



**Challenge, Creativity, Compassion: Create a pure heart in me – Psalm 51:10**

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

**Prayer of the week**

School Prayer

Dear God

We thank you for our school and everything in it,  
the equipment, the grounds and the friendly faces.

We give thanks to all the people who help us learn.

Help us to live our lives as you have taught us;  
to respect our friends and family, and care for your world

AMEN

**School News**

**School Councils and election results.** It is with great pleasure we can announce the members of our school councils, house captains and Shakespeare Ambassadors.

	School	Eco	Health & well-being	Faith	Arts	Shakespeare Ambassadors	House captains
6	Matilda	Jacob	Harry	Emma	Maddison	Maddison	Oliver - Polar Bear
5	Lindon	Elsie	Thomas	Darcie	Leo	Elsie	Max - Husky
4	Ivymay	Esme	Oliver L	Charlie R	Emily		Tom F - Shark
3	Ethan	Daisy	Billy	Molly	Malaak		Phoebe B - Dolphin
2	Ava	Erin	Jensen	Henry	Oliver		
1	Tabitha	Eliza	Pearl	Albert	Ruby		
R	Seth	Wilf	Carmen	Charlie	Rosie & Ted		

**Parking**

To help keep children, parents and all the community safe at drop and and pick up times please do not not park on the single or double yellow lines outside the church. Many thanks for your support with this

**Library**

The weekly library session will take place on a Tuesday afternoon where children will be able to change their books. Please make sure any read books are returned to school.

## **PE days**

Please see below PE days. Children in Neptune, Saturn and Jupiter should come into school in their PE kits. PE kits for Mars Class children should be in school at all times.

**Neptune:** Monday and Thursday

**Saturn:** Monday and Thursday

**Jupiter:** Wednesday and Thursday

**Mars:** PE kit in school all time

## **Early years and KS1 Reading Buddy**

Due to the popularity of reading mornings in Mars and Jupiter class, we will be extending the reading buddy mornings to this academic year starting from next week.

***Mars – from 8.30-8.45am on Monday***

***Jupiter - from 8.30-8.45am on Tuesday***

We appreciate that families of older children may not have found the timings from last year convenient and we invite all families to join the reading café on Tuesdays and Wednesday after school week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> September.

## **Parentmail**

Parents that are not yet connected to the school parentmail system have been sent an invite to register, if you have not had an email please contact Miss Jackson in the school office. Some forms and letters have been sent out via this platform this week. If you prefer a paper copy please let the office know.

## **Attendance Guidance**

We have a duty to ensure that children attend school, please see guidance provided by the Local Authority to support parents and carers.

### **What YOU must do:**

- Try to telephone the school before registration closes each day of your child's absence.
- Tell the school in advance, of any medical appointments and bring in appointment cards/letters.
- If you are not sure whether your child is well enough to attend school, send them in anyway as they often perk up on arrival.
- Have a backup plan for if your child misses transport, call on a family member, neighbour or friend.
- If you and your child are experiencing difficulties with school attendance then talk to us as a first step so we can help!

### **What WE will do:**

- Check your child's attendance every day.

- Phone home to discuss your child's attendance with you.
- Invite you into school for attendance meetings if we are concerned.
- If we cannot establish a reason for absence, then we may make a welfare home visit

Please refer to the school attendance policy which can found on our website for any further information.

## Illness and attending school

Please see below a useful link regarding illness and school attendance

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

## Clubs

I hope you have been able to access the club signing up form sent via parentmail, please contact the Miss Jackson if you have not recieved this.

## Data collection sheets

Data collection sheets have been sent home today, please review and correct any updated information and send back in to school.

## Our Community News

### Scarecrow Trail



We were delighted to have won 2<sup>nd</sup> prize rosette in this year's Scarecrow trail and competition. It has been a well attended event with many fantastic entries. A big thank you to all of the committee that co ordinated such an enjoyable event for the village, we really enjoyed looking at them all.



### Dates for your diary

- 14<sup>th</sup> September – afternoon class drop in 3.15-3.45pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> September – after school clubs start.

- 6<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest Festival Church service – 2pm

## **School Term and Holiday dates 2023/2024**

### **Autumn Term**

- PD Days Monday 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> September
- Children Start Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September
- Half term Monday 23 October to Friday 27 October
- Last day Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

### **Spring Term**

- PD Day Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January
- Children Start Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January
- Half term Monday 19 to Friday 23 February
- Last day Thursday 28 March

### **Summer Term**

- PD Day Friday 12 April
- Children Start Monday 15 April
- Bank Holiday Monday 6 May
- PD Day Friday 24 May
- Half term Monday 27 May to Friday 2 June
- Last day Friday 19 July