

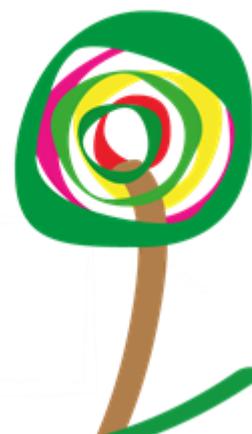
Kilby St Mary's

C of E Primary School

Newsletter

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Since returning to school in August, our pupils have adapted fantastically well to the new measures and procedures to keep everyone safe. Their behaviour has been exemplary and I have seen children demonstrating good manners and consideration for others. Some pupils and parents were understandably anxious about the full opening of our school but I want to reassure you that the children are working hard and enjoying their time in the classroom and their playtimes too. Everything is different, from our staggered start and finish times, lunch arrangements and the way the classrooms are organised, and pupils have adjusted well. Thank you to all parents for your punctuality – this helps us keep our class bubbles apart. Thank you also for your consideration for others by wearing masks whilst waiting for or dropping off pupils. It is very much appreciated.

Our Christian Value for this term is Resilience

Little Seedlings 3+ Unit

We have welcomed some new children in to Little Seedlings and they have settled in really well. They have been learning about Holidays and the Seaside. We also have some new play equipment which they are enjoying. We still have a couple of places available. Please tell friends and family. If you want your child to attend next year, we work on a 'first come, first in' basis so please register early to ensure a place.

Parking

In years gone by, we had permission from the previous managers to use the pub car park, but as it is undergoing a change of personnel we are currently unable to utilise this space for parking. Please park as safely as you can on the road. Mrs Croson has resumed her role as Road Crossing Supervisor so please cross safely where she can assist you.

Pupils New To Our School

In Reception Year we have 11 pupils, some of whom attended Little Seedlings and so are well known to us. I have enjoyed getting to know our new pupils who have settled in very quickly, making new friends and trying very hard with the serious business of learning, playing and developing social skills. They are taught together with pupils in Year 1 who enjoy leading the way and helping out. Some super friendships are forming and they really are a happy group of children!

We have welcomed new pupils to Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6 and hope they and their families will quickly feel part of our school community.

PE and Sports

All pupils are having their PE and /or sports lessons on a Wednesday and Thursday. We ask that they come into school in their PE Kit on these days. They will stay in their PE kit for the whole day.

Homework

As the pupils are working exceptionally hard in their class lessons, we will not be setting homework this term. Government Guidance advises all schools to limit items travelling from home to school. If you wish to encourage your child to do further study at home we recommend that they read a wide variety of texts, as much and as often as they can. There are also a number of online programmes with resources that pupils can use at home.

We will review this decision in the new year 2021.

Reading Book Reminder

Reading Books should ONLY be returned to school on a Friday. Pupils will be given a new book on the following Monday.

Special Mention for outstanding behaviour:

Year Reception	Otto
Year 1	Evelyn
Year 2	Flo
Year 3	Etienne
Year 4	Ethan
Year 5	Despoina
Year 6	Rose

