



# 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 2021 - 2022; we hope you all had a lovely holiday.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new entrants who have started in Class 1.

We would also like to say hello to Etholie Millar-Sims and Emily and Holly Blomfield and their families, who have joined our school aswell this term. Etholie, Y1 and Holly, Y2 have joined Class 2 and Emily, Y5 has joined Class 4. 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; Miss Wells and Mr Adams who have joined our teaching team - 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 Friendship. Attached to the newsletter is an information sheet all about Friendship which includes activities that you can do as a family.



#### Meals - Lunch Menu

The menu for the week beginning 06.09.21 is Menu 85



#### Additional Letters

Friendship Newsletter

\*Term dates - 2021 - 2022

### 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 Owen for organising and helping the Year 6 pupils create this memory.



### Return to School

Our return to school has been extremely successful.

It has been absolutely lovely to have all the children back without Bubbles, which has meant that they are able to play altogether at playtimes and lunchtime, have lunch together and gather for collective acts of worship in the hall.

The children were delighted when they discovered that they were able to return to the 'normal' activities.

In our Assembly today we were able to celebrate all the birthdays that had happened over the summer holidays and find out what activities had taken place as part of their birthday celebrations - together!



### Term Dates 2021 - 2022



You may have picked up via the news that the Government has legislated for an 'extra' bank holiday on Thursday 2 June 2022, to supplement the already 'moved' usual late May bank holiday to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. This is in recognition of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

As both of these dates fall in the normal, already scheduled summer half term break, legislation has also been amended for the 2021-22 academic year to require that there are only 189 'teaching days' (378 sessions), as opposed to the standard 190 teaching days. This is so schools, teaching staff etc can derive the benefit of the extra bank holiday.

As a result, Essex County Council, which sets the term dates for community and voluntary controlled schools has amended the term dates calendar for 2021-22 so that the summer term will now end on **Thursday 21 July 2022**, instead of the previous end of term date of Friday 22 July 2022 (which will now be a non-school day).

The updated term dates flyer is attached for your reference.



### Dates For Your Diary

- \*W/B 06.09.21 Assessment Week
- \*08.09.21 Reverend Antony's final Assembly
- \*19.09.21 Reverend Antony's final Service at Dedham
- \*20.09.21 New Entrants start full time
- \*05.10.21 Proposed date for the Tendring Small Schools' Cluster Cross Country Competition
- \*08.10.21 Women's Tour of Britain - riding through Ardleigh - times to be confirmed
- \*20.10.21 Photographs - Individuals and families
- \*22.10.21 Show Racism the Red Card Day - details to follow
- \*22.10.21 Proposed date for Flu Immunisations
- \*22.10.21 Break up for half term
- \*01.11.21 Non Pupil Day
- \*02.11.21 Return to School
- \*23.11.21 Full Governing Body Meeting - 6.30pm start
- \*03.12.21 PSHE online event - details to follow
- \*17.12.21 Break up for Christmas Holidays



### Non Pupil Days

Wednesday 1st September 2021

Safeguarding Training

Monday 1st November 2021

Joint training with Stanway and Tiptree Consortium - Wellbeing

Tuesday 4th January 2022

Vision Day

Friday 11th February 2022

Joint training with Stour Education Partnership

Monday 6th June 2022

Assessment

### 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.



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 or telephone.



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

