



***Showing compassion, learning together,  
flourishing as one  
at  
Selling Church of England Primary School.***



Newsletter number 4 – 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was wonderful to see so many of you in school this morning to celebrate all the home learning created this term and to have a look at some of the children's learning achieved at school. Thank you for all your support, undertaking the home learning projects with some very ambitious projects completed. Your child will be benefitting in so many ways through working alongside you at home on projects linked to their school learning. We will be showcasing some of the projects on our Facebook and Twitter pages over the coming weeks. As the new term begins, there will be a new set of home learning projects from each of the class teachers apart from Year 6 (available on the school website class pages) and I strongly encourage everyone to choose two or more projects to do at home. I am looking forward to seeing what is created by the end of next term already.

I'd like to draw your attention to some parent and carer courses that are run at the Midas Centre based at Meadowfield School in Sittingbourne. The workshops are free to attend. They offer a wide range of courses, including an introduction to Autism, helping children to sleep and exploring Attention Deficit and Hyperactivity Disorder – and there are lots more. To view the catalogue showing all the available courses, click on this link [Parent Courses & Bookings - Meadowfield School](#)

Over this term, the whole school has been involved in a democratic process electing two Head Prefects and two Deputy Head Prefects. We have moved away from these responsibilities being assigned by gender to reflect the modern society we live in. I am delighted to share with you these positions, and all the responsibilities assigned to our Year 6 pupils.

Head Prefects	Genevieve & Isabel
Deputy Head Prefects	Ellana & Daniel
Beany House Captain	Isla & Sienna
Gambrill House Captain	Gracie & Louis
Creed House Captain	Harry W & Reece
Hickson House Captain	Arthur & Mason
Sports Captain	Ollie
Senior Librarian	Sophia
Librarian	Charlie
School Councillors	Harry & Sydney
Hospitality Team	Lilly-May & Marian

Sadly, we have said goodbye to two members of our school family today. Otille in Year 2 and Chloe in Year 4. We wish them all the very best as they move on to their next adventure.

Have a wonderful half term and I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

Best wishes,

Madeleine Gower  
Headteacher

### **Housepoints Totals:**

Beaney	Hickson	Creed	Gambrill
15	12	11	12

### **Attendance:**

95.3%

Whole School attendance until today. We are aiming for 97%. We can do it!

### **Open Mornings and Afternoons for reception children starting school in September 2022:**

We are holding open mornings and afternoons for prospective new children starting school in September 2022. Please do spread the word about our wonderful school so that pupil numbers continue to grow – personal recommendations are the best way to tell others about our school.

The dates are as followed:

- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November 1.15pm
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 9.30am
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December 1.15pm
- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 9.30am

Just contact the school office to book a place 01227 752202 or email [office@selling-faversham.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@selling-faversham.kent.sch.uk)

### **INSET Day:**

Just a gentle reminder that the 1<sup>st</sup> November is an INSET day. Children return on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

### **Parent Consultation Meetings:**

We have sent out the time slots for the parent consultation meetings via ParentMail this week. Please do book your slot as soon as you can.

### **Individual Photos:**

We have our individual photos on the 17<sup>th</sup> November. Sibling photos are welcome, please do call the office to book in your sibling photo. These will be first thing on the 17<sup>th</sup> and we will be booking time slots.



### **Self-isolation support for Swale residents:**

Any Swale resident having to self-isolate as a result of a positive coronavirus test is now eligible to receive free practical support throughout the duration of their self-isolation period.

This is in the form of food parcels, medication pick-ups, wellbeing calls, dog walking, counselling, or any vital service necessary whilst the resident is having to self-isolate – all completely free of charge.

This support extends to the whole household of the resident who is self-isolating (regardless of income status or age) and will be of particular benefit to parents of school-aged children who may be struggling to cope whilst having to self-isolate.

To call Citizens Advice Swale on **01795 417664** or email [selfisolation@citizensadviceswale.uk](mailto:selfisolation@citizensadviceswale.uk) to receive free practical support throughout their self-isolation period.

Kent County Council and Swale Borough Council have currently funded this support to continue for residents until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021. Future support past this date will be communicated accordingly.

### **PTFA:**

The children have been excited this week to receive their Smartie packs and many of them have remembered the event from last year. I'm hoping that the Smarties have made it home to you before being eaten! We hope the children enjoy this activity over the half term and we look forward to collecting all the tubes with their firework designs on 2nd November.

We are very excited to say that our Rainbow Hampers are now all put together and look amazing. Thank you to everyone who has been able to donate items or buy raffle tickets for this event. Raffle tickets are still available on Parentmail and will be on sale every Friday after school until 12th November.

Finally, we are really looking forward to our Quiz night on the 12th November. We have sold a few tables but we still have space for those of you who haven't bought your tickets yet. Tickets will be available on the night but please let your class PTFA representative know in advance so we can make sure enough tables are set out in advance. It's a great night out and a wonderful way to get to know more people at the school.

### **Phonics Information Meeting (Year R and KS1)**

On Thursday 18th November we will be holding a phonics information meeting for all parents/carers of children in Year R and KS1. This will be an opportunity to find out a bit more about our new phonics programme, find out how we teach phonics and how you can support at home.

*When/Time:* Thursday 18th November, 3:20-3:45

*Where:* Year 2 classroom (children will be supervised by staff either outside or in another classroom)

There will also be a recording of the information covered for anyone that cannot attend the meeting.

Please let the office staff know if you would like to attend the meeting or if you know you can't attend so would like the recording instead.

Many thanks, Mrs Ormerod.



### **Children in Need**

Children in Need takes place on Friday 19th November this year. As usual, we are very much looking forward to supporting this worthwhile charity as well as having some fun!

We once again invite children to wear their own clothes in exchange for £1.

We will also be trying to cover the perimeter of the playground in pennies! Please start saving up all of your pennies ready for the 19th.

More information to follow next term.

### **Harvest:**

We have received a letter from the Foodbank thanking us for our recent Harvest donations. The total weight of our donation was 143.4kg which equates to approximately 358 meals. Over the last twelve months Faversham Foodbank has feed 2535 individuals 1016 of these being children, giving out almost 23000 meals, as well as toiletries and household cleaning products. Thank you to everyone who donated.

### **Football Tournament:**

Last week, Selling football team participated in their first football tournament of the season. The team managed to reach the quarter finals, beating one team 8-0 along the way! Well done to all of the children that took part.





**DRAMA WORKSHOPS**

**In FAVERSHAM**

**CALLING ALL YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 7 - 11!**

Come and enjoy the fun at our weekly drama workshops which we run at **BYSING WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL** Lower Road, Faversham!

Classes include all aspects of drama, including voice work, movement, mime, physical theatre, improvisation and theatre games.

We perform plays, devise our own shows and we've even made our own short films

**SO COME & JOIN THE FUN!**

We meet every Saturday morning during term time. We also run holiday weeks during the Easter & Summer holidays

FYP is a **PLAYTIME THEATRE** company, led by industry professionals.

FOR FURTHER DETAILS PLEASE CONTACT SARA KETTLEWELL  
ON 01227 266272 / 266648, or 07758729129 or email: [playtime@dircon.co.uk](mailto:playtime@dircon.co.uk)



**THE RAINBOW  
HAMPER RAFFLE**

RALLY ROUND IN YOUR CLASS TEAMS (SEE BELOW)  
TO CREATE YOUR COLOUR THEMED HAMPER  
FOR OUR PTFA FUNDRAISER HAMPER RAFFLE

**YR R & Y1 RAINBOW**  
**YR 2 YELLOW**  
**YR 3 RED**  
**YR 4 BLUE**  
**YR 5 GREEN**  
**YR 6 PINK**

DEADLINE: HAMPER DONATIONS IN FRIDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER  
RAFFLE TO BE DRAWN AT PTFA QUIZ NIGHT FRIDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

PLEASE DONATE: Send with your child any suitable item that will coordinate with your class colour(s). Just a simple contribution each will make a wonderful selection together for fundraising hampers

DON'T FORGET TO BUY RAFFLE TICKETS **£1/TICKET**  
AVAILABLE FRIDAY AFTERNOON PICK UP OR VIA PARENTMAIL

### **Information about Dangerous Toys:**

A recent report commissioned by the British Toy and Hobby Association (BTHA) found many of the toys tested could choke, strangle, burn, poison and electrocute children. From the 255 toys that were randomly selected, inspected and tested, 88% were illegal and 48% were unsafe for a child to play with.

The toys tested were bought from a range of online sellers. Currently, there is no legal requirement for online marketplaces to check the safety of the products that other sellers are listing on their site.

The report itself includes a list of toys that researchers found were illegal or unsafe. As we move towards the Christmas season, when toys will be bought as presents, the advice given in Appendix 8 of the report, Consumer Tips, could be especially valuable. You can find the report here: <https://toysafety.co.uk/>

### **A prayer**



Dear God,  
We thank you for all the ways in which we have been shown wisdom this term.  
We pray our school continues to be a place of great discovery, adventure and creativity.  
May it be a place where we love to learn and where we learn to love.  
A place where everyone is respected and all are deeply valued.  
Amen



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