



# NEWSLETTER

**Friday 10 September 2021**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a good, restful summer and are ready for the new term.

It is wonderful to have everyone back in school in their curriculum groups as we begin our new academic year.

As you are aware we are continuing to follow the national DFE guidance on managing Covid 19 and we very much appreciate your continued support to keep everyone safe, by testing twice a week as we did last term.

We update our risk assessments in line with current guidance whilst looking forward to the times when we will be able to further lift restrictions. We are hoping that after the October half term our older learners will be able to resume their work experience and work related learning opportunities off site.

As you will see from the class newsletter, all of our learners are happy to be back at school and are settling well into new routines. We have also welcomed 7 new learners and watching them settle into school life at St Elizabeth's.

At the end of last term, you will have received your child's end of year report and a sample of Evidence for Learning. We have had such a positive response to this that we will be updating you on this again in October. If you haven't already done so, would be please complete the questionnaire and return to the school office as soon as possible. All of your feedback will help us to make improvements going forward.

Next week we will be celebrating Roald Dahl week and we hope to share some of the activities the learners have taken part in including the fancy dress parade.

Have a lovely weekend.

Sam

Samantha Steinke-Sanderson  
Head of School

## **Winston**

Winston Class are very happy to be back at school.

We have been settling in and working hard getting to know new students and new classrooms. We are establishing our routines, and preparing ourselves for the academic year ahead.

The class have already made biscuits in cookery, participated in Yoga and dance, started looking at healthy living in PHSE and The Titanic in literacy.

Today the students have created individual goals of what they would really like to achieve by the end of the year.

We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead and next week when we celebrate Roald Dahl.

Regards Mel

## **Jubilee Class**

WELCOME BACK TO CLASS! It is so good to see your happy faces and how much you have grown up!

As this is the first full week back we have been learning about all the fun activities you have done during the summer.

We have quite a few new learners in class and currently we have three girls and five boys.

The therapy team has been doing assessments and we have started to attend therapy sessions this week. We are finalising the class timetable and each pupil will have an individual timetable that will be sent home soon.

We have had two birthdays in class and we enjoyed decorating cupcakes and making cards. We will be having a Roald Dahl week next week and we will have a Costume parade next Friday and each class can win a "GOLDEN TICKET" with a special prize!

It has been a very long week and we know that some learners and staff might need a relaxing weekend.

We hope you enjoy the good weather!

Warm regards

Mrs C

## **Bramley Class**

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back to class after the summer holidays. We have been getting to know all our new friends and staff. This week we have been looking at the book "Owl Babies" as part of our sensory story lesson and interacted with the different objects of reference for the story. With the weather being mixed this week we have been getting out when we can, we went down to the orchard and picked some apples for our snack and went out on the bikes with Mr Way.

As a class activity we went to the Omi room and for people that don't know, this is an amazing room where learners can explore and interact with light and projections. One of our favourite is the "vista" that projects onto the floor and we can move and pop bubbles.

For assembly we thought about the aims and wants we would like for the year and hope to share these with Father Paul in the chapel next week.

Have a lovely weekend!

Bramley Class Team

## **Discovery Class**

Hello everyone,

We have had a busy week in Discovery class. Our topic this half term is Shopping and we have explored different aspects of this throughout the week.

We have made pasta salad in our food tech lesson. We explored the different vegetables and textures and then helped to cut them up and mix them into the pasta.

We have started a new sensory story called Pablo goes shopping. It is about a young boy called Pablo who goes shopping with his friends. We have explored different sensory items to find out about the items on the shopping list. We have started to get to know the characters in the story.

In RE today, we have started a topic about colour. Today we thought about the colour green. We explored and sorted items which are green. We took part in sensory activities to explore the creation story, focusing on items in nature which are green and exploring the vocabulary. We looked at different leaves and branches from trees and plants and then used them to make leaf print pictures.

Have a great weekend

Gill and Letty

## **Pippin Class**

This week in Pippin Class the children have been learning about 'Ourselves' and part of that has been learning about friendships.

It is fantastic to have everyone back in class following the summer break. Already the children have been making new friends and engaging with lots of shared activities. Next week we will be learning about some of the Roald Dahl stories through sensory stories, art and also cooking.

We have already begun work on our targets this term and we look forward to sharing the progress on these with you in the coming weeks.

From Pippin Team

## **Stirling Class**

This week Stirling class have been reading "The Falcon's Malteser" by Andy Horowitz and completed a worksheet based on the text.

In Maths the students have been working on numbers up to 1000 depending on their ability. They have completed exercises on missing numbers, number lines, rounding up numbers and ordering numbers.

In Art we drew superheroes using step by step drawing aids of their favourite superhero. These drawings will contribute to a wall display over this term.

The students also took part in a mini project about the Vikings where they watched a presentation, an animation and completed a comprehension exercise, a worksheet about their clothing and a word search.

The students also took part in a design project where we made towers from cocktail sticks and jelly sweets seeing who could build the tallest tower.

In R.E. we learnt about special people who helped the poor including a lady who gave up her luxurious lifestyle and millions of dollars to work in a prison with criminals.

In P.E. the students played badminton and took part in indoor curling.