

Friday News 26.09.25

Week 4 has been another extremely busy week in school. Mrs Hutchings and I have had the pleasure of visiting all of the classrooms this week to see how well the children have been learning. It has been wonderful to see so many engaged and enthusiastic learners in school. After much competition and some fantastic applications, I have chosen 4 new Junior Road Safety Officers. These year 6s will be out and about spreading safety messages to members of the school community. They will introduce themselves properly to the children and to parents later on in the term and will share details of their action plan and the activities they will carry out.

Harvest

We will be taking the whole school down to the church on the morning of Friday 3rd October (next week) for our Harvest festival. We are walking as a school and would love some parent volunteers to help us. If you are available on that morning, please speak with your child's class teacher to see if they need any extra help.

We will also be taking food items down to the church for the community larder. Please can we have any donations from Wednesday next week. It would be amazing if we had enough for each child to carry something down to the church. Thank you.

Attendance

We achieved **97.1%** attendance this week, this is an increase on last week.

Year 5 are our attendance champions this week with **98.5%**, well done Year 5! They were followed closely by Year 6 with 98% and Year 1 with 97.5%.

#MomentsMatterAttendanceCounts

Census Day Meal change

It is census day next week and therefore there is a meal change on Thursday. We will be having a 'Build a Burger' day. The children will be able to choose from a beef burger or a vegan burger. This will be served with chips, beans, sweetcorn and ice cream. Please encourage your child to have a meal on this day, especially if they are in Antarctica, Africa or Oceania classes or in receipt of free school meals as this affects the funding the school receives for these.

Phonics Meeting

Mrs Longhurst and Mrs Hutchings will be holding an information session for parents in Antarctica and Africa classes. Phonics is a key skill that all children need to help enable them to be able to read fluently. Being able to read is the key to future education opportunities. The meeting will be held in the school hall on 9th October straight after drop off. Refreshments will be available from drop off and the meeting will start at 9am. Please do come along and learn all about phonics.

PTFA

The PTFA have been busy scheduling events for the coming year to raise funds for the school. Please see their attached flyers. They are a small but extremely welcoming group of parents who would love to hear from you if you would like to join their team. The children

really enjoy the events and they raise much needed money for the school. Please do all you can to support them. Thank you.

Arbor Consents

If you have not already done so, please have a look at Arbor so you can complete the consents for photos etc for your child.

Swimming Club

Please see the attached flyer about the Hadleigh & Sudbury swimming club.

Parents Evening

A reminder to book your Parents Evening slot before they go! These can be booked through Arbor.

Key Dates - Autumn term (these may be added to)

2nd October - Stour Valley Open Evening

2nd October - Football - Great Waldingfield vs Glemsford 3:45pm kick off (letters went out today for those selected)

3rd October - Harvest Festival at the church (this will be children only but we may need some parents to help walk)

14th October - Parents Evening 3:30 - 7pm

16th October - Parents Evening 3:30 - 7pm

24th October - PD day no children in school

21st November - Individual photos

4th December - Live nativity walk (tbc) (Antarctica, Africa and Oceania classes)

9th December - Antarctica nativity to parents pm

11th December - Antarctica nativity to parents pm

16th December - KS2 Christmas concert at the church pm

18th December - Christingle in school

19th December - Last day of term

5th January - PD Day

6th January - Children back to school

Have a very happy weekend everyone.



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“Let the children come to me and do not stop them, because the Kingdom of heaven belongs to them”

MATTHEW 19:14