



Newsletter

Friday 23rd September 2022

Last week was a rather quiet week in school without Year 6. They had a fabulous week away on their residential visit to Norfolk Lakes and were a credit to our school. You can read more about this in Miss Herbert's report below. Last Friday, the children in Key Stage 2 who were still in school, also represented us incredibly well when they participated in the memorial for Dilys Patten. Dilys's family and many of her friends commented on how wonderful the children were and how beautifully they sang. We were all incredibly proud of them and I know that Dilys would have loved them singing two of her favourite songs.

Year 6 Residential

The Year 6 Residential at Norfolk Lakes was a fantastic week in which the children learnt a lot about themselves and how to become more resilient when faced with activities and experiences they had not had to deal with before. They participated in a number of activities including: high ropes; canoeing; stand up paddleboarding; kayaking and indoor climbing. All the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and as Mrs Bennett has said they were a credit to our school. They were all polite and conducted themselves in a sensible and respectful manner around the site. All the instructors and staff commented on their politeness and I have to say they were an absolute pleasure to take away. We will be holding an evening after school when we will share with you all the photos we took so you will be able to see how well they did. Once we have a date we will let you know.

Tendring Junior Ambassadors Project

Year 6 will be participating in the Tendring Junior Ambassador Project and have already had their first introductory session this week. Miss Herbert has been involved in the project before and this is the second time our school has participated. The project is aimed at encouraging children, who are in Year 6, to become more involved in their community and take pride in the area in which they live. Junior Ambassadors are encouraged to show respect for themselves, their community and their environment. The theme for this year is Cultural Awareness.

By participating in the Junior Ambassador Project the children will:

- Gain an understanding of community and how they can influence change within it.
- Learn about and consider other cultures
- Become ambassadors for cultural awareness within their community
- Be proud of and have respect for where they live
- Positively engage with others of all ages
- Encourage young people to take a stand against bullying and hate crime

Throughout the project the children will be encouraged to document activities, record their experiences and, as the project comes to a close, discuss what they feel that they have learnt overall. The project will culminate in an event at the Princes Theatre, Clacton in November when all schools taking part will come together to share their experiences.



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Skills Builder

We are incredibly pleased to announce that we have achieved the Silver Skills Builder Award for the work that we started with Skills Builder last year. We were very close to achieving Gold but decided that as we started fairly late into our first year of the programme, we would like to embed the work that we had started across the school before taking the final steps towards achieving the Gold Award later this year.



Phonics and Reading in Key Stage 1

As parents in Reception and Key Stage 1 will already know, we have changed how we teach phonics at the lower end of the school this year and are lucky enough to be working alongside the fantastic New Vision English Hub and Read, Write Inc. to support us in delivering high quality phonics lessons. Children are now taught in small groups, based on their phonics knowledge and are assessed half termly to ensure that they are within the correct group for the start of each new half term. We have also changed our reading book system for this end of the school. Children will now be taking home books that perfectly match the learning that they are doing in school. Currently, we are using our eBook library to provide our children with opportunities to practise the sounds that they know confidently and once our whole staff training is completed on 14th October, we will be sending home books that match the new sounds taught each week, including books used in class, as recommended by Read, Write Inc.

In order to ensure that all of our parents/carers understand how we will be teaching phonics now and what type of books will be sent home, we will be holding another session on how we teach phonics and early reading on Monday 3rd October at 2.15 pm. We would urge as many parents, who have children in Reception or Key Stage 1, as possible to attend this so that they can learn more about what we are doing in school and how they can best support with their children's learning at home.

How we teach Maths in Reception and KS1

Unfortunately, Miss Thompson is unable to hold the session that was planned for Wednesday 28th September due to training, a new date will be advised shortly.

Speaking Competition

The children have a few weeks left to decide what they would like to present on for this year's Speaking Competition and practise it before they need to share their presentations with their class during the week commencing 24th October. The final will take place after half term so that the finalists have time to practise their presentations during the week away from school before presenting to the whole school.

To find out more about speaking and listening skills and how to support your child with these at home, please visit the Skills Builder Homezone: <https://www.skillsbuilder.org/homezone/speaking-getting-started>

<https://www.skillsbuilder.org/homezone/listening-getting-started>

KS2 Choir

Unfortunately, due to very low numbers, KS2 choir club will not go ahead after school on a Monday. Mrs Bennett will instead run a choir club for KS2 during the school day. Please email the school office if your child would like to attend.



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Non Pupil Days

Just a reminder that we have two non pupil days coming up in October. The first is on **Friday 7th October** and the second is on the following **Friday 14th October**.

PTA

The next meeting will be held on Monday 26th September at 2pm.

Vine Schools Trust

The Vine Schools Trust are currently looking for people to join their Local Schools Boards. Local Schools Boards are responsible for governance of schools within the Vine Schools Trust. If you are interested in finding out more about what this involves, you can have a look at the Vine Schools Trust website for more information.

<https://www.vineschoolstrust.co.uk/governance-framework/>

If you are interested in speaking to Charlotte Little, the Chair of the Local Schools Board (LSB) for Two Village, to find out more about the role of an LSB member or if you are interested in joining this, please contact Mrs Bennett.

Harvest

Another reminder that this year's Pupil Led Harvest Worship will take place on Wednesday 5th October at the following times:

- KS1 – 9.30 am
- LKS2 – 11.00 am
- UKS2 – 1.45 pm

Parents/carers are invited to attend and we look forward to seeing lots of our families there. This year, we will, once again, be asking children to donate food for our local food bank. Please only donate food if you feel that you can – we understand that things are difficult financially for many families at the moment. We will be placing a box in the school entrance for food to be dropped off at the end of the month.

Class Attendance Tracking

	Pine	Sycamore	Chestnut	Willow	Hazel	Oak
WC 5/9/22	89.6%	99.2%	97.2%	96.7%	91%	99.6%
WC 12/9/22	95.3%	97.6%	94.9%	95.6%	92.7%	96.6%
WC 19/9/22	92.9%	92.9%	93.5%	96.7%	89.2%	96%

Reading Challenge

We would like to remind parents that it is extremely important to read with your child at home – read to them and listen to them reading to you. These sessions do not have to be long and are most effective if carried out each day. This will help your child with their vocabulary and, of course, their writing.

	Pine	Sycamore	Chestnut	Willow	Hazel	Oak
WC 5/9/22	29%	-	83%	50%	65%	50%
WC 12/9/22	25%	39%	85%	60%	56%	-
WC 19/9/22	21%	46%	77%	43%	56%	19%

Respect ~ Forgiveness ~ Compassion ~ Thankfulness ~ Perseverance ~ Stewardship



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Mrs Natasha Bennett

Headteacher

Diary Dates 2022-2023

Date	Event
Tuesday 27 th September 2022	How we teach reading parent information session
Wednesday 28 th September 2022	West End in Schools leading workshops with KS2
Friday 4 th October 2022	Harvest Worship KS1 – 9.30 am LKS2 – 11.00 am UKS2 – 1.45 pm
Friday 7 th October 2022	NON PUPIL DAY
Friday 14 th October 2022	NON PUPIL DAY
Friday 21 st October 2022	Half term begins
Monday 31 st October 2022	Children return to school