

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

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***'To love, live and learn together'***

**Newsletter Friday 9th September 2022 Our Christian value this half term is 'Respect'**

**Welcome back** A very warm welcome back to a new term at school. We are welcoming 18 new children into our Reception Year. We are delighted with how well they have already settled. Next week our Year 6 will introduce themselves to our Reception children and begin their important 'buddy' role of 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!

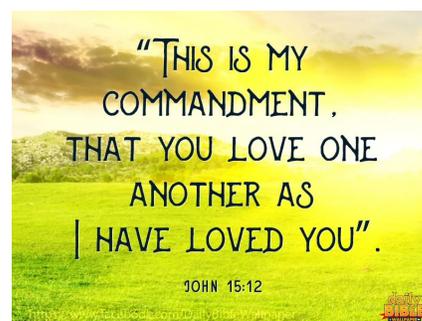
**PE Kit day reminders:** Class 1 and 2 children will come to school in their PE kit on Tuesday and Thursday. Class 3 and 4 children will come to school in their PE kit on Tuesday and Wednesday. This includes our Reception children who will come to school in their PE kit on Tuesday and Thursday also.

## **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 towards one another. This half term we are focussing on the Christian value of '**Respect**'. We have been discussing Jesus' words from Matthew's gospel: 'Do unto others as you would have them do unto you' and what this means for us today.

## **Sad news of the death of her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II**

It was with deep sadness that we heard yesterday of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. This morning all the children and staff shared in an Act of Collective Worship together, where we gave thanks for the life of HRH Queen Elizabeth, where we prayed for her and her family and for our new King Charles the third. We put our school flag at half mast. The children remembered fondly our Jubilee Celebrations in June. A book of condolence has opened today in St Mary's Church, Bolton-on-Swale. We plan to take the children to church to sign the book if they would like to, next week. **Pictured below are memories from our Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations.**



**Congratulations to Mrs Smith** who is expecting her second child. Mrs Smith will go on maternity leave in January and we are delighted that Class 2 will be taught full time by Mrs Dutton. Mrs Ridley will continue to work as HLTA teaching assistant in Class 2.

**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, £3.00 per day. The government continues to fund lunches for infant children (until end of Y2). Please speak to 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. Our school menu is on our school website in the Parents section and was emailed to you last week. There is always a hot main course with baguette and jacket potato options also. If your child would like school lunches on only 1 or 2 days per week this is possible (fish and chip Friday is very popular); please email the office with your preferences.

**After School Clubs start next week** These are offered voluntarily by our school staff and funded by our Sports Premium funding for children in Years 1-6. **Please book your child's place on a club in Parent pay. Please ask the office for help if you are unsure how this works.**

**Clubs this half term:**

<b>Tuesday 3.30-4.15pm</b>	<b>Multiskills Y1-Y6</b>
<b>Wednesday 3.30-4.15pm</b>	<b>Choir Y1-Y6</b>
<b>Thursday 3.30-4.15pm</b>	<b>Eco Club Year Y3-6</b> <b>Board Games Y1-6</b>
<b>Friday 8.15-8.45am</b>	<b>Recorders (bring an instrument if you have one, we have some to lend)</b>

**Milk and Snacks** Children in Classes 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 or dried fruit, cereal bars).

**Peanut Allergies** We do have children in school with peanut allergies. Please do not send your child to school with peanut butter in sandwiches or snacks.

**Instrumental lessons in school** Instrumental lessons resume next week. If you are interested in your child having individual/small group lessons in either piano, violin, cello, please contact the office. There may be a waiting list.

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

Children in Class 4 continue to have class music lessons each week where they learn important musical skills including note reading.

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

**Diary Dates for the year and key dates for this term** were sent home in paper form today and will be uploaded to the website- these include Class Assembly dates, to which parents are invited.

**Class Curriculum letters and information about homework and spellings were sent home in book bags today.**

**Thank you** Thank you once again to Friends of the School and all our parents for their remarkable and supportive fundraising in the summer term. We raised £1,148 from our Sponsored Walk; £623.09 from our Summer Fair and a further £424 from our raffle. This money will be spent on enriching the education of our children. We will involve the children and share with you how we plan to spend this.

**A huge thank you-Isaac's bike fund has reached its target; more news to follow.**

All the staff join me in thanking you for the very positive feedback and very kind gifts received at the end of the summer term. We are looking 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

**Please see our first week back in photos on the next page.**

# Meet Class 1



## Meet class 2



# Meet Class 3



# Meet Class 4

