



## Newsletter

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022

I am very sad not to have managed to be back in school this week, for the final week of the half term. However, it was lovely to see everyone virtually yesterday at the Speaking Competition and I have enjoyed seeing photographs of the children today in their fantastic outfits for *Dress to Express Day*. After a difficult few weeks in school, finally, things seem to be improving with staff and pupil absences, which is great news. I am hopeful that we will see a return to normality after half term, with less restrictions, which will be wonderful for us all. We really have missed out on so much in the last couple of years.

I would, once again, like to thank all of the fantastic staff at Two Village who have worked incredibly hard to keep the school open, educate the children and keep them safe - not only in the last few weeks but even well before this. I would also like to welcome Miss Thompson back from maternity leave. We are really pleased to see her back in school.

We hope all of our children and families have a happy and safe week off and we look forward to welcoming you back for the second half of the Spring Term.

### Goodbyes and Welcomes

#### Mrs Parascandolo

Sadly, Mrs Parascandolo, otherwise known as Mrs P, is leaving us today as Miss Thompson will be returning to teach Willow Class after half term. Mrs P has been with us, covering for Miss Thompson in Year 6 and then in Year 4, since February last year and we have all really enjoyed working with her. We will miss her but wish her luck in her new school.

#### Catering

We are very pleased to announce that our new Catering Manager, Mr Foster, will be joining us after half term. He will be working alongside Miss Devereaux to review the school menus and produce some great new meals.

#### School Office

We were really pleased to welcome Miss Priestland to our team this week. Miss Priestland is our new Registration Assistant. She will be working in the office alongside Mrs Reynolds, working mainly on attendance and school meals.

#### New Teacher

After half term, we will be welcoming Mr Read to the Two Village team. He will be covering Miss Gillooly's release time on a Thursday and will also be providing some 1:1 Tuition for pupils across the school. Some of you may have met Mr Read in the last few weeks, as he has been teaching some classes for us to cover staff absences. We are really pleased that he has decided to join us on a more regular basis and look forward to working with him.

## Parent Consultation Evenings

Parent Consultation Evenings will take place for the Spring term on 15<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> March. We will be returning to face-to-face appointments this term and are looking forward to seeing lots of parents/carers over these two evenings. This is a really good opportunity for parents/carers to meet with their child's class teacher and discuss their progress so far this year. A letter has been sent home today about the parent consultation evenings. This includes a slip for you to complete and return to school, showing which time slots you would **not be able to attend** over the two evenings. Once we have all of the slips, teachers will organise time slots for everyone and you will be notified of your time/s. Please return completed slips by **25<sup>th</sup> February**.

## Children's Mental Health Week 2022

This week we have been celebrating Children's Mental Health Week at Two Village. Classes have been doing a variety of activities including: well-being colouring and drawing to express their feelings; creating mood monsters; watching mindfulness videos; creating powerpoints and posters about awareness of mental health, as well as circle time which resulted in children discussing good and bad mental health.



Maples Class walking and talking for Children's Mental Health Awareness Week.



Our activities were brought to a close in style with our *Dress to Express Day* today. We saw some amazing outfits and it was lovely to see everyone expressing themselves in their own unique ways.





### Eco Committee

The Eco Committee have met to discuss how they could move the school towards being more eco-friendly. They have come up with some terrific ideas such as: an eco-fundraiser treasure hunt to raise money and organising litter picking around the school on a regular basis. (more details to follow)

### Two Village Facebook Page

Last term, we set up a Facebook page for the school. After a few teething problems, this is now ready to be used properly. Unfortunately, as there are already two old pages using the school name, it seems to be quite difficult to find the new page, even though it has a slightly different name. I have tried to have these pages removed but this has proved to be difficult. We are hoping that when more people have found and liked the page, it may become more visible. To find the page please search for Two Village Church of England Primary School.

### Pupil Led Worship

It has been great to see the children being active in Worship. The Worship Committee delivered a whole school worship (virtually) on our value of perseverance and this week children from each class have led a class worship.

Two Village Worship Committee



**Respect ~ Forgiveness ~ Compassion ~ Thankfulness ~ Perseverance ~ Stewardship**

Oak Class, Class Worship



## Clubs

All Clubs will start again the first week back after half term.

## Two Village Speaking Competition

We were so pleased that we were able to go ahead with our Speaking Competition for Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 yesterday. The children all did incredibly well and spoke so clearly and with such confidence. It is extremely daunting presenting to an audience but they all did incredibly well. Congratulations to Freya in Year 5 who was the overall winner of the Competition, to Callum in Year 6 who came second and to Sahaj in Year 4 who came third.



Next half term, it will be the turn of Reception, Key Stage 1 and Year 3 to take part in their Speaking Competition. We have sent the children home with a guide about the competition today so that they can start to think about what subject they might like to present about. Hopefully, watching this week's competition will have inspired them! Teachers will speak to the children about the competition when they return to school after half term and will then organise some class heats to decide on winners for each class. The winners will go on to compete in a final on 31<sup>st</sup> March.



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## Skills Builder

We have now started learning about our new skill 'Staying Positive.' You can find out more about this skill, as well as the others that we are learning about, by visiting Skills Builder Homezone, which has been specially created to enable parents/carers to find out more about the essential skills in the Skills Builder programme <https://www.skillsbuilder.org/homezone>.

## Careers Week

We are still able to accommodate more speakers at our Careers Week in March. If you would like to volunteer to participate in this by sharing information about your work, please contact the school office and we will provide further information on this. If you are unable to come into school, a virtual presentation or recording would also be very useful.

## Spring Term Events

The School Council are currently busy planning a number of events for the Spring Term, including what we will be doing for Comic Relief, World Book Day and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. We will share more information on their plans soon.

## Orienteering

Essex Stragglers Orienteering Society are offering a free orienteering activity this half term. If you would like to join in, they will be at Cliff Park, Harwich, on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> February, from 11am until 2.30pm. There will be a maze and an orienteering course around the park, plus a longer trail for anyone keen to explore the Harwich maritime Heritage Trail and find the clues. Please look out for the volunteers from Essex Stragglers Society (look for the green banner) to help you get started. For more details, see [www.stragglers.info/events](http://www.stragglers.info/events)

## Reading Challenge

Please see the results from the Reading Challenge for the end of this half term, Spring 1. Congratulations to Maple Class for winning this week. Well done to Oak class for being overall winners this half term.

Week Commencing	Silver Birch Class	Holly Class	Maple Class	Willow Class	Hazel Class	Oak Class
10/1/22	41%	63%	68%	68%	67%	88%
17/1/22		67%	90%	46%	71%	94%
24/1/22	42%	75%	58%	54%	100%	100%
31/1/22	52%	59%	86%	50%	83%	94%
7/2/22	52%	62%	97%	47%	88%	95%

Mrs Natasha Bennett  
Headteacher



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**Diary Dates 2022**

Date	Event
Week commencing 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	Half Term
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2022	Pupils return to school for the second half of the Spring Term
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	World Book Day
Week Commencing 7 <sup>th</sup> March	National Careers Week
Week Commencing 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Consultations
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Comic Relief
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Speaking Competition Final
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	End of the Spring Term
Week Commencing 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holidays
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	Pupils return to school for the start of the Summer Term
Week commencing 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	Half Term
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	<b>Non Pupil Day</b>
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Children return to school for the second half of the Summer Term
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Last day of term