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Our Christian Value this Half Term is **Thankfulness**

Calendar of Events

19th October Chestnut visit to Sandringham	7th November Individual school photographs
20th October Last school day before Half Term	16th December Last school day before Christmas
21st October INSET Day 3	3rd January INSET Day 4
31st October Children back to school	4th January Children back to school

Watch this space for more dates as they become available – including Autumn Term Parent Consultations.

Welcome Back



Such sad news to end the week, and I'm sure we all have the Royal Family in our thoughts after the death of Queen Elizabeth II. It doesn't seem like five minutes ago since we were picnicking on the school field to mark her Platinum Jubilee. As we get news about how the arrangements for the State Funeral may impact schools, we will share that with you – although I would expect you will hear anything on the news at the same time as us.

Meanwhile, it has been so nice to see all the children this week and welcome them back to school for what we all hope will be a very successful, purposeful and enjoyable year. It has been great to meet some new children as well – both our new starters in Reception as well as some new children in other year groups. We hope they will all be very happy at Weeting.

Mr J Steeden

Homework

Although homework was given out last year, we will be formalising its use somewhat this year, and I attach the new Homework Statement alongside this newsletter.

As a father of three, I completely understand how stressful homework can be with family life, and I have no wish to increase the stress for anyone, so I hope you will find the new statement works well for all.

Although there is now great evidence for primary age pupils of homework leading to vast improvement in progress, there is good evidence to support its use for reaffirming the learning in class. As a rule of thumb, it should not be used to introduce new learning to the children.

Much of it you will already have been doing anyway – reading, times tables practice, spellings etc and we hope you will support the children with this.

You will receive more information from class teachers next week but, any questions, please let me know.

PE

You should now know your children's PE days, and we will continue to ask you to send them into school on these days in their PE kits – it makes so much sense in terms of the logistics of getting them changed in class and indeed the fact that they get more time in PE lessons.

One PE lesson per week will now be taught by the class teacher, whilst we have employed a company called Premier Sports to teach the other lesson. They will also be delivering after school clubs – details to follow.

What's Happening at Weeting?

The children have been very busy this week – here's what's happening in your child's class:

Chestnut

Our first week at school has been a busy and exciting one in Chestnut Class. The children have been exploring the story "The Colour Monster" which looks at different feelings. They chose to draw and paint their own Colour Monsters and talked about what makes them feel happy, sad, calm, angry and loved.

In maths the children have been learning how to match and can talk about matching means that something is the same. The children had to sort the socks to make pairs and then find a sock that was different from the one that they had chosen, explaining why they did not have a pair.



Beech

We have had a wonderful week in Beech Class! The children are curious and excited about their learning which has given us a super start to the half term.

In English this week, we have been learning the story of 'Owl Babies' by Chris Waddell. The children have acted it out and created a story map to help retell it. In maths, we have been learning to represent two-digit numbers in different ways using concrete apparatus. Our topics this half term are: The human body (science), spatial sense (Geography) and colour (Art).

Elm

Elm have had a great first week back and have achieved a lot. We have completed many tasks within English to demonstrate our understanding of sentence structure, as well as what types of sentences we use to create tension, clear points and description/detail. In Math's Elm have explored in great depth place value, representation and reasoning skills and have gained a strong knowledge of how to tackle these types of challenges. Within reading, Elm have discovered Oliver Twist's rough start to life and seem very keen to find out how the rest of the story unfolds. Elm class have come back with an excellent attitude and drive for learning, Well done Elm see you next week!

Oak

This week as we have settled back in to the routine of school, we have focussed on our core Mathematical and Literacy skills in the morning and then used the afternoons to complete some PSHE and RE based activities.

In Mathematics we have been consolidating our understanding of place value, identifying the specific value of a given digit within a number as well as representing the same number using written, visual and abstract



methods. In whole class reading, we have made predictions about the storyline of our text 'The 1000 year old boy' and have also summarised the key points of the story so far. In writing, we have been recapping the main points of sentence structure and the use of clauses.

As part of our work in the afternoons, the children have created 2 prayer books to be used in class. One containing lunchtime prayers and one containing prayers for the end of the day. We have also spent time discussing the school council and the children have written their own campaign posters prior to a secret ballot to choose our class representatives.

The Nest

In the Nest this week, we have been busy settling back into school. We enjoyed making and pretending to be cacti. This included reaching for the sky, standing tall and thinking long term. We thought about how successful cacti are and how we can use these ideas ourselves. We have also enjoyed reading and listening to lots of different stories and completed our own self portraits in Art. We have been trying hard to follow the new routines.



Attendance

School attendance has been on the up since we came back from the Easter holidays. Thank you so much for supporting the school with this. It is so important that we work together on this issue and continue the upward trend. Below is the attendance for each class for the past week – the Government target for attendance across the country is **95%**.

Chestnut – 100%; Beech – 99.2%; Elm – 100%; Oak – 97.6%; The Nest – 67.4%.

Whole school attendance was: 97.1%.

Great stuff! Keep it up!

Particular congratulations to Chestnut and Elm for 100% attendance! Can't get any better than that!

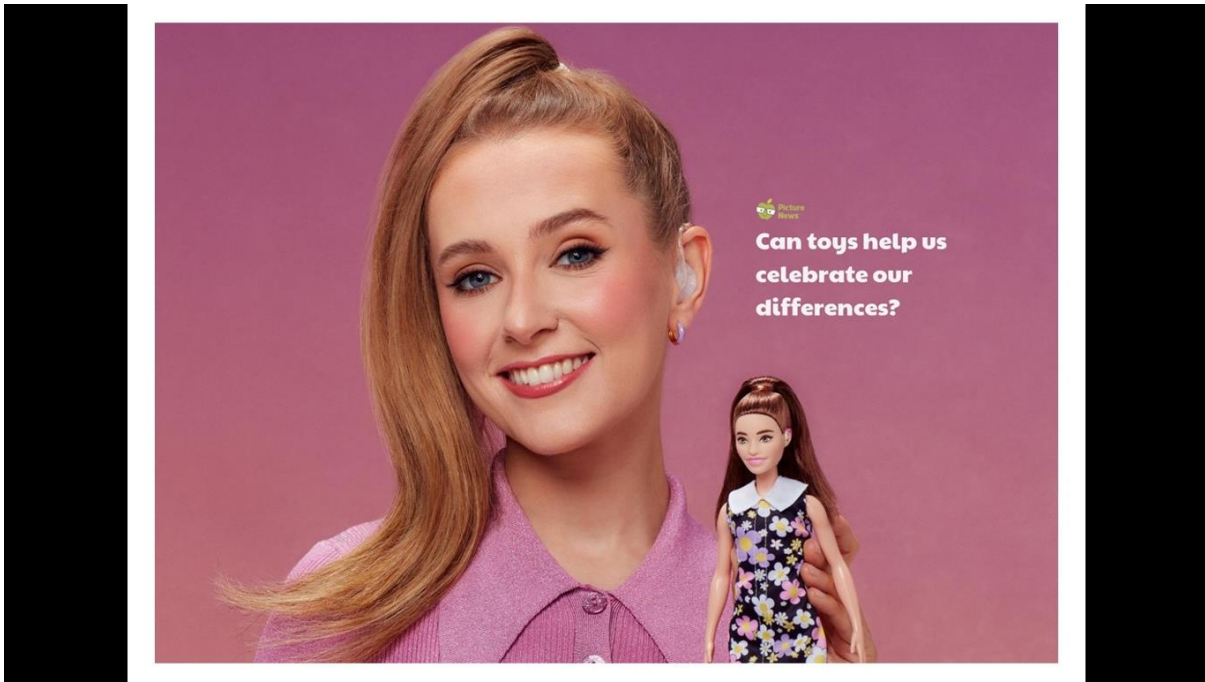


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Assembly Focus of the Week



In this week's Picture News assembly, we focussed on the following question...



Mr Steeden's Joke of the Week

Vin Diesel only eats two meals a day. Breakfast and breakfurious.

And Finally...

I hope you all have a safe and peaceful weekend.

Thank you for all the support you provide for the children and our school!