



ST KATHARINE'S C of E  
SCHOOL

*Friendship, Effort, Respect, & Honesty*

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February  
NEWSLETTER No: 10

*Our Value This Term Is...*

*Truthfulness*



*Dear Parents,*

I drove home yesterday evening at 6:00pm and it was definitely not 'completely' dark **and** the snowdrops are poking their heads out in the spinney (soon to be a carpet) ... this to me is all a sign that change is coming!

There is still much talk about rising cases of Covid and I know that many local schools are struggling to maintain regular operations. Thank you to all of you who are being vigilant for symptoms in children and using regular lateral flow tests to ensure that cases of Covid are being caught early.

This section of my letter is typically about the additional and different things that we have been up to in the preceding fortnight; sadly, we are still being a bit stifled by the need to minimise risks with a few of our planned events needing to be cancelled.

I hope, as you look ahead at the calendar you can begin to see the situation easing and that there are plans afoot to get the children out of school and experiencing the wider world and hopefully getting parents into school, to connect with the world that your children inhabit every day.

The days are getting longer, the snowdrops are coming out in the spinney, let us allow ourselves to dream a little...

*Niki Jones*

Principal

*'From little acorns, great oaks grow'*



### **Forest School Swap - Oak and Chestnut Classes**

You will see that there has been a swap to forest school sessions in Terms 4 and 5.

Oak Class will have their forest school sessions in Term 4 on Thursdays (except for Wk Beg 28.2 because of the trip to Sevington – see dates below).

Chestnut will now have their forest school sessions in Term 5. These will all be on Tuesdays.

Letters will be with you prior to sessions starting, giving full details of dates, what to wear and other logistics.

### **SIAMs update**

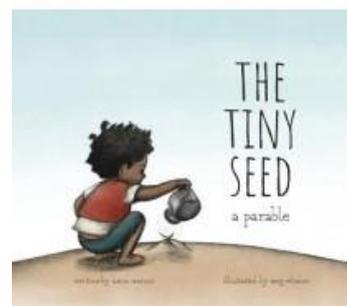
You will recall that I recently sent out a copy of our newly revised Vision and Values narrative for you to see. I attach another copy with this letter for those of you who may want to take another look.

As a Church of England primary school, we are inspected by the education office of the Church of England, approximately every 5 years (SIAMs: Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools)

We have been told that our inspection will be held this academic year. Part of the work we have been doing is to support the children to understand the vision of the school by using The Parable of the Mustard Seed.

We have been making links between Little Acorns and Little Mustard Seed – growing the children's understanding of not only the magic that lies within each and everyone of us but also our potential, once we are fully grown, to be a place of strength, support and shelter for others.

Your children are BIG thinkers and are impressing all of us with their capacity to understand complex ideas. We have bought multiple copies of this picture book to have in classrooms. A simple retelling of the parable but done beautifully.



### Considerate Parking

I have been made aware that there are a few parents parking in the driveways of our neighbours at the end of the school day when picking up. We all know that pick ups and drop offs are not as idyllic as the setting of our school and that winter adds a layer of difficulty to that. Please do work with us to keep our neighbours on our side. A thriving school is of course what we all want – help me not to make our thriving a matter of irritation for those that live in the lane.

We continue to work hard behind the scenes to secure some longer-term solutions to the condition of the road and to the maintenance of the car park.

### World Book Day

It won't be long until World Book Day is upon us. Whilst the actual day itself is 3<sup>rd</sup> March we have chosen to celebrate with a dress up day on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March**. We always encourage the children to try and come as a character from a book (rather than a film) or if they prefer to bring along a clue to a book, to get the rest of us guessing! Bringing along a copy of the book is always lovely as well, but not a requirement.

This is one of the highlights of our calendar. I love the first bit of the morning when the children arrive in an array of different costumes. There is an assembly first thing so that everyone can show these off (and so that we capture them before they start to unravel!) *Top tip for Oak Class parents: find a book that has Victorian children in it – we do understand that two dress ups in one week is quite an ask!*

### Bags 2 schools

The PTA have arranged another **Bags 2 School** collection for Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February. All the bags will be weighed and the PTA will be given money. The more the collection weighs, the more money we raise. Please fill as many plastic bin bags as you can with unwanted items of clothes and shoes. All items need to be in a sellable condition. Please deliver them to school on the morning of Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<i>February</i>	
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup>	Children's Mental Health Week
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	UWE student teacher placement final week in Sycamore
	Final Lego Club session
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Sycamore hockey tournament
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of Term 3
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup>	First day of Term 4
<i>March</i>	
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	<b>Oak Class First Forest School Session</b> <i>(Tuesday this week because of Sevington Trip – Thursdays for remainder)</i>
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Oak Class visit to Sevington Victorian School
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 SATs information session for parents 2.30pm-3.15pm
<i>April</i>	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	3.30pm – 7.00pm Parents Evening 2 whole school
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Bath Rugby Event for whole school and start of block of sessions for Sycamore
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	3.30pm – 5:30pm Parents Evening 2 whole school (please note this date has changed from version 1)
	<b>Final Oak Class Forest School</b>
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of Term 4

	Easter Service 9:30 in Church refreshments to follow
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	First Day of Term 5
	Sycamore 1st swimming session
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Final Bath Rugby session for Sycamore
	<b>Chestnut Class First Forest School</b>
<i>May</i>	
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Whole School Vision and Values Day</b> Parents invited from 2:00pm <b>Save the Date!</b> <i>Details to follow</i>
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Final Chestnut Forest School</b>

Items in bold have been added since the previous Newsletter.

Please also refer to your **Key Dates Planner Version 2**, for all known dates so far, this academic year.

**Remaining TD Days 2021/22**

- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

**Please Note**

We will close at 1:15pm on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022

# Other things you might want to know...

## BAG 2 SCHOOL FREE FUNDRAISING FOR SCHOOLS

In partnership with your school or organisation



### St Katharine's CofE Primary School

Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second-hand clothing and we have arranged to make a collection from your school. All the bags will be weighed and you will be paid for the total weight collected. Remember, the more you collect the greater the benefit to your school.



PLEASE USE YOUR OWN BAGS, OR BAG 2 SCHOOL BAGS  
(THERE IS NO LIMIT)

When the clothes have been removed from the bag the plastic will be packed and sent for recycling.

*We are collecting good quality items for RE-USE:*

**Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.**

*(No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please)*

***The more we weigh the more we pay!***

*Extra bags are welcome - there's no limit*

***Please return your Bag2School on:***

Monday 14th March 2022 by 9am

