



## Newsletter

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021

The children have returned to school this week full of enthusiasm and positivity, which has been wonderful to see. This term would normally be a term in which many sports and music events would be held, performances would be rehearsed and children would compete during Sports Day. At the moment, it is very difficult to say what will and won't be able to happen later in the term or how it might be able to take place safely. We will continue to keep you updated with any plans that we make and will do whatever we can to make the Summer Term as enjoyable and normal as possible for everyone.

### Welcome

This term we welcome Mrs Lindsey Parascandolo to the Two Village Team. Mrs Parascandolo will be teaching Year 6 for the rest of the year while Miss Thompson continues her maternity leave. Mrs Parascandolo has already settled in very well and we are very pleased that she agreed to join us for the rest of the year.

### Two Village Community Board

Having joined the Vine Schools Trust, governance at Two Village looks slightly different. Instead of 'governors' /a 'governing body' we now have a Local Schools Board, which we share with Mistley Norman and St Osyth primary schools. The Local Schools Board is made up of members who have been appointed by the Vine Schools Trust and is led by our Chair Carole Adams. In addition to the Local Schools Board, we will be introducing a Local Community Board from September which will consist of representatives from the church, parents, and members of local community based organisations. The main aim of the Community Board is to strengthen links within the community and celebrate the school's achievements, alongside sharing and discussing information about the school. If you would be interested in making an application to become a member of the Community Board or know someone in the local community who would like to be involved in working with the school, please contact the office for further details and an application form.

### Arts Studio

We are incredibly grateful to everyone who donated to our Danceathon fundraiser. As well as having a wonderful time on the last day of the Spring term, we managed to raise an amazing amount of money. Miss Brunning has already purchased some shelving for the studio, for storing art materials and we are now looking at purchasing flooring. We have received several quotes for vinyl flooring and would love to hear from anyone, with the appropriate expertise, who may be able to fit this for us. If this could be completed at a reduced cost, this would be fantastic as it would enable us to buy enough furniture for the room as well.

### Multi Schools Council Ambassador

As many of you will know, we have been part of the wonderful Multi Schools Council for several years, attending meetings alongside other schools and supporting various Multi Schools Council events. During the school closure period and beyond, the Multi Schools Council have been running informative and supportive sessions for parents/carers, schools and children. Over Easter, one of pupils took part in some work with the Multi Schools Council and as a result of his contribution to this, he has been



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nominated as a Multi Schools Council Ambassador. Congratulations to Charlie in Year 3 who is Two Village's first MSC Ambassador. We look forward to hearing about his work with this fantastic project.

### **Curriculum**

This term all of our classes have a unit of work which is heavily focused on science and the arts. The children will therefore have lots of opportunities to be creative and investigative, whilst exploring their big questions, which they will aim to answer by the end of the term. We would very much like to be able to invite you into school to be able to see what your children have been doing but unfortunately, at this stage, this is still not possible. We will therefore be looking at ways, throughout the term, to share the children's learning with you. Please see the school website for details of what the children in each class will be learning this term.

### **Risk Assessment**

Now that we have returned to school fully and have identified what is working well and what is proving difficult, in terms of day-to-day arrangements dictated by our risk assessment, we have decided that by creating some larger bubbles we will be able to run lunchtimes more effectively than we have been able to since the introduction of bubbles. On the return to school in March, we classed Year 5 and 6 as one bubble, as they had the same class teacher for three weeks, and this worked very well. We will now also be grouping Year 1 and 2 as one bubble. Initially, these two classes will only be together as a bubble during lunchtimes. If this is working well we may review this to enable more flexibility.

### **Poetry Competition**

For the last 2 years we have held a poetry recital competition during the Spring Term, which is always a great event, as well as a fantastic opportunity for children to learn a poem and perform this to an audience. Due to the school closure this year, we did not hold the competition during the Spring Term because we really wanted to be in school for the heats this year. We have decided that we would still like to hold the competition this year so have booked a date for this during the second half of the Summer Term. In preparation for the competition, each child will be asked to learn to recite a poem of their choice, which they will perform to their class. Each class will choose a finalist who will enter the final of the competition. Although the heats and the final will not take place until after half term, the children may want to start looking at some poems and thinking about which one they would like to perform. If your child needs any help in finding a poem or has any questions, please ask their teacher, Miss Herbert or I. Class teachers will be providing support, advice and tips on reciting poetry during the term and will be able to assist with choosing a poem if anyone is finding this difficult.

### **Breakfast Club**

We are still looking at the possibility of restarting Breakfast Club but currently only have enough children to be able to offer this for two days each week. If you have a child in Year 1, 2, 3 or 4 and would like to make use of Breakfast Club regularly but have not asked us about the possibility of a space, please contact the office to share this information. We would really like to be able to offer this provision every day, however, until we have at least 6 children attending each day, this will not be financially viable for the school.

### **Healthy School**

Please could we politely remind everyone that as we are a Healthy School, sweets should not be included as part of your child's lunch.

### **Parent Consultations**



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Under normal circumstances, we would have held our parent consultation meetings before Easter. However, as the children had not been in school for the majority of the Spring Term, we did not feel that the timing of these would be appropriate this year. We will therefore be holding our parent consultation meetings later this half term, during the week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> May. This will allow the teachers to have taught the children for a number of weeks, by which time they will more easily be able to discuss your child's progress with you. The meetings will be held over the phone, in the same way that they were last term as we are still unable to have parents on site. A letter about arrangements for parent consultation meetings will be sent home next week.

### Reading Challenge

Congratulations to Year 5 for winning the Reading Challenge again last half term and for winning this week, with 95% of the class reading at least five times during the week. Let's see if another class can win this half term!

Mrs Natasha Bennett  
Headteacher

### Diary Dates 2020-21

Date	Event
Week commencing 10 <sup>th</sup> May 2021	Parent Consultation Meetings
Week commencing 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2021	Half Term Break
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	NON PUPIL DAY
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Children return to school
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of the Summer term for pupils
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	NON PUPIL DAY