowing' continues this term and I will be contacting the parents of the children who have been chosen to receive the awards for showing the growth mind-set values very shortly.

RE update

In this half term the theme is '**The Church**'.

It is the time when we celebrate the great feast of Pentecost and the growth of the early church. By now the children will have a real sense of 'belonging' to their class and school community. The children will begin to learn that they belong to the Church family.

You can help your child by:

- Taking part in the Church's celebration each week at Mass
- Helping your child to learn the simple familiar prayers e.g. the Sign of the Cross, the Our Father, the Hail Mary, morning prayer, night prayer, etc. This can be done easily by simply saying the prayers regularly with them.
- Helping your child to recognise people in their Church family, e.g. the priest and altar servers as well as the other members of the parish.
- Encouraging your child to take part in the Children's Liturgy (if there is one at your church)
- Giving your child a simple children's Mass book with pictures and pointing out to them what is happening.
- Spending some quiet time before or after Mass (or other suitable time) to point out the tabernacle where Jesus is present in a special way. By using these long words (with a simple explanation) the child will become familiar with them.
- Teaching your child to genuflect or bow the head towards the tabernacle as a sign of reverence before they enter the bench.
- Helping them to appreciate the different people involved in keeping the church beautiful because it is God's House and a place of prayer.

This is the final theme for the school year. We hope that you have enjoyed working in partnership with us to enable your child to begin to understand what it means to be a member of a family at home at school and at church.

Have a wonderful week!

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