



## Bolton on Swale St Mary's Church of England Aided Primary School

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*'To love, live and learn together'*

Newsletter Friday 6th September 2024

Our Christian value this half term is 'Respect'

**Welcome back** A very warm welcome back to a new term at school. A special welcome to our new Reception children. We are delighted with how well they have already settled. A special thank you to our Year 6 buddies who have done a great job welcoming and supporting them. We look forward to working with all our new families. You are all very welcome.

**Smart Uniform and PE kit** All the children look very smart– thank you! Please do label your child's clothes if you haven't already.

### **Our School Ethos and Values-'To love live and learn together'**

As a Church of England Aided School our Christian values are very important to our school community and underpin how we behave to one another. This term we are focussing on the Christian value of **'Respect'**. We have been thinking about these words from the Bible, **'Love one another as I have loved you.'**

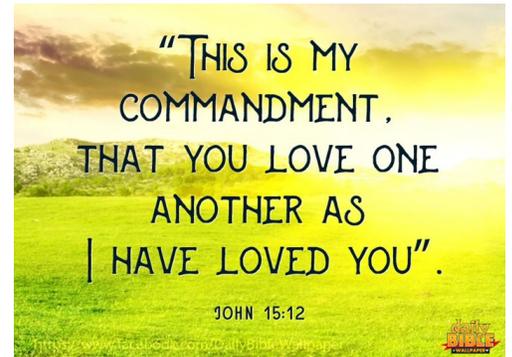
**Class Curriculum letters and information about homework and PE** were sent home in book bags today from your child's teacher.

**Diary dates and key events for the term** were sent home in book bags today and are on our website. These include events to which you will be invited; Class Parental Assembly, Parent Consultations, Harvest Festival, Christmas Nativity and Carol Service.

**After School Clubs** will start next week for children in Y1 upwards. These are free. Please sign up in Parent Pay. Clubs finish at 4.15pm. **Tuesday: Y1/2 Football and Y3-Y6 Football; Y1-Y6 Choir; Thursday: Y1/2 STEM Club; Y3-Y6 Eco Club; Friday 8.15am Recorders.**

**Lunchtime Art Club** this is run by our Y5 children for others in school to enjoy.

**Pictured here are Class 1 and our Reception children** on our school field with photos of each class on the next pages.



**Class 2 have enjoyed their first week back together in the sunshine.**



**Class 3 look very smart and are enjoying all being part of Key Stage 2.**



**Class 4 are now at the top of the school and are looking forward to the responsibilities this brings.**



**Parent Pay and School lunches** If your child has moved into Year 3 you will now need to pay for their lunches online with Parent Pay, £3.75 per day. The government continues to fund lunches for infant children (until end of Y2). **Please speak to Mrs Veale in the office if you think your child may qualify for free school lunches.** This information is confidential and no one would be aware during lunch hours. **If your child would like school lunch on only 1 or 2 days this is possible.** Please email the office with your preferences. Fish and Chip Friday is very popular. There is a hot main course each day with sandwich or jacket potato options. **The menu is on our school website under Parents/School lunch.**

**Milk and Snacks** Children in Class 1 and 2 receive free fruit each day, funded nationally. Children under 5 receive free milk. Once children are 5 years old they may continue to have milk daily at a small cost through Cool Milk. Register online at [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com). All children should bring water bottles which can be refilled during the day.

**Children may bring healthy snacks for break times (fresh fruit or cereal bars).**

**Please do not bring any items containing peanuts. We do have children in school with peanut allergies.**

**Instrumental Lessons in school** with Mrs Jameson will start next week. You will receive a message indicating the day of your child's lesson.

**Class 3 Music** All children in Class 3 will learn to play either violin or cello as part of their class music. School provides these instruments on loan, free of charge. All classes have class music lessons.

### **Collective Worship, Special Mentions Assembly and our Newsletter**

The whole school meets together in the hall each day for Collective Worship. The children often help to lead this. We have Special Mentions Assembly each Friday at 3pm when we celebrate and reflect on our week in school and share in the success of others. Children may bring in awards and certificates achieved outside school to share with us. The school newsletter is sent out on Friday by email and uploaded to the school website.

### **PE Kit Day Reminders:**

**Class 1: Tuesday and Thursday**

**Class 2: Tuesday and Wednesday**

**Class 3: Tuesday and Thursday**

**Class 4: Tuesday and Wednesday**

**Reception Parents Phonics Meeting Reminder:** Reception parents are invited into school for 2.45pm next **Wednesday 11th September** for a meeting with Mrs Reynolds to explain how we teach our children to read using the **Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Programme**. We also send home Reception newsletters to explain all of this. The information will be uploaded to the Class 1 page of our school website. **You can also get more information on our website under Children/Curriculum/Phonics.**

**Year 1 and 2** children will be learning about Baptism and Weddings as part of their RE this half term. If you have a photo of a baptism/christening/welcome celebration of your child or family member and/or a family wedding or your own wedding which you would like to share please send it into school in a named envelope or email to [admin@bolton-on-swale.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@bolton-on-swale.n-yorks.sch.uk) We will return photos but please don't send anything too precious.

**Class 2 village walk** on Wednesday 11th September Class 2 will visit Scorton village to support their Geography work.

**Reading books and reading record** All children in Y1 upwards already have their reading record and a new book. Please hear your child read/read with them/discuss their book and sign their reading record. Please do this as often as possible; reading daily is ideal. Please help your child to have quiet time to enjoy their books. Reading well is the single greatest indicator of academic success. Please do all of this right up to the end of Year 6.

**Yorkshire 3 Peaks Challenge to raise money for our new school laptops** we are delighted that a group composed of staff, governors and parents are walking the 26 miles of the Yorkshire 3 Peaks tomorrow to help to fund our new school laptops. We are really grateful and wish them lots of luck!

**We have just taken delivery of the set of new laptops which will be stalled next week.** All children in school will use an benefit from these.

**Please donate on: Yorkshire 3 Peaks Challenge Bolton-on-Swale Just Giving page**

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**A huge thank you if you have already donated; it is much appreciated.**

### **End of summer term thank you**

All the staff join with me in thanking you for the very positive feedback and kind gifts received at the end of last term. The children are enjoying the gift of a new bird table and weather station from last years Y6 Leavers.

We look forward to another year working in partnership with you and your child.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

With my best wishes,

Nicola Dobson

