

### World Book Day

As you may remember, unfortunately, we postponed our World Book Day celebrations last year due to lockdown. We are now planning to celebrate World Book Day on Friday 24th September to promote reading in school. The day itself will follow a 'round the world' theme with each year group visiting a different country through their chosen class text. Children will enjoy many activities throughout the day which explore their chosen country as well as other fun World Book Day events.

In traditional World Book Day style, children will be able to dress as their favourite story characters or authors. They do not have to dress to represent their chosen country. As part of our 'Round the World' theme and to acknowledge International Literacy Day, (recently celebrated on 8<sup>th</sup> September), we are hoping to raise some money for UNICEF to purchase 'literacy packs' for children around the world. We are asking for a donation of £2 towards this worthy cause, which is payable via ParentPay.

### Year 4 Trampoline After School Club

The charge for the bus to Velocity Trampolining has now been added to ParentPay accounts for those who are taking part in the Year 4 Trampoline after school club. Please can this be paid in full by Friday 26th September. Should you have any questions, please speak to the school office.

### Key Stage 2 Vegetable Plots

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 did an amazing job last term growing their own vegetables in our key stage 2 gardens and have thoroughly enjoyed watching their produce grow. As you can see from the photographs below, our current Year 4 children are particularly green-fingered!



### Absence Reporting

We kindly ask that, where possible, all pupil absences, including if children will be late due to appointments, are reported to the school office by 9am. When you telephone School, you can report your child's absence by pressing 1 to access our automated absence line.

### Reception Baseline Assessment

Over the next few weeks, Reception staff will be completing the new reception baseline assessment for all children in classes 1 and 2. The reception baseline assessment (RBA) is a short, statutory assessment of children's early literacy, communication, language and maths skills when they begin school. More information for parents of children in Reception is attached to this newsletter.

### Covid-19

Since national Covid-19 guidance has been updated, we have had a number of queries from parents about the changes to self-isolation requirements. As a result, we have collated a list of commonly asked questions to provide information and advice to parents, which is attached to this newsletter.



# Newsletter

## Monday 13th September

### Stars of the Week

Our stars of the week are:

**Nursery:** Samuel    **Class 1:** Jack    **Class 2:** Oliver C  
**Class 3:** Ember    **Class 4:** Joseph    **Class 5:** Mila  
**Class 6:** Archie    **Class 7:** Bella    **Class 8:** Aiden  
**Class 9:** Malachi    **Class 10:** Heidi    **Class 11:** Amrit  
**Class 12:** Sobia    **Class 13:** Maddison D    **Class 14:** Skye

### Kitchen Staff Job Vacancy

Stockton Borough Council are currently advertising a vacancy to work in our school kitchen. The contract is for a minimum of 7.5 hrs per week with the possibility of more. If you are interested in applying for the post, please contact Sharon Blakemore via the school office.

### Parking

We have received a number of emails from local residents in the Bellway homes regarding parents turning their cars around on their driveways. We kindly ask that when dropping off and collecting children you turn in an appropriate place avoiding other people's driveways. Thank you.

### Forest Schools

On Wednesday, it will be Year 4's turn to take part in an educational forest school lesson. Class 10 will go in the morning followed by Class 9 in the afternoon. **Children can come to school in their forest school clothes.** In the event of bad weather, please ensure they bring a waterproof coat and suitable footwear.

### Class 10 Swimming

A reminder to parents that Class 10 will start their block of weekly sessions tomorrow at Mill House leisure centre in Hartlepool. Please ensure that children come to school with their swimming costume/swimming trunks, towel, swimming hat and goggles (optional). If you have any questions, please speak to Miss Hind or the school office.

### Breakfast Club Health and Fitness Sessions

Breakfast and Tea Clubs have been running extremely well since the start of term. As part of our Breakfast Club offer, Olly, our school sports coach, and Luke, our sports apprentice, have been running some health and fitness activities for different year groups each morning. Children across school have had great fun getting active every morning with Olly and Luke during these sessions.

### Bike to School Week

'Bike to School Week' is taking place this month from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October. More information on this will follow on next week's newsletter.

### Vine Church Wynyard Celebration

Vine Church Wynyard, led by Reverends Mark and Emily Hudghton, will be celebrating its launch event on Sunday 26th September in our school hall. This will be the church's first service in school followed by a community celebration. The Bishop of Durham will also be attending to bless the launch of the church. Weekly services will then take place in the school hall every Sunday. The attached leaflet was sent home in bags last week with further information, should families wish to attend.