St. Mary's C. E. Primary School

Autumn Newsletter No. 2 - Friday 15th September

FOR YOUR DIARY

Meet the Teacher @14:45

Monday 18th September – Normanby

Wednesday 20th September – Oliver

WEEKLY REFLECTION –

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you
for all the benefits you have won for us,
for all the pains and insults you have borne for us.
Most merciful redeemer,
friend and brother,
may we know you more clearly,
love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly,
day by day.
Amen (After Richard of Chichester 1253)

Head Teacher Message

Is it me or is time on fast forward?

A lovely feeling this week of the school settling back into routines. It feels very much like the children are gaining in confidence.

I feel proud of what we are achieving at school. The relationship between staff and parents is vital.

We have tried to be visible and available and consistent in our Dojo messaging. Hopefully, you are all feeling the benefit of this too. Come and speak to me if you are finding this tricky so we can help to improve. We are all working for the benefit of the children.

– **Mr. Murray**

Proud

The children have nominated new Team Captains for this year.

Leo (Y6) is our new captain for Red Team. One of their many roles is to talk to the children about the 'Core Christian Value' in Friday Celebration Assembly. Leo did an amazing job. I felt very proud of him and wanted to share his speech with you.

Hi Red Team. Thank you for voting for me. Well done, we came second this week. (This was in the Dojo Cup) I am often inspired by great explorers. Bear Grylls is one of these. He once said, "The greatest rewards often come from the greatest challenges." Humility can be a great challenge. I am going to challenge myself to have more humility. I wonder if you will join me too. Have a great weekend. Bye.

I was proud of all of the new captains and vice captains but this really spoke to me and I thought it valuable to share. Thank you Leo.

Absence

Please note that absence should now be reported through the school office. This can be via email or phone call. Mrs. Hine will then be able to coordinate fire registers etc. Thank you.

Year 3/4 trip to Furzefield Camp, Dappers Lane, Angmering.

On arrival at Furzefield camp, we were blown away with how beautiful our surroundings for the day were going to be; a picture-perfect wooded clearing, hidden amongst towering oak trees and magnificent silver birch trees.

Once settled around the campfire, Sam our instructor for the day, explained our first activity; foraging. Clutching our pots, we set about our task earnestly, we were finding blackberries! The children hunted high and low, in and out of brambles searching for any sign of a juicy blackberry.

Read on and see a picture later in the Newsletter.

If you have any news, children's achievements out of school or community events you would like to see in the newsletter, please do let Mr. Murray know.

Term Dates

Monday 18th September – Normanby Meet the Teacher @14:45
Tuesday 19th September – Y5/6 Tag Rugby Tournament
Wednesday 20th September – Oliver Class Meet the Teacher @14:45
Thursday 21st September – KS1 Multi Skills Festival
Friday 22nd September – Health and Safety Governor Walk
Monday 2nd October – Black History Month launch
Monday 2nd October – Harvest Festival in Church @14:00
Monday 9th October – INSET DAY
Thursday 12th October – Normanby Class Assembly @14:30
Monday 16th October – Normanby Class Book Look @14:45
Thursday 19th October – Oliver Class Book Look @ 14:50
Friday 20th October – Jenkins Class Book Look
Thursday 2nd November – Influenza Nasal Spray Day
Thursday 2nd November – Outdoor Classroom Day
Thursday 9th November – Remembrance Service in Church @ 09:30
Tuesday 14th November – West Sussex Progress Review Visit
Thursday 30th November – Jenkins Class Assembly
Wednesday 13th December – Christingle and Carols in Church @18:00
Oliver Class Assembly - TBC

This is not an exhaustive list. I will add new dates in red as they come in.

Teachers may message via Dojo with class related information.

Quiz Night

I am going to be organising a fundraising quiz night. I am hopeful that this will be an informal, low key event that promotes good relationships between all adults in school.

The staff team are busy trying to make sure we don't look silly so start your prep now!

I will send out a flier next week with more info but save the date:

Wednesday 18th October – 19:30

Charlotte Reader Street Dance

Charlotte came into worship on Friday. All of the children – and some teachers – danced and got a taste of what this is about. Look at the flier below if it is something your child is interested in.

Self-esteem can be built in many ways; we want all children to have their moment to shine.

Local Events

Please look below for local event news. I have attached any relevant fliers so that we are communicating up-to-date information for community events.

See what interests you and what you want to take part in.

Help

Do you have a big vehicle?

Do you have a bit of spare time?

Do you have access to the local recycling centre?

Can you help?

If so, we are trying to reduce our costs and want to avoid paying for a skip. Could you help with some removal from school?

If so, please come and speak to Mr. Murray – he is happy to help load rubbish into cars this end.

Thank you.

Messy Church

CELEBRATE Harvest

Saturday, 7th October, 2:30–4pm
at St Mary's Church, Clymping

Join us for apple juicing, bread making, autumn crafts and refreshments

CYF Messy Church

STREET DANCE CLUB
ST MARY'S

CHARLOTTE READER DANCE

LEARN NEW SKILLS, GAIN CONFIDENCE, HAVE FUN!

DAY: TUESDAY
TIME: 8-8.45AM
SCHOOL YEARS: 1-6
COST: £52.25 (11 WEEKS)
NEW TERM STARTS 19TH SEPT

NEW MEMBERS CAN BOOK A 2 WEEK TRIAL (£9.50)

Get in touch via the website to book your child's space:

WWW.CHARLOTTEREADERDANCE.CO.UK

CHURCH FARM HUB

COMMUNITY AND CHARITY

APPLE FAYRE

- Apple juicing, crafting and crumble making
- Hot drinks and cakes
- Nature walk and apple picking at 10.30

Saturday, 23 September
10am to 2pm
Church Farm, Church Lane, Climping, BN17 5RR

Cash only Bring your own mug and chair if possible

Ph: 07759 172021
churchfarmhub@gmail.com

All proceeds to benefit the charities Soup from Heaven and Macmillan

COME ALONG TO THE YAPTON & FORD VILLAGE EVENTS MEETING

MONDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER
VILLAGE HALL
2PM MIDDLE ROOM
6.30PM END ROOM

WhatsApp/Text/Phone:
07960020455

LET'S GET SOME IDEAS TOGETHER.
WHAT DO YOU WANT IN YOUR VILLAGE?
FAMILY EVENTS? KIDS SHOWS?
MUSIC/BAR EVENTS? FILM SHOWS?
QUIZ/BINGO? MAY DAY CELEBRATIONS?

Tuesday Arts and Crafts Clubs at

Creative Heart - Beach Road - Littlehampton

drawing - painting – printing – clay– sculpture – weaving – 3D design – animation - felting

Years 2 – 6

3.45pm – 4.45pm

12th Sept – 21st Nov

10 week block @ £67.50

charcoal – pencil - watercolour – oils – acrylic – sgraffito – lino – mono – screen – dye – wire

Information; – esther@estherheylen.co.uk Tel - 07828 0645 86

artswork arts award

Y3/4 Trip continued…

When we returned to the campfire, it was clear that foraging was hard work, and that if we were in charge of hunting and gathering in stone age times, we may have all gone hungry! We then went on to our next activities, a round robin of shelter building, paint making, tool making and fire lighting. By early afternoon, we were experts in all things required for stone age survival. We finished our day by tasting our foraged fruit, stewed apple and blackberry compote, it was absolutely delicious! We also toasted marshmallows over the campfire and all got rather sticky.

We had a brilliant time. Olive said, " My favourite part was toasted marshmallows as they are really yummy!" Freddie said, "The den building was amazing, we made a swing in the trees!"

Alisa said, "My favourite thing was the fire lighting, we practiced lots of times!"

- Mrs. Woodley and Mrs. Chapman

My thanks to the adults for organising; the parents for paying and ensuring the children were properly equipped and the helpers who made the trip possible.

Finally…

Congratulations to our now Y2 and 3 cohort of children. 19 of them have won an award as part of a Young Writer's competition.

They have won a book mark and certificate. We will be contacting parents for permission to have their work published in a book and we will keep you updated about this when we have more details.

Well done to all of the children who entered.

There are amazing things happening here ;-)