



Newsletter

Friday 8th October 2021

Harvest

Thank you to everyone who attended our Harvest Worship this week. The children thoroughly enjoyed being able to visit St. Michael's again and did fantastically well, considering this was the first time that they have performed, sung or spoken in front of an audience for over a year and a half – or at all for our younger children. We do hope that we will be able to hold worship in church again in the lead up to Christmas and look forward to our parents/carers joining us for this again.

Thank you also to everyone who has donated food this week, which will be donated to the Food Bank. We will continue to collect food until the end of next week, in case anyone who wants to donate has not yet had the chance to do so.

Covid-19

As you will be aware, we have had two positive cases of Covid-19 at Two Village this week. We understand that this may be worrying but we would like to reassure you that we are following guidance and our risk assessment very carefully, doing everything that we can to keep the whole school community safe. As I confirmed in yesterday's email, children who have not tested positive for Covid-19 and do not have symptoms of Covid-19 should still attend school, even if a member of their family or class has tested positive. I know that this differs from the guidance used during the Summer Term but this is the current advice to schools.

Skills Builder

This term we are introducing a new area of learning to our curriculum. We have become increasingly aware that many of our children struggle with some key life skills – particularly since the start of the pandemic. We know how valuable these skills are to enable our children to become confident and effective learners, as well as to be successful in their future careers and life. Therefore, we feel that it is important that we teach the children these skills explicitly and provide as many opportunities as possible to develop these during their time at Two Village. In order to do this, we have introduced the 'Skills Builder' programme as part of our curriculum. The Skills Builder Partnership works with schools, organisations and employers to equip children and adults with essential skills. Research shows that building essential skills supports social and emotional wellbeing, learning and academic outcomes, as well as careers and opportunities. At Two Village the children will learn about the 8 different Skills Builder skills throughout the year. These skills are Listening, Speaking, Problem Solving, Creativity, Staying Positive, Aiming High, Leadership and Teamwork. At Two Village, we will be starting our work on developing our children's key skills by learning about 'Listening' over the next few weeks.

We will be sharing more about our work on teaching essential skills throughout the year and would encourage you to support your children in their development of these skills at home, by identifying when they might be demonstrating them and encouraging them to use them at home. We will be providing some information about each of the skills on our website and will also send out some information about these by email so that our work in school can be supported in school.

Parent Information Sessions

Next week we have three more Parent Information Sessions. The first of these is on Monday at 9.00 am, which is *How we Teach English in Key Stage 1*. This is followed by two sessions on Wednesday –

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How we Teach Phonics at 9.00 am and How we Teach Maths in Key Stage 2 at 2.00 pm.

The 2 Johns

I wanted to remind everyone how useful it is to follow The 2 Johns to stay up to date with keeping our children safe when they are online. Their website provides lots of useful information (<https://esafetytraining.org/>) but you can also follow The 2 Johns on Facebook by searching for *EST E Safety Training*. They can also now be found on Instagram.

Tiny Rugby

Tiny Rugby School is running provision over the October half term which is being funded by Essex County Council through Active Essex. This provision is for children who are entitled to benefits based free school meals and low income working families who would benefit from this extra support through the half term holidays. The camp will be running multi-sports games as well as enrichment activities such as arts and crafts and bug hunts. They will also be providing a nutritious meal for the children attending. An information leaflet about this has been sent out by email this week. If you have not seen this and require another copy, paper flyers are available at the office.

Competition Winners

Values Competition

Congratulations to the six winners of our values competition: Chloe, Jake, Olivia, Freya, Noah and Neve. After half term, the children will spend a day with Miss Brunning, developing and finalising their designs to produce our new logos. We are all very excited to see how they will look.



Scarecrow Festival

Congratulations to the winners of our Scarecrow Festival.

1st Place – Henry (Holly Class)

2nd Place – Millie (Willow Class) and Poppy (Holly Class)

3rd Place – Keavy (Willow Class) and Saoirse (Silver Birch Class)

Thank you to everyone who entered the competition this year.



Lunch Club Request

Miss Lungley, who runs Lunch Club, has asked if I could ask for donations of board games and puzzles so that she can provide a wider variety of activities during lunchtimes. If you have any complete

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puzzles or games that you no longer need and would be happy to donate, please deliver them to the school office.

Multi Schools Council Awards

Last week, Mrs Bennett and some pupils attended the Multi Schools Council Awards event at Colchester United Football Stadium. Two Village has been part of the Multi Schools Council for several years and has supported their work in different ways. As a result of our work, we were one of 14 'Star Schools' invited to attend the event. As well as Two Village being lucky enough to be chosen to be part of the ceremony, we are also very pleased to announce that one of our pupils received an award. We are very proud of Leon from Hazel Class for winning the Perseverance Award. The Perseverance category was the one with the largest number of nominations so Leon did incredibly well to win. Congratulations Leon!



Dojo

At present, we are still using Class Dojo to send some whole school messages. However, it has come to our attention that some parents appear to be unable to access this. We will therefore be sending whole school messages via Marvellous Me as well.

School Uniform

We have noticed that a number of children are coming into school not wearing the correct uniform. In particular, many children are not wearing their ties and some are wearing the wrong colour/type of trousers or shorts. There have also been a number of children wearing sports trainers to school instead of school shoes or plain black trainers. Please could we ask that you check the Uniform Policy on our school website if you are unsure what your child should be wearing to school.

Reading Challenge

Please see the results from the Reading Challenge so far this half term. It is great to see different classes winning each week, rather than just one or two classes. Congratulations to Holly Class and Maple Class who have won two weeks each. Unfortunately, we still have some very low percentages in some classes and we hope that these will improve over the term. As we have explained in previous newsletters, regular reading is essential in enabling children to become confident readers and therefore successful learners which is why we place so much importance upon this area of children's learning at Two Village.

Week Commencing	Silver Birch Class	Holly Class	Maple Class	Willow Class	Hazel Class	Oak Class
6/9/21		93%	60%	33%	46%	75%
13/9/21		78%	65%	55%	46%	Residential
20/9/21		76%	94%	36%	54%	58%
27/9/21	54%	78%	82%	64%	48%	95%
4/10/21	54%	73%	88%	44%	54%	84%

Travelling Book Fair

After half term, we will be hosting the Travelling Book Fair again. The Book Fair will be with us from 12th November until 18th November. More details about this will be provided soon.



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Diary Dates 2021-22

Date	Event
Monday 11 th October 2021	<i>How we Teach English in Key Stage 1</i> Parent/Carer Information Session – 9.00am
Wednesday 13 th October 2021	<i>How we Teach Phonics</i> Parent/Carer Information Session - 9.00 am
Wednesday 13 th October 2021	<i>How we Teach Maths in Key Stage 2</i> Parent/Carer Information Session – 2.00 pm
Friday 19 th November	Children in Need – fundraising plans to be confirmed