

Kilby St Mary's

C of E Primary School

Newsletter



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Christian Value Focus: Friendship

British Value Focus: Democracy

Message from the Head Teacher

Welcome back to Kilby St Mary's! I hope you all had a great summer. It has been wonderful see everyone back and settled into their new year groups. We have welcomed 11 Reception children who have already had a great start to school they have been amazing and settled so well. Welcome; Rowan, Archie, Oliver, Zack, Eden, Myles, Rosie, Lottie, Arabella, Emilia and Ava.

We also welcomed our new Yr 3/4 teacher Mrs Fielding who will be teaching in Maple class on Monday. Mrs Connell will now work Tuesday-Friday.

The summer holidays were very busy with a lot of refurbishments to our site. It has been fantastic to see the improvements to the kitchen. It was extended and fully refitted. I want to say a huge thank you to the current FOK who made a 10% contribution to the works. They worked so hard raising money with various events over the last academic year. It is very much appreciated and will benefit every child at Kilby. (See the end of this newsletter for photos.) I believe some of the FOK committee are competing in a Triathlon soon. I want to wish them Good Luck, I hope it goes well.

We also had the office refitted with doors now separating the staff room ensuring staff have a designated area to take breaks.

I am delighted to announce that Mr Golby, who was working temporarily for us last term, has agreed to be our Premises Officer permanently. I am sure you have already seen the work he has done to improve our site but I have included photos of the field which he worked tirelessly to clear (in one of the hottest couple of weeks of the summer I might add!). So, not only do the children have more space to play but the improvements mean the field is safe from thorns and brambles. I want to thank him for his excellent contribution to the start of the school year.

As you will know from my letter earlier in the week, Mrs Maher will be starting as Acting Head Teacher next week, until I return. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your all kind words of support this week it has been very touching. I would also like to offer Mrs Maher a warm welcome. I am sure she will enjoy her time in our wonderful community.

I will see you all very soon!

Miss Hartshorne

Little Seedlings News

It has been lovely to see the happy, smiling faces from our returning Seedlings, as well as to welcome Margot into our class. The children are enjoying get to know one another, as well as having fun with the children in Oak class too.

We have begun our first topic 'All about me' and have painted our own portraits after looking very carefully in the mirror at our skin, hair and eye colours. We are also going to be thinking about our families, where we live and the things we enjoy doing - finding out how we are the same and different from each other.

Well done for a super first few weeks Seedlings!



Oak Class News

We are delighted to have welcomed our wonderful new children in Oak Class! We have had fun exploring our different areas both indoors and outside - I am sure you will have seen the evidence of paint, sand, mud and glue on them at the end of the day! This week we have started learning our new sounds and playing eye spy spotting things in the classroom.

This term we will be finding out 'All about me' - looking at our families; where we live; toys we enjoy and the toys our parents or grandparents played with; our likes and dislikes and how our wonderful bodies work. Later in the term we will be finding out more about people who help us, we hope to have some special visitors to tell us about their jobs!



Willow Class News

Welcome back to school, I hope you had a lovely summer and are well rested. It has been lovely getting to know the children over the past two weeks and I can't wait to share lots of exciting memories over the next year.

We have started our year by creating stained glass windows to help us reflect in our classroom during the day. We had great fun making them!



We have been learning about the value of numbers up to 20 and have been counting both forwards and backwards.



We have also begun our art topic with a focus on drawing. We looked at some famous paintings of cats and trees by the artist Klimt before making our own life size spirals. We had great fun!

I'm excited to see what we can achieve together in Willow and am looking forward to getting to know the children even more over the next few weeks. Keep up the great work!

Miss Hyde

Maple Class News

I'd like to welcome Mrs Fielding to our school community and especially to Class Maple. We both hope that you all had a wonderful summer break that was filled with fun and laughter. Those 6 weeks passed by so quickly and here we are at the start of term. The children have all settled in well and are beginning to gel and make those meaningful relationships as a mixed Year 3/4 class.

This half term we are learning about the Romans in history, living in habitats in science, greetings etc in French, the artist Joan Miro, and the Creation Story in RE. The children were enthusiastic to start their new learning and it was rewarding to hear that they were recalling their French learning at home. I have attached a few pictures of their beautiful artwork so far.



Also, this half term, the children will be involved in the dance festival at Countesthorpe College. This is an exciting opportunity for the children to experience the beginnings of practising moves to the final dance production nights with other schools. Last year was truly amazing and I felt very proud of what they achieved collectively. More information to follow. Mrs Connell and Mrs Fielding.

Rowan Class News

We hope you had a super summer break and that your child has settled well into life in Rowan class. It's been a great start, with everyone sharp, focussed and working hard. Our themes for this half-term are:

Maths: Place Value, Four Operations.

English: Character Study, book studies on: **The Amazing Story of Adolphus Tips**, by Michael Morpurgo and **Kensuke's Kingdom**, by Michael Morpurgo.

Science: Classifying Organisms. **History:** World War II and Winston Churchill.

R.E.: Christian Parables. **Computing:** The Internet: Communication & Collaboration. **French:** Time.

P.E.: Basketball & Dance: Stomp & Clap and 1970's Disco! **Art:** Pointillism **PSHE:** Friendships

Ways to help at home: Read, read and read! Your child will either have a school reading book, or choose to read a book from home. We check what they are reading weekly. If your child wants their own copy of our book study texts, feel free to purchase a copy for them. The titles are in bold above.

Help your child become more independent by asking them if they have all that they need each day; don't do it for them!

Site Refurbishments



September Birthdays



Albie Olivia Alyan

Rowan Myles Caleb

Happy Birthday from Kilby!

Have a
Great
School Year!



Dates for your Diary

Wed 4th Sept Meet the Teacher
3:30-4:45

Wed 4th Sept Mr Piggot Principle of
3:30pm Kibworth Mead Y5/6
Parents talk

Mon 21st – Fri 25th October Half Term

Fri 20th Dec School Closes form
Christmas

Please help Kilby St Mary's support the Pyjama Appeal.

The Pyjama Appeal works with local hospitals & hospices to provide children in hospital with a brand new pair of pyjamas. Children may have been poorly when arriving in hospital or during their stay and need a clean pair. Children may have been involved in an accident and the last thing on any parent's mind is to run home and grab clean clothes.

If anybody would like to donate a pair of **brand new** children's pyjamas, (Sizes newborn to adults large as they cover to the age of 18)we have a donation box by the blue doors.

We will be collecting until the end of November 2024. After which, they will be taken to Rainbows Children's Hospice in Loughborough at the beginning of December 2024. Thank you in advance for your support.



Donate a brand new pair of pyjamas for a poorly child

Children's Hospital Pyjamas are a UK based charity that collects donations of brand new pyjamas for children aged from newborn to eighteen. These donations are then shared between local hospitals, hospices and women's refuges.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Please donate a brand new pair of pyjamas. Drop them into us. We cannot take used pyjamas.

HOW?

Bring in a pair of PJ's and we will forward them on your behalf.

WHEN?

From
To

WHY?

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