



West Ham Church School

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Newsletter
Autumn 1
Week 2



A note from Mrs. James, Headteacher

It has been a week of reflection and prayer as we give thanks to the reign of our late Queen and remember her service to the people. The children have been hugely respectful and thoughtful in their response through this national mourning period.

We have widened our range of subjects being taught by specialist teachers this year; to continue our focus on providing a full and rich curriculum taught by experts. Welcome to Miss Kee, our drama teacher, and P.E. Subject Lead and Mr. Belbagi (Mr. B) who is teaching French to Key Stage 2 in the afternoons and teaching Nursery in the mornings. Mr. Forster and Mrs. Palmer are teaching the Computing curriculum to KS2 and KS1 respectively, lead by Ms. Nemeth our Computing Subject Lead. Ballet continues to be taught by teachers from Primrose Dance in the Early Years and KS1 and we have employed the services of Miss Coles, a trained Ballet teacher, to teach classes in KS2 throughout the year. Music is taught by our Music Subject Lead in the Early Years and KS1 and Miss Pandya is teaching Music to children in KS2.

This week we were visited by Richard Hopkins, our Diocesan Advisor, who commended us on achieving the Gold Quality Mark Award for R.E. He also observed our collective worship and remarked on how inclusive it is in recognition of and in respect to our diverse community. The whole school are embarking on new courageous advocacy and social justice projects centred around individuals who inspire us to speak out against injustice. To continue educating the children about climate change and conservation, we will start by learning about the work of Sir David Attenborough and specifically support the charity Save the Rhino. More information to follow!
Warm regards, Mrs. James, Headteacher

School Vision

Our Vision is to enable children, with God's guidance, to know and appreciate the **wonder** of God's creation, to live in **harmony**, embracing differences, to always act with **compassion** inspired by the example of Jesus, and to have the **strength** to follow their dreams and achieve their goals.

Prayer Space

*We give thanks for the reign of
Elizabeth our Queen,
and for the example of loving
and faithful service which she has
shown among us.*

*Help us to follow her example of
dedication.*

Amen.

Values

Our school value this
term is

Thankfulness

Meet the teacher

2:45-3:15pm

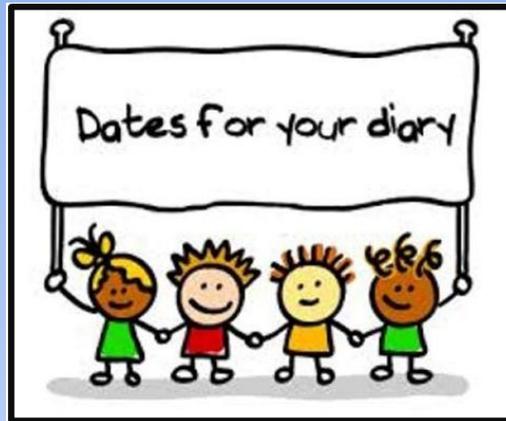
Tuesday 20th September

Please come to the office reception where you will be escorted to your child's phase leader's class for the meeting.



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When?	What? Where?	Who?
Thursday 15th Sept 2:30pm	Y5&6 St Briavel's Castle Residential Meeting	Parents' meeting with staff attending residential
Monday 19th September	Whole school	The school will be closed for the State Funeral bank holiday
Tuesday 20th Sept, 2:45pm	Meet the teacher meeting	If you missed the first meeting or would like to attend to meet a second child's teacher, please meet in the playground where you will be shown to the correct classroom for the meeting <i>Please note the change of date and time</i>
Wednesday 21st- Friday 23rd Sept	Y5&6 Residential	Details to be discussed at the meeting on the 15th Sept
Thursday 6th October	Harvest Festival All Saints Church	Date to be confirmed





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EYFS & KS1

Weekly News Page
Assistant Head: Mrs. Rogers



Early Years Foundation Stage

This week

The children have enjoyed singing a song all about the Christian creation story, including learning some actions to go with it! Ask them to have a go at singing along at home. They have also enjoyed continuing their ballet lessons, and had their first lesson with Ms Rice in our special music room! We have begun to look in more detail at the story "Hello, Friend!" - looking for clues in the pictures to help us think about what the story might be about.

Next week

Over the coming weeks, the children will build up their ability to sit in their carpet space and listen to one person. We will begin StoryTime Phonics next week to explore Phase 2 sounds, starting with 's', 'a', 't' and 'p'. Ask your child to show you their phonics 'caption action' at the end of each day!

Reminders

Please ensure that your child's uniform is clearly named so that we can return any lost property. Please return reading books on Wednesday (Dragonflies, Ladybirds, Butterflies) and Thursday (Little Owls).

Key Stage 1

This week

We have been learning to count in tens, please practise counting in tens with your child. In English we have observed the character of the wolf in traditional tales and discussed whether wolves are always villains in stories, and if this is a true representation.

Next week

We can't wait to begin our topic on habitats as we will be exploring whether organisms are living, dead or have never been alive! In geography, we will be exploring our learning environment using positional, locational and directional vocabulary such as **left, right, straight, next to** and simple compass points.

Reminders

We are fortunate to have a daily PE lesson, so please ensure your child has their PE kit in school. A reminder that the only type of earrings we allow are plain studs.



We visit our school library weekly and we are borrowing from our exciting collection.. Please return library books by Tuesday. Thank you for your support.



Lower Key Stage 2

This week

LKS2 have really enjoyed taking part in drama lessons this week. We have been putting the skills learned in our specialist drama lessons to good use by creating scripts based on our class text, "How the Stars Came to Be". In history, we have been introduced to our new Anglo-Saxons topic. Placing the events in chronological order was really interesting, and helped us to understand when events happened.

Next week

We are excited to start our new geography topic all about East Anglia - learning about the human and physical geography of the area. We will be able to compare this to our local area.

Reminders

Children will need to remember to bring their **swimming costumes** to school with them on Tuesday 20th September. Please allow children to bring a large bag with them, so the children can easily fit in all their belongings.

Upper Key Stage 2

This week

This week, we have enjoyed getting stuck into our topics. We have been reading 'Rose Blanche' and spent time exploring the illustrations and producing role plays in groups. In maths, we have tackled numbers up to 10,000,000 and have approached some challenging problems with strength and determination! It has also been a week of fun - French and Karate have been a real highlight!

Next week

We are looking forward to a week of fun, new challenges and opportunities to develop our teamwork. We have lots of exciting activities planned at St. Briavel's, **and in school**.

Reminders

Next week, the children will be on their residential visit to St Briavel's Castle from Wednesday to Friday. If your child is not attending the visit, **they are expected to come to school as normal**. Please ensure that they continue to bring their PE kits to school so that they can take part in all of the activities.



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Attendance

Congratulations! The class with the highest attendance across the school last week was...



Ladybirds



Celebration Page

On this page, we celebrate the children's achievements in and out of school, including

- ❖ good behaviour
- ❖ excellent attitude to learning
- ❖ progress
- ❖ high quality work
- ❖ awards



Headteacher's Awards

Wonder: Zion-Kenzo (Ladybirds, YR), for his enthusiasm and positive attitude towards learning, and exploring his new school.

Harmony: Rayyan (Eagles, Y6), for going above and beyond in ensuring that his peers are always feeling included and supporting them.

Compassion: Besarta (Badgers, Y4) for consistently showing compassion by supporting other children when they find learning difficult.

Strength: Reggie-Rae (Hedgehogs, Y2), who has shown great strength and determination to achieve his goals in his learning.

Mathletics

Please encourage your children to complete the challenges on Mathletics. If you do not have a device to use at home, we invite children to join homework club.

Gold:

Silver:

Bronze:



Little Owls (Nursery): Reiha, for her enthusiasm towards new activities.

Dragonflies (Reception): David, for his brilliant effort with home learning this week.

Ladybirds (Reception & Y1): Analia for trying her best in all carpet sessions.

Butterflies (Y1): Asiya, for her excellent contributions in class, and her compassion.

Hedgehogs (Y2): Yaryna, for her contribution to whole class sessions.

Squirrels (Y2): Adriana, for being caring and supportive towards her friends.

Otters (Y3): Ismail, for working hard in maths and pushing himself with challenges.

Badgers (Y3&4): Jaden, for being helpful in the classroom and supporting his peers.

Foxes (Y4): Manha, for working in harmony with others.

Swallows (Y5): Zakwan, for trying his best and always following instructions carefully.

Eagles (Y5&6): Krishna, for always working conscientiously in maths.

Kingfishers (Y6): Oke for her valuable contributions to discussions.



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WHCS
Song Sheet

The words of the National Anthem are as follows:

God save our gracious King!

Long live our noble King!

God save the King!

Send him victorious,

Happy and glorious,

Long to reign over us,

God save the King.

Thy choicest gifts in store

On he be pleased to pour,

Long may he reign.

May he defend our laws,

And ever give us cause,

To sing with heart and voice,

God save the King.