



**Autumn term (1) 12th September 2023      Collective Worship Theme: Thankfulness**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to our first newsletter of the new academic year 2023-2024.

We are so very proud of the way in which all the children, including the new children starting in Reception and other year groups, have begun the school term so positively after their summer break. Staff have reported that the children have remembered so much of their learning from last year, they were ready to slot straight back into their new year groups and classes and back to working from where they left off in class, despite the soaring temperatures!

We would like to welcome all the new children and staff who have joined us. Mrs Diwan has started to teach Year 5/6 and two new teaching assistants - Mrs Day and Mrs Crouch who are supporting children in Lime. All are warmly welcomed to our team at school.

### **Class Newsletters**

Teachers will be sending out their curriculum letters next week detailing the children's new learning for the forthcoming term. Please feel free to contact us if you have any queries.

### **Homework**

We will continue to send weekly spellings home. Your class teacher will give more details on the days these are given out in their individual curriculum letters. Please continue to support your child to use the games and activities on Spelling Frame to help them learn the spellings of their new words.

### **Wetheringsett's Reading Challenge**

We have created a special Reading Challenge to enthuse and encourage the children to extend their reading time each day and the range of books read. A letter to explain how the scheme works accompanies this newsletter - please see this for details.

### **Thank yous**

We would like to extend a big thank you to BT's Open Reach for coming into school and transforming our school grounds before the children returned. They have done an amazing job and the grounds are much safer and more attractive as a consequence.

Also to Mr Stannard who has become our Groundsman and has already made a lovely impact on our outdoor environment.



### School Governance

This academic year, school Governance will be administered together with the Governors at Bedfield C of E Primary School, our partner school. We expect this to strengthen and extend the range of expertise we can tap into to guide, support and make us critically accountable for our work. Reverend Chrissie Smart will be Chair for the combined Governing Body, and Jo Pitt Vice Chair.

### Sad news about our Forest School Area

Unfortunately during the Summer holidays our beautiful Forest School area was vandalised and lots of resources made by the children were destroyed. This is heart-breaking for us as a school because the children and staff work so hard to make an attractive and inviting natural environment. This happened again at the weekend. Staff have found Forest School equipment on the field and by the jumps. If anyone in the local village has noticed any suspicious behaviour, please could you let us know and if you find equipment that might belong to us please could you return it. We have reported both break ins to the police.

### Health and safety

Please could you make sure the children keep their shoes on when on the school grounds. The playground has many sharp objects and we do not want any of the children to become injured.

### Plans for the forthcoming Year

We plan to ensure each class has a termly trip or expert visitor to enrich their learning across different curriculum areas. They will also be visiting the Church to use it as a classroom to study local history, RE and Science.

PE will be extended to include Gymnastics, we plan to visit Piper's Vale and book a specialist Dance event. Cafes which focus on specific subjects will also feature to which you will be invited. Swimming lessons will take place in the summer term, together with the Year 5/6 residential.

We will advise of dates, venues and arrangements once these are secured.

### Dates for the diary

29th of September 2023	Macmillan Coffee morning, in the Village Hall at 9-11.30am ,
1st October 2023	County Harvest service and Bury st Edmunds Cathedral
5th October 2023	Individual photos/siblings



17th October 2023	MAT Christmas song recording - trip to St Matthews in Ipswich for years 1-6
19th October 2023	Harvest Festival at Church
20th October 2023	PD Day - children not in school
1st November 2023	Flu vaccinations
10th November 2023	Remembrance Service at Church
June 2024	Residential to Norfolk for years 5 -6, details to follow

All Saints Church, Wetheringsett



You are warmly invited to the Benefice Service at **All Saints Church, Wetheringsett** on **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September** at **10.30am**.

The new stained glass windows will be Dedicated by

**the Rt Revd Dr Mike Harrison, Suffragan Bishop of Dunwich**

The stained glass and sculpture artist Helen Whittaker, who designed the windows, and Keith Barley of Barley Studio will be attending.

There will be a display of work by the pupils of **Wetheringsett CE Primary School**

Refreshments will be available after the service

Wishing you and your child/children a very successful term. We look forward to continuing to work in partnership with you during what we anticipate will be an exciting year ahead.

Kind regards,

Ms Wallis and Mrs Sheeran