

Newsletter

Friday 18th March 2022

It has been lovely to see parents and carers in school once again for our parent consultations this week. We have had an exciting couple of weeks, with children in Key Stage 2 enjoying our first Careers Week, fantastic performances from our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils at the University of Essex in the Poetry Slam Celebration event and raising money for Comic Relief by dressing in red or as a superhero.

Poetry Slam

On Monday evening, Miss Herbert, Miss Foster and I went to the Lakeside Theatre at the University of Essex to watch our Poetry Slam winners perform their poems to a brand new audience. The children all did amazingly well and were fantastic ambassadors for Two Village. We were all incredibly proud of them.



Hockey Tournament

Two Village attended the local school's hockey tournament, which was held at Chase Lane on 18th March. We had a good start, drawing 1-1 with Chase Lane, before a difficult run of games with some losses. We finished strongly with another draw against Chase Lane, followed by a win 3-1 against Great Oakley. Unfortunately, this was not enough to qualify for the semi-finals, but a fantastic afternoon was had by all. The children represented our school brilliantly and gave their all! Well done Team Two Village!



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Church Services

We are very pleased to let you know that we are able to hold our Pupil led Worship for this half term at St. Michael's church on Tuesday 29th March. Parents/carers are invited to join us for these. We will be holding three separate sets of worship to ensure that we can get everyone into the church and keep everybody safe. Please see below for the times of each worship.

9.00 am – Maple Class and Willow Class

10.00 am – Silver Birch Class and Holly Class

11.00 am – Hazel Class and Oak Class

Easter Egg Hunt at St. Michael's

On Saturday 9th April from 2.00 pm until 4.00 pm, St. Michael's will be holding an Easter egg hunt, with teas and coffees in the Millennium room, and an Easter walkthrough. All families are invited to attend.



Easter Competitions

We are holding two separate Easter competitions this year. The first competition involves children decorating an egg, in any way that they like, which might be decorating one egg, several eggs, or creating a scene using an egg/eggs – eggs should be hard boiled or egg shells. The second competition involves the children decorating an Easter hat/bonnet in whatever way they would like. Children can enter just one of these competitions or both. First, second and third place winners will be selected for each competition. Entries should be brought into school by Wednesday 30th March for judging. We look forward to seeing everyone's creations!

We are also still selling raffle tickets for our Easter raffle which will be drawn on Friday 1st April.

Parent Surveys

Thank you to everyone who completed a parent survey when they visited for our parent consultation evenings. If you did not get a chance to complete one and would like to, these can be found in the front entrance to the school. Once completed, forms can be posted in the box in the entrance.

Curriculum End of Unit Sharing Events

Now that things are a bit more settled in school, we are returning to providing opportunities for parents/carers to be involved in finding out more about what their children have been doing during the term. At the end of each topic, every class will invite parents/carers to attend an event in school which showcases what the children have been learning about. Please see below for dates of our sharing events for this term.

Oak Class – Wednesday 30th March from 9.00 am – 10.00 am

Hazel Class – Thursday 31st March from 10.00am – 11.00 am

Willow Class – Wednesday 30th March 2.30 pm

Year 3 – Wednesday 30th March 2.30 pm

Reception Class – Wednesday 30th March from 1.30 pm – 2.30 pm

Speaking Competition for Year 3, Key Stage 1 and Reception

Some class heats for the Speaking Competition have now already taken place and we are very much looking forward to finding out who the winners will be from each class. We have been very impressed with how well our younger



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children have done so far. The winners will go on to compete in the final on 31st March.

World Maths Day

On 21st April, we will be celebrating World Maths Day. The children are invited to come into school dressed as rockstars on this day to link with Times Tables Rockstars. The children will take part in a range of exciting maths activities throughout the day, including a whole school maths trail. To finish the day, Miss Thompson will be hosting the Times Tables Bee grand final, where the finalists will compete for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place medals. Parents of the finalists will be invited to watch the final.

Careers Week

Careers Week, which took place last week, was a great success. The children in Key Stage 2 enjoyed listening to a variety of visitors sharing what they do for a job, how they got their dream job and how they use some of our essential skills within their work. We would like to say a huge thank you to all of the volunteers who helped to make this week such a success. I am quite sure that our children have been inspired by some of our visitors.

"The PCSO was very honest and straightforward about her job which was good. I was inspired by Alice, the lawyer, because I would love to be a lawyer when I am older." (Bella, Year 6)

"I found Vicky really interesting because I've always wanted to be an archaeologist. I do a lot of digging and searching for things with my metal detector." (Sky, Year 5)

"I liked the lady who talked about Detective Pikachu because I was shocked that she helped to make the movie!" (Quintin, Year 3)

"I liked Archie's talk because I like helping other people and helping them to get where they want to be like he does in his job." (Archie, Year 4)

"I watch a lot of entertainment shows and I was really interested in learning about how Mr Ward created sets." (Ben, Year 4)

"I really liked Kate's talk because I'd really like to create movies in the future." (Preston, Year 4)

"I really liked the man from Microsoft because his company made Minecraft and I would like to make a mod." (Vincent, Year 3)

"I really like sport and science. When Leo spoke to us from Canada, I thought it was cool how sport and science were together in a job." (Edward, Year 4)

"I liked listening to the journalist because I like travelling and he told us how he travelled around the world to find new stories." (Ellie-May, Year 4)

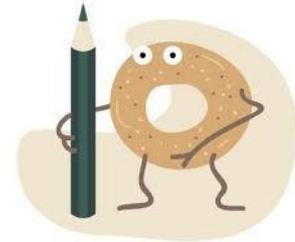
"I was inspired by the hairdresser because I like doing hair. I liked hearing about colouring hair." (Sydney, Year 3)

"I would love to do Careers Week again as it was very inspiring and I didn't even know that some of the jobs existed!" (Hollie, Year 6)

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Classroom Bagel Bars

We are proud to have signed up to the National School Breakfast Programme which will enable us to provide free bagels for children who have been unable to have breakfast before coming to school. This is being funded by the DfE through the National School Breakfast Programme for the coming term and will then be provided at a significantly subsidised cost to the school next year. The programme is designed to ensure children, who need it, have access to a healthy breakfast at school, without barrier or stigma. Each morning bagels will be prepared and will be available at 'Bagel Bars' in each classroom for children in all year groups to eat during registration. We hope that this initiative will enable children who haven't been able to eat breakfast at home to eat before they start their learning, providing them with the energy and nutrients they need to thrive in school. Although the bagels are provided with the aim of feeding children who have not been able to eat breakfast at home for some reason, the bagels will be available to all children who feel that they need to make use of the Bagel Bar. Before we start providing the bagels, we will be sending out some further information so please look out for this. If you would like your child not to have a bagel for any reason, e.g. due to food allergies, please do inform us.



Name Change

Having joined the Vine Schools Trust and started a new phase of our journey at Two Village, we are considering the possibility of changing the school's name to something that better reflects our identity as a church school. This is something that we first considered when we became an academy in 2020 but, with the distractions of the Covid-19 pandemic, we did not feel that it was the right time to explore this. Now things are a little more settled, we felt that it was a good time to consider this. On Monday, you will receive a consultation document about the proposal, which explains the rationale behind this and some other important information about the consultation process. We realise that changing the school's name is a big decision and something that needs careful consideration, which is why we are keen to hear everyone's thoughts on this. We would like to point out that, although we are consulting on changing the name of the school, we have no plans to change the school uniform or the school logo.

Reading Challenge

We are trying very hard to encourage all of the children to read regularly at home and are still running our weekly reading challenge. Some of the percentages this term have been much lower than in the past and we would really like to see at least 75% of all of our classes reading regularly at home. Please see the results of the Reading Challenge for this half term below.

Congratulations to Oak Class who are doing very well with their reading – all children have read at least 5 times every week so far this half term!

	Silver Birch	Holly	Maple	Willow	Hazel	Oak
WC 21/2/22	48%	61%	73%	57%	80%	100%
WC 28/2/22	53%	62%	75%	52%	100%	100%
WC 7/3/22	48%	69%	85%	48%	88%	100%
WC 14/3/22	48%	62%	90%	60%	72%	100%

Help for Ukraine

Thank you to everyone who has already donated items for the Ukraine appeal. A special thank you to Mr and Mrs Jegatheeswaran for their generous donation of a huge crate of food last week. If you would still like to donate, please see the list below and bring your items to the school office.



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Items that are required are:

- Foil Blankets
- Thermal blankets
- First aid kits, particularly bandages
- Sleeping bags
- Nappies
- Infant bottles and dummies
- Women’s Hygiene products
- Shampoo and soap
- toothbrushes
- Long life food items, in particular protein/energy bars
- Power banks – charged up
- Medicines – vitamins and painkillers
- No clothes please

Miss Bowers

We are incredibly sad to announce that Miss Bowers will be leaving us at the end of term. All parents and carers of pupils in Holly Class have received a letter about this today. We are very surprised and upset that she is leaving so soon but wish her luck for the future.

Class Attendance Tracking

	Silver Birch	Holly	Maple	Willow	Hazel	Oak
WC 21/2/22	96.3%	91.6%	89.7%	93.7%	95.4%	94.6%
WC 28/2/22	98.5%	96.4%	93%	92.4%	97%	95.1%
WC 7/3/22	96.3%	86.8%	98.4%	93.4%	97.3%	89.6%
WC 14/3/22	95.3%	98.3%	92.2%	91.9%	96.8%	96.1%

Congratulations to Silver Birch Class who have won the certificate for two weeks this half term.

Mrs Natasha Bennett

Headteacher

Diary Dates 2022

Date	Event
Tuesday 29 th March 2022	Pupil Led Worship at St. Michael’s – parents/carers invited. 9.00 am – Maple Class and Willow Class 10.00 am – Silver Birch Class and Holly Class 11.00 am – Hazel Class and Oak Class
Thursday 31 st March 2022	Reception, KS1 and Year 3 Speaking Competition Final
Friday 1 st April 2022	End of the Spring Term
WC 4 th April 2022	Easter break
Tuesday 19 th April 2022	Pupils return to school for the start of the Summer Term

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Thursday 21 st April 2022	World Maths Day – Dress as a Rockstar and Times Table Bee
Week commencing 30 th May 2022	Half Term
Monday 6 th June 2022	Non Pupil Day
Tuesday 7 th June 2022	Children return to school for the second half of the Summer Term
Thursday 23 rd June 2022	Sports Day
Wednesday 13 th and Thursday 14 th July 2022	KEY STAGE 2 PERFORMANCES Wednesday 1.30 pm and 6.00 pm Thursday 6.00 pm
Wednesday 20 th July 2022	Last day of term Year 6 Leavers Assembly