



Barwick and Stoford Primary School



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'To be the School of Choice'



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to all the children, staff, parents and community members for a super Harvest Assembly this morning. Thank you also for your kind generosity with the many donations for the Food Bank - The Lord's Larder and a special thank you to the parents who helped supervise the children walking to the Church.

On Monday we had a special assembly about St Margaret's Hospice. Victoria and Mary shared with the children the work that the hospice does and how as a charity they fund raise to provide the support for the very ill in Somerset. The children have come home with a bag that you can fill and take to one of the St Margaret's Charity shops if you wish to support this very worthwhile charity.

This week the staff have been looking at a Maths programme called 'Time Tables Rockstars'. Over the next few weeks the children mainly from year 2 upwards will be creating their own Avatar on the programme and will be able to enjoy practising their times tables and the corresponding division facts. The children will be able to access this at home.

On Monday 22nd October from 1.10 to 4.50pm we will be holding our first formal parents' meetings of this academic year. Please put this date in your diary as it is very important that we work in partnership with you. More details will follow.

I have met many parents over the last couple of weeks. If you wish to discuss anything with me please speak to me out on the playgrounds before or after school or phone the office to make an appointment. I will always ring you if I am unavailable.

Mrs Sandra Leggett

On line safety—YouTube

Can you keep your family safe watching YouTube? YouTube can be a great source for entertainment and for useful information. However, young children need to be protected from harmful content and parents and older children need to be ready to report inappropriate content. The more people reporting, the safer YouTube becomes. Consider whether YouTube for Kids is the best option for your family but remember you still need to do the checks. Information can be found at <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/youtube-announce-new-parentalcontrols-youtube-kids>. Or set up YouTube in a way that you know all the family can enjoy it. <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/parent%E2%80%99s-guide-youtube-restricted-mode>. Guides are also available to help create a good experience for everyone: <http://bit.ly/youtubefamilyPC> for PCs and laptops <http://bit.ly/youtubefamilymobile> for tablets and phones

Our Autumn Term Curriculum

Chestnut Class

We have begun the new school year full of enthusiasm and excitement about what this term will bring. Whilst some of us are moving up from Reception into Year 1 in Chestnut Class, others are beginning their life-long journey in education – our new Reception children have settled in remarkably quickly into the daily routines of school life.

As we move into shorter days and longer nights and all that Autumn shows us, we will be looking at how the weather changes as we move through the seasons. We will also be looking at how we celebrate Harvest Festival, Halloween and Bonfire Night!

We are going to be extending our knowledge of stories incorporating Traditional Tales such as Little Red Riding Hood, Jack and the Beanstalk and The Gingerbread Man into our Design and Technology by making 'sliders,' 'levers' and 'wheels' to make the stories more interesting.

We are also experimenting with colours through our Art, by looking at the Primary Colours, how to mix colours, using tints and shades and having a go at creating our own artwork based on the drip paintings of Jackson Pollock.

As always, the Autumn term is a long one but it will soon be time to start rehearsing for our two performances in December. Is it too early to mention Christmas? Never!

Maple Class

The children in Maple Class have come back after the summer break with a positive attitude to their learning and they are looking forward to the increasing independence that being in a Year Two class offers.

In English, we will start with 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark' in which the children will learn what is needed to create their own narrative, thinking carefully about characters and settings. We will also look at the text 'The Dragon Machine' to further improve our fiction writing. For the non-fiction element of writing we will be writing our own instructions and diary entries.

In Maths, we will start our learning with Number and Place Value. We will then move on to look at Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication, Division and also Money. Embedded within the Maths curriculum this year will be problem solving and reasoning and we will be applying our new mathematical knowledge in different contexts.

In Science, we will be learning all about everyday materials and investigating which materials are the best for a particular use.

As part of our History topic, we will be learning about the Great Fire of London. We will then be linking this with English when we write our own diary entries, imagining that we were alive during the Great Fire. This topic will also be linked to DT as we are designing and creating our own Tudor Houses. In Geography we are learning all about the UK, exploring different countries, surrounding seas and landmarks.

Oak Class

During this Autumn Term 2018, we are extending our knowledge on number, place value and number problems in Maths, specifically concentrating on representing numbers in different ways and getting more confident with our problem-solving skills.

In English we are learning about fables and the messages they communicate. Through fables we are learning how to write direct speech and use conjunctions to extend our sentences. It is that time of year when we learn about Harvest and give thanks; we will be reading various traditional poems and choosing our favourite to read in church later this month. We will be reading some familiar stories and rewriting them in our own style vying to become budding authors. This is in anticipation of meeting Tom Fletcher at the Octagon theatre later this term.

We have been learning about Egypt in topic as well as having French and ICT lessons. Our PE lessons are with Mr Boulton and we are learning some tag rugby skills and learning to keep up our physical activity to improve our own personal fitness. We are also swimming this term and improving our stamina, so we can try to swim at least 25m by the time we are in year 6. We continue to do forest school type activities based on team building activities through co-operation and friendship based tasks.

Sycamore Class

In Sycamore class, this Autumn, we shall be exploring many exciting themes within our learning with a focus on World War 1.

This theme will be explored on a cross-curricular basis. Investigating the causes in history, the European landscape in geography and reading the fantastic book War Horse, for English work. The children will have many learning opportunities and time to investigate the subject deeply. Everything from trench life to the role of women in the war. Who was Frans Ferdinand? Well they can tell you.

In addition to this, the children will enjoy our annual term swimming at Goldenstones and take advantage of the new PE coach for sports.

In science, through investigations, the children will be exploring the uses and properties of materials through designing their own scientific investigations.

I am sure the children in Sycamore class will have a wonderful term with the exciting activities planned and don't forget on top of all this it will be Christmas as well.

Emergency Contact Details

The Government has recently published new requirements for schools in the document 'Keeping Safe in Education 2018'. This requires all schools to ensure that they have at least 2 emergency contact details so that parents can be contacted in an emergency and when a child does not arrive at school. Somerset is recommending that we have 3 emergency contacts if possible. This has become a requirement following the tragic death of a young child who starved to death clinging to his parent who had collapsed and died. Also please can you ensure that you inform the school office if your phone number(s) have changed. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Dates

22.10.2018	Parents' Meetings from 1.10pm to 4.50pm (Booking forms to follow)
25.10.2018	Halloween Disco 6 to 7.30pm
26.10.2018	Non-Pupil day
29.10.2018 to 2.11.2018	Half term break
5.11.2018	School re- opens
7.11.2018	Friends of School Meeting 3.30pm (Sycamore Classroom)
23.11.2018	Flu jabs for Reception to Year 5 pupils (more information to follow)
28.11.2018	Christmas Bingo 6pm
30.11.2018	Non-uniform day (please bring donations of wine for the Christmas Fayre)
7.12.2018	Non-uniform day (please bring donations of sweets for the Christmas Fayre)
7.12.2018	Christmas Fayre 2 to 3.15pm
12.12.2018	Christmas Performances Ladybirds and Chestnut 2pm, Year 2 to 6 at 6pm
13.12.2018	Christmas Performances Ladybirds and Chestnut 2pm, Year 2 to 6 at 6pm
20.12.2018	Nativity 10am , Christmas parties pm
21.12.2018	Non- Pupil day
24.12.2018 to 7.1.2019	Christmas Break
7.1.2019	School re-opens for the Spring Term