



Ardleigh St. Mary's Church of England Primary School (Voluntary Controlled) Primary School



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Welcome Back



Welcome back to the new academic year 2020 - 2021; we hope you all had a lovely holiday.

We would like to welcome our new entrants in Class 1.

We would also like to say hello to Chleo Stephenson, Joe Jarvis and Taylor-Varley Gunn and their families, who have joined our school aswell. Chleo is in Year 5 - Class 4 and Joe and Taylor have joined Class 3 - Joe is Year 4 and Taylor is in Year 3.

All of the children are beginning to settle in and we are looking forward to getting to know them and their families better.

Another welcome is extended to our 'new' members of staff, Mrs McDiarmid and Mrs Perou who will be teaching in Class 2 - we are delighted that they have re-joined our school team.



Christian Values



As you know, each term the children learn about a different Christian Value in their Acts of Collective Worship and Assemblies. This term we are focusing on the Christian Value of Courage. Attached to the newsletter is an information sheet all about Courages which includes activities that you can do as a family.

Meals - Lunch Menu



The menu for the week beginning 07.09.20 was handed out earlier this week.

Menus 75, 76 and 77 are being sent home today.



Additional Letters

*Courage Information Sheet

*Menu booklet for Menus 75, 76, 77

*Term dates - 2020 - 2021

*Church Chimes

Y6 Handprints

On the last day of term in July, the Year 6 Handprint plaque was unveiled.

We would like to extend our thanks to Mrs Salmon for organising and helping the Year 6 pupils create this memory.



After School Clubs

We will be reviewing the situation regarding After-School Clubs during this half term.

We hope to start them again on our return to school after the half term break.

Return to School

Our return to school has been extremely successful.

It has been absolutely lovely to have all the children back and hear their voices once again.

I would like to thank you all for the way in which you have endeavoured to support our procedures in the morning during drop off and in the afternoon at collection time. It is really important that these procedures are observed as they have been in put in place for the safety of the school community - children, parents and staff. I appreciate that it is extremely difficult to enact the social distancing rule to its full extent because the path is not very wide and there is no realistic way of introducing a one way system on your arrival and departure, for the beginning of the day and at the end of the day. So many thanks for your endeavours and please keep on supporting these measures.

As from next week, as a reminder, the school gates will be open from 8.30am - 8.50am in the morning for Classes 2, 3 and 4, thus providing a rolling start to the day to help with the issue of siblings coming at different times.

Class 1, 2 and 4 come and go via the vehicle gate and Class 3 via the pedestrian gate.

Timings for the end of the day for Classes 2, 3 and 4 are as follows:-

Classes 2 and 3 - 3pm

Class 4 - 3.10pm

These timings are still staggered to ease the congestion issue outside of the school.

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation in this matter.

Reminders

At the beginning of a new academic year, please can I remind you of a couple of things:

*Children are not allowed to wear earrings during PE lessons and can not have them taped either according to Essex County Council's Health and Safety policy.

*Nail varnish is not allowed to be worn in school.

Thank you for your co-operation in these matters.





Dates For Your Diary

- *W/B 07.09.20 Pupil Profile Week and Assessment Week - letter to follow on Monday 7th September 2020
- *Date to be confirmed Meet the Teacher Evening - details to follow
- *22.09.20 Full Governing Body Meeting - 6.30pm start
- *05.10.20 Type Onesie Day - details to follow
- *16.10.20 Show Racism the Red Card Day - details to follow
- *23.10.20 Break up for half term
- *02.10.20 Return to School
- *01.11.20 Full Governing Body Meeting - 6.30pm start
- *18.12.20 Break up for Christmas Holidays



Non Pupil Days

Wednesday 3rd September 2020

Safeguarding Training

The other 4 Non Pupil Days will be arranged for later in the year. We will inform you as soon as we have set the dates.



Please don't forget, if you have any issues or queries you want to discuss with any member of Staff please contact us either by email, telephone or via Class Dojo.



Have a lovely weekend.
Take care - From all at Ardleigh St. Mary's



Rise and Shine

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is back on Sunday 6th September

Rise and Shine is our all-together service at Dedham, it lasts 45 minutes and will be especially appropriate for families with children at primary school, but people of all ages are welcome!

This month we're going to be having our service outside in the churchyard (weather permitting!), so do come and enjoy exploring the churchyard, worshipping and learning what being outside can teach us together about God.

Feel free to bring drinks and biscuits to enjoy afterwards.

