

Welcome Back to School!

I hope that you all had a wonderful summer break with your families and that you enjoyed some of the good weather. The sun seems not to have noticed that it is now September however, this has meant that the children have had plenty of opportunity for outdoor learning and use of the Glebe field for lunchtimes and play.

Collection Letter

Thank you for all your support with morning drop off and afternoon collections. These seem to be running more smoothly now however we will continue to encourage you to collect from the playground itself. Please can we reiterate the importance of collecting from the junior playground so that we know children are being handed over to adults on the school grounds.

Mrs White

We are very sad to announce that over the summer holidays, Mrs White resigned from her post of Teaching Assistant. Mrs White had worked at the school for a very long time – 16 years. Her impact in the school has been incredible – from leading interventions to nurturing the children, she has been a friendly face to many and we will miss her dearly. We know that Mrs White is extremely well respected by parents who may be disappointed that you didn't have the chance to say goodbye to Mrs White. If you would like to pass a message or a card to her, please drop it into the school office and we will ensure that Mrs White receives it.

Meet the Teacher Events

Further to our emails this week we are delighted to invite you to our "Meet the Teacher" events, which will take place on the following dates:

Tuesday 19th September at 3:20 - for parents of children in Willows, Hazel, Ash and Oaks.

Wednesday, 20th September at 3:20 – for parents of children in Elms and Beech

Please collect your children from the playground and then sign into the school building via the office. These meetings will take place in the school hall with a film being shown for all primary age children in Elms class. We ask that all very young children attend the meeting with you please. We are very much looking forward to seeing you all.

Collective Worship

In collective worship this week we have been thinking about building communities. We have looked at the story of Nehemiah, who supervised the rebuilding Jerusalem and have considered how we are rebuilding our school community this new academic year. The children have also thought about how they are each a special piece of our school, much like a jigsaw puzzle, and that together we are a strong, diverse and talented community.

Many children will also have come home telling you that I have asked them to "be like a tomato!" by absorbing the environment around them, being full of goodness and then living out our school vision by passing that goodness on.

Harvest Donations

It's that time of year again when we ask for harvest donations! All donations will be given to the Loaves and Fishes Food Bank in Sevenoaks. Last year the food bank were overwhelmed by the kind donations from you.

They are currently asking for...

- Jam
- Hot chocolate
- Breakfast cereals (but not Weetabix or cornflakes)
- Spices
- Rice
- Tins of
 - Hotdogs
 - Ravioli
 - Beef Bolognese
 - Chicken Casserole
 - Spaghetti Hoops
 - Sweetcorn

Please leave any donations in the box located in the office.

A Fantastic Start!

Our new Saplings have all been exploring their new classroom and garden, making new friends and getting to know some of our school routines. We are very proud of how well they are settling in - lining up in the mornings to come into school already like Y1 and Y2, remembering our "Choose it, use it, put it away" rule and taking lunchtimes in their stride. What a fantastic start!



Oaks – Tudor Life

This week, Oaks have started their new history topic focusing on the Tudor period. The children created timelines in groups, ordering the key events of the time, right from the Battle of Bosworth to the death of Queen Elizabeth. Soon, we will be trying to help King Henry VIII find the most suitable wife. Good luck with that task, Oaks! Mr Howse



Elms	Frankie - For showing such kindness towards his friends and for being such a helper in the classroom. Cooper - For using his expert skills in phonics to help to teach the other children.
Beech	Owen P - For excellent maths work this week. Super understanding of tens and ones in a two-digit number. William K - For using amazing adjectives to describe the character of Posy.
Willows	Ivy - For being a great example to the class and helping to keep our classroom neat and tidy this week. Mia - For her excellent start to the year with her enthusiasm and interest in her learning.
Hazel	Brody - For always listening intently to instructions and showing great perseverance across the curriculum. Halle - For using strategies to support her understanding and excelling in Science.
Ash	Josh - For working hard across the curriculum this week and being very helpful to his peers. Seth - For his brilliant description and picture of his mythical creature.
Oaks	Summer - For her excellent contribution to class discussions Freya - For her excellent use of relative clauses combined with semi-colons

Happy Birthday!	Isabelle Treyon
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The Great Ide Hill Bake Off

Saturday 14th October

Enter one or more of your bakes into one of our Judged categories
£2.00 per entry
Bakes for judging to be delivered to hall 10-11am
Doors open at 1pm for tea and cake, raffle and prize giving

Adult: Cakes and Gateaux Small cakes, Traybakes and Fancies
Biscuits and Scones Savoury Bakes
Free From bakes (vegan or sugar, gluten or dairy free)
Showstopper (a cake no larger than an 8-inch cake decorated in your own style/theme)
Teen bakes - 7 inch cake iced with sporting theme and/or cookies and biscuits
Children's bakes - 6 decorated cupcakes and/or cookies and biscuits

Entry forms available from village shop

Friends of Ide Hill Church

Nature Natives

Nature Natives Woodland Skills Club at Ide Hill
Tuesdays 3.20 - 4.30

Starting next week 19th Sept for 5 weeks

Open to all children in Y3-Y6

£8 per child per session prebooked for the term

Contact Serina 07817028314

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