Deanery Church of England Primary School

NEWSLETTER



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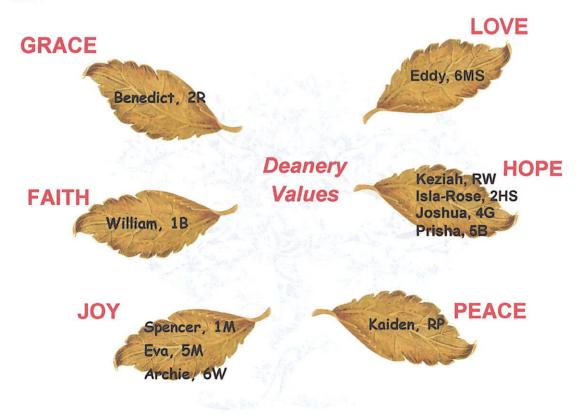
7th October 2021

As the term continues, we are experiencing an increased amount of sickness, including colds and positive COVID-19 cases. We request that children who are unwell, do not attend school. We would like to reassure parents regarding COVID-19 cases, that we are in communication with the authorities and follow their guidance. This might include extra deep cleans in addition to increased ventilation in the classrooms. It is very unlikely that there will be any closure of 'bubbles', classes will remain open unless we are advised otherwise. Teachers will set work on Google Classrooms for children who are absent due to COVID-19 and they will endeavour to answer any work related queries at the end of the day.



It was lovely to welcome parents back into school yesterday to attend a Little Wandle presentation. The slides from the presentation will be available on the website from Monday.

We are hoping for our Early Years playground to be completed very shortly. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time of development. It is looking lovely and will be a fabulous addition to our Early Years education offer.



PUPIL VOICE

Orla said 'We designed a pirate flag and then printed them using paint and a roller.'

We are loving our new Write Stuff approach to writing in Y6 -

Scarlett – 'We do double the amount of work but it was easier because I had so many ideas in my head.'

Eva - 'It helps you develop your vocabulary and it makes your writing better.'

Lucia - 'I like it a lot better because there's more to do and it's more fun.'

Jonny – 'I like it because you set a frame to change and to put your own ideas and vocab into it so your writing is better.'

Thomas – 'I like it because I struggle to write so doing it in stages and having a big plan really helps.'

Uniform

During the pandemic, we appreciate school uniform may have been hard to get hold of. As we return to 'normal', we ask that all children are wearing the correct uniform and PE kit at all times and as such we will be reminding children about wearing the correct uniform and PE kit.

Please refer to uniform policy on the website.

Our policy on the website states that

P.E.

White round neck t-shirt (with or without logo)

Black PE shorts

White socks

Trainers (for outdoor wear)

Pumps (for indoor wear)

Plain black jogging trousers/suit (optional)

Red school hoodie

We thank you for your support in this.

Jewellery

Can we please remind you that jewellery should be limited to a watch and one pair of plain gold or silver stud earrings. During the 6 week period following ears being pierced, children will be asked to provide their own micropore tape and cover their earrings for PE. After the 6 week period has lapsed, we will ask children to remove their earrings for PE. If your child cannot remove their own earrings, then we ask that they are removed before coming to school on PE days.

We thank you for your support in this.

Parents Consultation Evenings

A reminder that we sent a communication via email regarding parent consultation meetings. These meetings will be held over the telephone and are taking place on:

Wednesday 20th October 4.00 - 6.30pm

Thursday 21st October 5.30 -8.00pm

The Scopay online system for booking your appointments is now open and will close at 11.00 pm on **Tuesday 12th October**. Please contact the school office if you need any assistance.

Harvest Festival

Over the next two weeks children at school will be taking part in harvest services for KS1 and KS2 and these will be held at St Johns Church.

The services will be recorded and we would love families at home to share in these services which can be found in all the year groups' home learning drives.

Please log into google drive using your child's school email address and select their group folder to find the video of the service. Reception children will be receiving their email addresses very soon so that you can access the home learning drive.

School Photographs

Individual and sibling photographs will be taken on Tuesday 12th October, including Little Hollies. Please ensure clean, smart uniform is worn on this day.

Photographs will only be able to be purchased online with free delivery back to school or home delivery at a cost. We will send your proof home with your child by Friday 15th October.

Cold Weather

Now that the weather is getting colder, please ensure your child brings a named outdoor coat to school. Please be aware that if you forget your child's coat, we will not be able to take it from you at the school office.

School Lunches

Please check individual accounts for lunch costs for this half term. If you would like to change from a school lunch to a packed lunch, you must advise us by **Friday 8**th **October.**

Friday Feasts are returning on Friday 12th November and we will be having a Bonfire Special Lunch on Friday 5th November. If your child currently brings sandwiches but would like to join us for dinners on a Friday please contact the school office.

Behaviour Competition



As outlined in our first newsletter of the year, we will be working to revamp our behaviour system throughout the year with an emphasis on consistency, routines and first attention to best conduct.

SCHOOL RULES

As an initial starting point, we have slimmed down our school rules to make them easy to remember and to follow:

READY, RESPECTFUL, SAFE

We would like to invite all children to take part in a competition to design a poster to promote our school rules.

The winning entry will be chosen by our Head Boys and Girls and House Captains and will be professionally printed and display around school.

Entries should be on A4 paper with the child's name and class on the back.

Please ensure that entries are 2D to enable the winning entry to be printed – they can be designed with felt tips, digitally – the world is your oyster!

The closing date for entries is Wednesday 3rd November 2021.

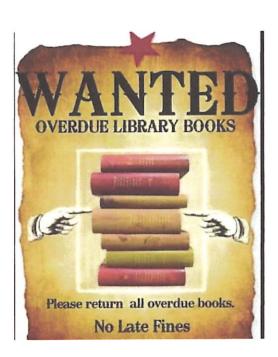
We look forward to receiving lots of entries.



Overdue Library Books

We currently have 540 overdue library books that haven't yet been returned to our school library. Please could we ask you to have a check at home for any that may still be 'hiding'.

Thank you



Walmley Social Club Car Parking

We have received a notification from Walmley Social Club requesting that we advise our school community that the carpark is no longer available to be used for the purposes of dropping off and picking up of children. The carpark is for the sole use of Walmley members, guests and customers.

Book Swap

We would like to re-introduce the parent/community book swap which will be located in the main school reception. If you've got any 'adult' books to donate or would like a 'new' book to read, please feel free to visit our community book swap.

Have you got a book you've read?

At home, on holiday or even in bed.

Have you got a book you'd like to share?

Then bring it in to show you care.

Adventure, fantasy, picture or poem it doesn't matter

A good read draws you in and provokes book chatter.

Bring it in and make a swap,

It's cheaper than going to a shop.

Read it, enjoy it, return it to the shelf,

Then someone can enjoy it as much as yourself.

A good book is a great find, It can really help to expand your mind.

So join us in the great Deanery Book Swap.

Read, enjoy, put reading at the top!

PLEASE SEE INFORMATION BELOW FOR LOCAL ACTIVITIES

DEANERY DO NOT PROMOTE ANY OF THE ACTIVITIES



BOLDMERE ST MICHAELS FOOTBALL CLUB B73 5RY

RH ACADEMY OCTOBER HALF TERM CAMP







Boldtober is a series of 4 Saturdays in Boldmere that will include artisan market stalls, street performances, **FREE** children's entertainment and arts & crafts:

- Saturday 2nd October
- Saturday 9th October
- Saturday 16th October
- Saturday 23rd October

Come and join in the fun and explore Boldmere's large variety of independent retail shops from 10am to 3pm.

Saturday 2nd October

FREE Entertainment:

- Story telling with Jenna Catton
- Arts & Crafts with Jenna Catton



Artisan stalls in The Harvester Car Park:

- Handmaid Crafts, Pet Treats
- Peg Dolls, JC Illustrations

Other vendors:

- Character Balloons (roaming)
- Ice Cream Van

Saturday 9th October

FREE Entertainment:

Roaming Bubblologist



FREE Entertainment near The Deli:

- Ruby & Edd (acoustic guitar duet)
- Beggars Oak Clogg Dancers

Artisan stalls in The Harvester Car Park:

- Project Doughnut
- Handmaid Crafts
- Pet Treats
- Hand made Jewellery

Saturday 16th October

FREE Entertainment:

Scotty's Circus Skills Workshop



- Including mix and mingle circus entertainment
- Scotty's circus shop

Artisan stalls in The Harvester Car Park:

- Handmaid Crafts
- Pet Treats
- Macrame Wall Hanging Art
- IC Illustrations

Saturday 23rd October

FREE Entertainment:

• Pippa, The Ten-Ton Bus of Fun



Spiderman

FREE Entertainment near The Deli:

- Covered with Love (duet)
- Matt Yates (acoustic guitar)
- Enigma Brass

Artisan stalls in The Harvester Car Park:

- Handmaid Crafts
- Hand made Jewellery
- Light holders