



**Weekly Newsletter**  
**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2019**  
**Week 6**



Dear Parents and Carers

Last week was a very busy week that included some very enriching experiences for the children across the school.

To start the week, Children in key stage 1 and 2 were treated to a very humorous presentation from a theatre group based on the famous Phileas Fogg character from 'Around the World in Eighty Days.' It involved a lot of audience participation, some raucous singing and an elephant dance involving all the children in the hall.

There was also A French workshop for Year 5 that involved a retelling of the famous fairy tale 'Little Red Riding Hood' where the children had to dress up and act out the story using French to convey the story. I am told, by Mrs Morris, that the children's acting was 'phenomenal,' they learned a lot of new vocabulary and had an immense amount of fun in the process.

As part of our everyday language in school, we frequently refer to our school values. Tenacity, in particular, is the one that is often referred to in the context of learning. On Friday, we had a special guest in our school, Dominic Mensah, a GBR Tumbling gymnast, who spoke passionately about his career in this field and was the very embodiment of this value. He told the children about the sacrifices he has made in order to reach his goal of becoming the world tumbling champion; as a twelve-year old, he was driven for over an hour a day after school to get to a training ground, then trained for 2-3 hours every day for four years. What was so inspiring about his words was his strong belief that anyone can achieve their goals if they have the desire and are prepared to put in the hard work. He also talked about the setbacks that he faced and how he overcame difficulties, even though there were times when he wanted to give up. This view very much echoes our 'Growth Mindset' approach to learning, that real learning can be challenging and difficult at times, but focus, tenacity and a 'can do' attitude can overcome any barriers. After the assembly, to the delight of the children, Dominic Mensah joined in some of the P.E lessons and modelled a very rigorous warm up – Mr O' Driscoll, who took part in one of these, told me that he aches in places that he has never ached before!

**Whole school attendance target**  
**96.5%**

**What we achieved:**

**Week ending 4<sup>th</sup> October 2019:**  
**95.93%**

It was a great experience for the children and hopefully one that will inspire them to show even greater tenacity.

In light of this visit, I will leave you with a quote from James 1:4:

***‘And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.’***

Have a blessed week.



Iram Malik  
Head of School



Julie Tolliday  
Deputy Head

### **Stars of the Week**

Each week, class teachers nominate their Star of the Week. Parents of children nominated will be contacted via Parent Mail to advise of their award. Parents are invited to attend our celebration assembly on Mondays at 9.10am.



### **Our Stars of the Week this week are:**

Year 1 Birch	Anton
Year 1 Oak	Louis
Year 2 Elm	Aaron
Year 2 Willow	Joshua
Year 3 Birch	Adeboyega
Year 3 Oak	Aylin
Year 4 Elm	Louise
Year 4 Willow	Andreea
Year 5 Oak	Bradley
Year 5 Birch	Jay-Anne
Year 6 Elm	Adrian
Year 6 Willow	Whole Class

### **Parent Evenings**

This term we have arranged parent and carer evening to take place over two evenings – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October and 15<sup>th</sup> October 2019. Please complete the reply slip and return to the class teacher.

### **Literacy Book:**

I am pleased to inform you that our book initiative has been incredibly successful in supporting the teaching of reading and writing across Key Stage 2. The feedback we have had from the children evidence the positive impact the books have had in developing reading and comprehension skills.

We would really like to continue this initiative for the next half term but can only do so if parents pay the refundable holding fee of £10. Whilst most parents have already made the payment via Parent Pay, we are still waiting for others.

### **Harvest Festival – Donations Welcome**

**Our Harvest Festival Mass will be on**

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at 2.30pm in St. Saviour's church.**

**We would welcome donations of tinned and non-perishable food items.**

**Donations will go to Food Bank and Christians Kitchen.**



### **Reception and Year 6 Height and Weight Check**

Please return the Height and Weight Check form given out last week.

### **Reception Intake September 2020**

Children born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016 will need to apply this year between 1<sup>st</sup> October and 15 January 2020. See below for Open Days/Evenings.

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2019 - 10am  
Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2019 - 9:30am  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019 - 6pm  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2020 - 10am

### **Year 3 Swimming Lessons**

This year the Year 3 classes will have their swimming lessons in one continuous block rather than each week for a term, as they did previously.

- **Class Year 3 Birch– Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**
- **Class Year 3 Oak – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December**

### **Parent Workshops**

Details on up coming Parent Workshops were sent out previously, as a reminder please see below.

We will hold two sessions, morning and afternoon -8.00am and 3.45pm

<b>Date</b>	<b>About</b>
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> October 8.30am only	A guide to RML
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Phonics and Early Reading EYFS
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	SEND (Frank to invite parents)
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Cyber Safety
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	EYFS Homework
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Homework
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Stories

### **Diary Dates**

<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2019</b>	Wear a green t-shirt or jumper in support of NSPCC Day.
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019</b>	Flu immunisations. Information pack to follow shortly.
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019</b>	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Bazaar in the hall.

### **Mass Dates**

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2019 2.30pm – Harvest Festival , Year 5 Presentation**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2019 10.00am – Family Service**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2019 2.30pm – School Mass**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2019 9.30am – St Saviour's Christ the King Service**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 10.00am – Family Service**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019 4.00pm – School Mass – Christingle and Nativity  
Year 1 & 2 performance.**

### **Up Coming Trips:**

Year 5 William Morris Gallery – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Year 6 Imperial War Museum – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019

### **Year 6 Residential**

Over the last couple of years of our Year 6 children have spent a very enjoyable couple of days at Gilwell Park on their residential trip. This centre has had major refurbishment over this time and as a result has become hugely popular. We have had an amazing experience there, but on enquiring this year, the centre is fully booked and only taking bookings for Summer 2021.

However, we are delighted to be able to let you know that we have sourced another facility, which looks amazing, and have made a booking for us at the Shenley Lane Centre in Hertfordshire.



### **Staff Macmillan Coffee Morning**

Our staff held a Macmillan Coffee Morning last week, we raised a total of **£71.75**



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**MACMILLAN  
CANCER SUPPORT**





**Visit from Dominic Mensah.**

Hamper worth £100

Complete a FSM or UNiFSM form to be entered into our prize draw to take place on Parents Evening on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October.

You can participate whether you are eligible for FSM or not, you only need to complete the questionnaire.

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## TERM DATES FOR 2019-2020

### Autumn Term 2019

First half (32 days)

**INSET – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>, Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, and Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>**

Start – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September

End - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October

**Half Term: Monday 21 October to Friday 25 October 2019**

Second half (40 days)

Start - Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October

End – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December

**Christmas holiday: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2019 to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2020**

### Spring Term 2020

First half (29 days)

**INSET - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

Start – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020

End – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020

**Half Term: Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February 2020**

Second Half (30 days)

Start – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020

End – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020

**Easter Holiday Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2020 to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

### Summer Term 2020

First Half (24 days)

Start - Monday 20 April 2020

End Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Bank Holidays Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May and Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May (during half term)

**Half Term: Tuesday 26 May 2020 to Friday 29 May 2020**

Second Half (35 days)

Start – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June

Finish Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July

This calendar gives a total of 195 days. Four Inset Days and one further day made up from Twilight sessions gives 190 school days



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First Half (34 days)

INSET- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>, Friday 4<sup>th</sup>, Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September

Start- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2020

End- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020

Half Term: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Second Half (35 days)

Start- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020

End- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Christmas Holiday: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021

### Spring Term 2021

First Half (29 days)

INSET- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Start- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021

End- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Half Term: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021 to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Second Half (29 days)

Start- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021

End- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021

Easter Holiday: Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021

### Summer Term 2021

First Half (29 days)

Start- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021

End- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Bank Holidays: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May and Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021

Half Term: Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Second Half (34 days)

Start- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021

End- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021

Summer Holidays: Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021

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