



Dear Parents and Carers,

As I walk around the school it is lovely to see the children so engaged in their learning and having so much fun at playtimes. Miss Grabham has been busy over the holiday and has purchased some new play equipment, which is proving to be very popular. We bought some play crates, planks, tyres and wooden bricks which the children are using to create their own tunnels, balancing obstacle courses, vehicles and so much more. It is such a delight to see them working so well in teams and being so productive. These construction items now have a new storage area and Miss Grabham also repainted and re-organised the equipment shed during the holiday. The older children are currently collecting song requests so that our Disco Friday playlist can be updated with all the latest hits!

All of the teachers have also been busy over the holiday preparing lessons, organising trips and creating well-organised and attractive classroom environments. Following a room swap for Pre-school, Reception and Year 1/2, Mr Evans has been busy designing and improving the outside classroom for Squirrels class. The children are loving the themed areas for role play and outside learning opportunities.

Our older children have been appointed to the roles and responsibilities they would like to take on for the year ahead. We are keen to develop young leaders and currently offer leadership roles for Play Leaders, School Council representatives (from Reception to Year 6), Wellbeing Ambassadors, Eco Club members and Librarians. These roles are always fulfilled so well by the children and they take their responsibilities really seriously. They were awarded their new enamel badges in Celebration Worship today and I am sure we will see them wearing them with pride from next week.

During Friday's worship I also awarded the Christian Core Values trophy to a Year 4 pupil, who showed all the staff his commitment to following all of our values which are highlighted and taught through the year. These are: friendship, making good choices, perseverance, peace, love, respect and our over-arching value of celebrating life.

Thank you to everyone who attended our Meet The Teacher sessions this week. These are intended to give you an opportunity to say "hello" if your child has moved to a new class with a different teacher and to learn about any routines for the new class too. This year we are using a new online maths home learning system which, along with maths packs (Y1/2), learning times tables (Y3-6) and reading with an adult at home at least three times a week, will form our core home learning support.

Curriculum Maps have been emailed home and are also on our school website. These show you a brief overview of the areas being taught in your child's class for this half term. I hope that you also received my letter last week which gave you the dates for autumn events planned so far. Please let us know if you haven't received these or if you have any queries.

We will be running further parent information sessions initially around maths home learning support, phonics and online safety during the autumn term.

With best wishes, Donna Butler (Head of School)

Christian values, high expectations, treasuring uniqueness - sitting at the heart of the community.

"...I have come in order that you might have life — life in all its fullness." John 10:10

Our Core Value
this half term is:

FRIENDSHIP

Autumn 1 Clubs -

Monday - Tennis Club
(Y1-4) Mr Troman

Monday - Maths
Homework Club (Y5-6)
Mrs Whitehead

Thursday - Craft Club
(Y3-6) Mrs Morgan

Thursday (lunchtime)
Eco Club (Y5-6) Mr and
Mrs Keam

Thursday - Forest
School Club (All Years)
Mrs Gordon-Watson

After school childcare
is also available
Monday - Thursday
3.30-5.30pm

Thought for the Week:



A new school year
means new beginnings,
new adventures, new
friendships, and new
challenges. The slate
is clean and anything
can happen."

Attendance - last week

Whole School -96.88 %



Classes:

Hedgehogs Class - R

Squirrels Class - Y1/2

Owls Class - Y3/4

Foxes Class - Y5/6