

# Wool CE VA Primary School Magazine



**Rooted in the community to grow and flourish**

The parable of the Mustard Seed, Matthew 13:31-32

# A message from Mrs Griffiths

Dear Parents/Carers,

This is the last edition of our School Magazine and from next Friday I will be writing to you in the usual weekly newsletter format. Whilst the national lockdown is not yet ending, it feels hopeful to know that from Monday we will be welcoming back all children onto the school site. I for one cannot wait to see the children's faces and feel the buzz of learning in the classrooms once again!

Since 4th January 2021, you have taken on the role of co-educators for your children and for this I want to thank each and every one of you. Thank you for asking questions and responding to emails in order to communicate with your child's teacher. Thank you for helping your child engage with the lessons set and remember when to attend the live sessions. Thank you for checking that photos of learning have been submitted and for answering the phone so that your child can speak to their teacher. Most of all, thank you for supporting your child through a very different kind of learning landscape despite not necessarily feeling confident or at ease yourself. Your efforts have made a difference, I promise.

For the rest of the spring term, please be reassured that staff will be doing all they can to help your child make the transition to learning in the usual school context once more. Even those who have been attending school this term will need support to adjust to new routines and working within a larger cohort once more. Please do all you can to help your child experience this transition positively. For example, arriving at school with the correct uniform/kit and within your allocated time window will ensure your child feels more confident entering the classroom. Similarly, setting aside time to read to an adult every day once coming home from school will also help establish an important part of the daily routine. Children benefit hugely from the encouragement and support you give them. Please do remember to get in touch if you ever have any questions or want clarification on anything.

I want to end by thanking your children for being the marvellously thoughtful and creative children they are. Every week this magazine has shared photos of all they have been up to and their smiles have shone out of every page. They have truly found lots to be happy about amongst all the challenges and have certainly helped to spread happiness. I am very proud of them all.



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We would love to hear your feedback about the remote learning we have delivered. Please click the link too fill out the online form

[Remote Education Survey for Parents/Carers](#)

You have until the 12th March at 4pm to register your thoughts.

Thank you



Children from Chestnut class in school have dressed up as lots of exciting characters. Like Mulan and Hermione Granger



Ethan, Eboney and Theo have dressed up as some of their favourite book characters. Great



Children in school from Elm class got comfy for World Book Day!



Coral and Toby have dressed up as a character from the 'Dork Diaries' and 'Billionaire Boy'. Great job.



We took time to read by ourselves and together in Beech Class

Oliver has dressed up as DJ Banana for World book day and Isabelle read a story to the family pet and her baby brother. Great effort



Murphy dressed up as Aslan ... his favourite book character!

# World Book Day 4 March 2021



## Thought for the week

*“I praise you that I am fearfully and wonderfully made.” Psalm 139:14*

*“To live will be an awfully big adventure.” J.M Barrie*



It was a surreal sight when, back in April 2020, a cruise liner first anchored down in Weymouth Bay. Now, almost a year on, there are still several of these huge ships bobbing around in the bay. These waiting vessels have become a helpful metaphor. These powerful ships suddenly needed protection – and the relatively calm waters of the Bay have provided this. In a time of multiple change and loss people have needed multiple levels of protection. Key workers in all walks of life have provided this and schools have provided places of calm, reassurance and safety.

Yet these great ships were not made to just float around the bay..... they were made for adventure!

We are lovingly and purposefully created - each with a vocation to be joyfully discerned. Our role is to protect and also to encourage people to grasp that they are, “fearfully and wonderfully made,” and to have the confidence to live life with a sense of wonder, purpose and adventure.

The day will come when the cruise ships leave. The engines will whir into life, the anchors will be hoisted up- and they’ll set sail – back into the purposes for which they were created.

I hope that our schools, churches, communities and children may experience something of this new life too. That as opportunities open up we will live life well with a renewed sense of purpose, adventure and confidence.

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A message from Miss Hardy



Finally, the day is nearly here when we can all return to school and be back in our familiar routines, learning and socialising with friends. WOOHOO!!

You may well have very mixed feelings about returning to school and that's OK. Everyone has had different experiences in lockdown and everyone has been trying to learn as best they can. There may be new things you have discovered that work really well for you when learning and this will be important for you to share with the teaching staff in your class. I know everyone will do their best to make the return to school as easy as possible for you. Try to have times in your day when you are mindful and can practise mindfulness. Your teachers will do this with you throughout the school day, but it is important to have some time for mindfulness to end your day. For example, listening to calming music, drawing, taking a walk outdoors to name a few. This will help prepare you for a good night sleep and reset. It is important to focus on the positives in your day too.





## Help and advice



### WHAT IS ANXIETY?

Anxiety is a feeling of unease, such as a worry or fear, that can be mild or severe. Everyone has feelings of anxiety some time in their life. For example, you may feel worried about moving to the next school year, having to have an injection, sitting a test, going somewhere new or different. The list can go on.

The pandemic and lockdown may impact on a child's mental health in many different ways. Children may be experiencing increased anxiety and struggling to understand how they are feeling.

### Return to School

The transition back to school after the lockdown is likely to be difficult and draining for the children. As a school we will of course have wellbeing on our minds as the returns take place. In the meantime, here are some things that you can do at home to help:

- Have an open dialogue about returning, try to make it a positive and even an exciting thing.
- Let your children know that they are allowed to be worried about it, take time to address the worries together, reminding them that it will be ok.
- Remind your child that there are always adults at school that they can talk to about any worries they may have.

Use the information on the school website on the SEND Page to support your child's return. There is a link to the Covid -19 transition pack in which you will find a range of resources and documents including social stories.



[Every Mind Matters | One You - The NHS website - NHS](#)  
[Feeling stressed, anxious, low or struggling to sleep?](#)

Every Mind Matters and One You can help with expert advice and practical tips. Start the fightback to a healthier you today.

[YoungMinds - children and young people's mental health charity](#)

We're the UK's leading charity fighting for children and young people's mental health. We will make sure all young people get the best possible mental health support and have the resilience to overcome life's challenges.



## Oak Class



Reception and Year 1

Welcome to Oak Class

Class Teacher: Mr Charman

Teaching Assistant: Mrs Harris, Mrs Dando and  
Miss Wells

### A message from Mr Charman

Hi Oak Class

No surprises that this week has been dominated by guests in the classroom. It was always going to be eggstremely likely that the children would get eggscited by the arrival of eggs. There was much speculation regarding the possibility that one of the following might hatch: crocodile, snake, bird, dragon, lizard, spider or shark. Thankfully none of these. Instead, shyly, the first three eggs hatched overnight, followed by three more equally shy the next night. Rumours that the pairs of three were temporarily named Om, Lett and Ham followed by K, F and C are unfounded ! The children will name them on Monday.

I am looking forward to seeing the children back on Monday for a cracking week !

Mr Charman



## Willow Class



Year 2

Welcome to Willow Class

Class Teacher: Miss Snooks

Teaching Assistant: Mrs Plewka

### A message from Miss Snooks

Hello Willow Class,

Well done for another week of home learning.

You have all worked extremely hard and should be VERY proud of yourselves!! Miss P and I have enjoyed marking all of your work and seeing all of your smiley faces on our live lessons. It looks like you all had a lot of fun dressing up and listening to stories for World book day. I enjoyed being able to wear my PJs and reading a book. Miss P and I are really looking forward to seeing you all on Monday. I bet you all can't wait! See you on Monday! Miss Snooks



## Beech Class



Year 3/4

Welcome to Beech Class  
Class Teacher: Mrs Johnson  
Teaching Assistants: Mr McKaigg, Miss Brown and Mrs Slowther

## A message from Mrs Johnson

Hello Beech Class

It was lovely to see some of you during our live sessions again this week. I hope those of you who joined enjoyed the Scattergories game we played on Wednesday. Some of them were pretty tricky, but you had some great answers!

Well, this is the last message before we are all together again and school life goes back to our new 'normal'. I have uploaded a new timetable for the next four weeks which tells you what lessons we have each day and when you have PE and Forest School.

Over the next four weeks we will be concentrating on getting you all settled back in and enjoying each other's company. Hopefully the weather will be nice and we can do some of our learning outside so make sure you have your coats at the ready.

Have a great weekend and I will see you on Monday morning!

Take care Beech Class,  
Mrs Johnson

## Children's thoughts and prayers

Memory box about our school  
we are a values based school.

All the staff and students are kind and caring.

We may be a small school but we have a big community spirit.





## Chestnut Class



Year 5

Class Teacher: Miss Warner  
Teaching Assistant: Mrs Vaughan and Miss Brown

### A message from Miss Warner

Hello Chestnut Class!

I hope you have had a great final week of remote learning. This week we celebrated World Book Day. It was fun to dress up and see all your costumes! It was quite insightful seeing what you would all pack in your suitcases before going on an adventure! Thank you so much for participating and sending in your fantastic work. You also designed your own Roman god or goddess this week and they were all so thoughtful. We had the goddess of truth, the goddess of justice and the god of life and animals!

I just wanted to say thank you so much for all your hard work throughout lockdown. You have all done so well and I can't wait to have you all back in the classroom next week!

Have a fantastic weekend.

## Elm Class



Year 6

Welcome to Elm Class  
Class Teacher: Miss Knowles  
Teaching Assistants: Mr McKaigg

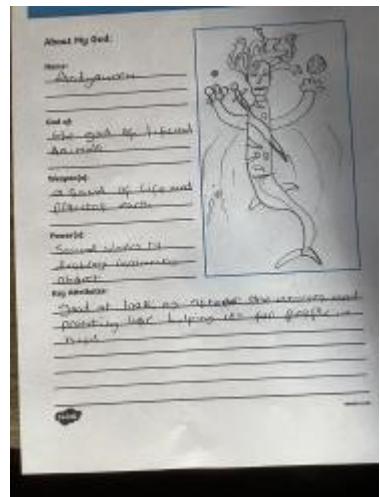


### A message from Miss Knowles

Hello again Elm class!

I am so looking forward to seeing you all back in school on Monday! It will be great to catch up with each other and start learning together again. You can all be really PROUD of how you have dealt with the way school has changed this year. Whether you have been learning remotely from home, or coming into school, everyone has shown perseverance, independence and a positive attitude to their learning! These are values that we will also continue to develop once we're back at school. This week, I've been really impressed with your perseverance with algebra in maths and how you have used VIPERS to show your understanding of The Nowhere Emporium. I hope you enjoyed World Book Day and had a chance to do some fun reading!

Miss Knowles



Chestnut Class have been doing some great writing and drawing on their own Roman Gods or Goddesses and what they would pack for an adventure. Well done!



Theo has done some beautiful pictures for St David's day of a daffodil and a dragon. Well done!



Ethan has taken some quiet time to read a book to his dog. You both look very relaxed!



Oak Classroom has been filled with the chirps of little chicks this week. They are very cute!



Jess has been practising hard during lockdown on her baton twirling and has won 5 gold medals in her national virtual competition. Well done!



Eboney has written a brilliant book review about the Owl that was Afraid of the Dark. Great effort!



## A message from Emma

Hello all,

I hope you have had a great week stepping outside and seeing how everything has started to change and flourish from winter to spring.

I have noticed how all of the spring bulbs have started to pop out of the ground; especially the daffodils and primroses. I can't wait to see all of you again in school for our forest school sessions.

Have a great weekend and see you next week

Emma



## A message from Reverend Sandra

Hello

This week's Bible verse to do with our creation focus for Lent is something Jesus said in Luke's Gospel: "Consider how the wildflowers grow. They do not labour or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these". Luke 12:27.

King Solomon, from the Old Testament, was a very wise and splendid King, but he needed other people to make clothes for him from fine materials. Jesus is saying that God created these wonderful flowers just to grow out of the ground. They don't need us to make any effort, we don't need to make them look any more beautiful, they do that themselves as they grow.

When you're in the garden or out for your walk you could see how many different colours of flower you can find. Look at all levels, don't forget trees have flowers too. Maybe choose a flower and watch it carefully for a while. See if any insects come to visit it.

When you're outside, or even indoors looking at some flowers try being quiet for a moment or two and reflect on what flowers mean to you, and what the world would be like if we didn't have them. You could say this prayer:

Creator God, thank you for flowers. Thank you for the beauty that they bring to our world, for the life that they support, and for the part they play in your creation.

We are sorry for those times when we have been in such a hurry that we have not noticed the beauty of the flowers around us.

Help us to value flowers as part of your creation; not just for what they can give us, but simply because you made them, and you love them. Amen.

Many blessings Rev Sandra



## Who are our top doodlers??

Oak Class	Sebastian	Willow Class	Jess
Beech Class	Oscar	Elm Class	Ethan



The top doodler in the School  
**Eboney**

## Class Doodle Scores

Oak EYFS	12%
Oak Year 1	35%
Willow Class	13%
Beech Year 3	35%
Beech Year 4	9%
Chestnut Class	0%
Elm Class	45%



Well done everyone!!  
Keep ROCKING ON !!!



Caiden  
Jacob  
Michael  
Dennis  
Issac

Ashton  
Jaxon  
Tristan  
Kye



Poppy  
Toby  
Mrs Vaughan  
Mr McKaigg  
Robyn

Daisy  
Flo  
Dennis  
Lauren

Sam  
Mark  
Lewis  
Noah

Kai  
Eve  
Ana  
Mrs Griffiths



Matthew  
Theo  
Ella  
Joseph

Matilda  
Eve  
Elliot  
Cai

Noah  
Mark  
Oliver

Melody  
Tilly  
Coral  
Jimmy



Noah  
Imogen



Daisy  
Tyler - Jay  
Alex  
Oscar  
Phoebe



Well done everyone for all your efforts this week on all our different math's programs.

We can't wait to see you back in school.

Have a great weekend and keep counting!

Mr McKaigg

[MathsBot.com](https://www.mathsbot.com)

