

# Newsletter 1

## September 2017



Back to School!

Welcome back to the start of the new school year! We hope you had a lovely summer break. The children are settling back quickly into life at school. We have welcomed of course our new Cherry Class children and their families. We also welcome two new children to Rowan class, Daisy and Oliver, as well as Miss Cartwright as Rowan class teacher, and Miss Harris as Class Teaching Assistant in Cherry class.

As always, please see your child's class teacher if you have any concerns or questions - and don't forget we also love to hear when something is going well in your child's learning and achievements at home.

This term's topics:

Cherry – Me, My Family and People Who Help;

Willow- Fire and Ice;

Rowan – Archaeologists Assemble: Britain Stone Age to Romans;

Oak – Ancient Egyptians

Your Curriculum Information Booklet will be available on the school website from 15 September

Over the term, there will be lots of events and activities – and we hope you will join us when you can.

Please see below for some key events, and the Diary dates.

### Macmillan Coffee Morning

This popular fund raising event will take place on Friday 13 October. Please come along for a coffee and a cake, with your child.

The children will be in their house groups so that you can sit together.

Times as follows:

10.00-10.30 Kingfishers

10.45-11.15 Swans

11.30-12.00 Herons

Donations of cakes and biscuits would be wonderful – our event is a success because of all the scrumptious cakes that are so generously contributed. All proceeds will go to Macmillan Cancer Care as part of their 'Biggest Coffee Morning'



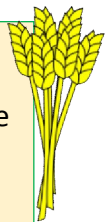
### Harvest Service

Our Annual Harvest Festival will take place at St Margaret's church, Lyng on Wednesday 4 October at 11.15am

All Welcome

Harvest gifts of tinned food, packets, jams, fruit and vegetables would be most welcome, and these will be taken to the church to support local people.

This year the event will be followed up with an RE Harvest activity day at school where the children will be in their House Groups. They will be learning about Harvest and Farming in Africa.



## Our Values

This half term we will be learning about Thankfulness. We will be reflecting on giving thanks for the people who help us, for the harvest and all that we have, for Creation the importance of saying thank you.



Well Done to Holly M in Oak class- she is one of 20 finalists in a Go Go Hare design competition, which was featured in the EDP ( 7 Sept). Voting is open for the winning design!

**Coming soon ...!** Work has been ongoing during the holidays to create a fabulous new library for our school. It has been created from the old Rowan class base, using ideas from the children and staff. Freshly decorated, and with new carpeting, there is space for comfy reading and 'story time', study and work space with computers. The teaching IT screen has been kept for class and group use. New furniture and seating is on the way, which will allow for attractive visual display and improved access to choose books.

As our computing resources can now be class based, the IT suite has been converted into a teaching space, giving Rowan class additional space which will be used for group work.

Our new school website is being developed and will soon be live. If there is anything in particular you would like to see on our website, please drop a note into the office, and we will see what is possible.

## Family Lunches

You are invited to join your child/ children for a school lunch.

Wednesday 18 October 12pm – Parents/Carers of children in Cherry Class

Thursday 2 November 12.15pm - Parents/Carers of children in Rowan Class (Year 4)

If you have more than one child at the school, siblings are able to sit with you for lunch.

Please note, you do need to order in advance (you will receive a slip to complete)

## Parent workshops

We are looking to hold informative, practical workshops during the year about the learning approaches we use in school in order to help you help your child at school and home. Topics such as Maths calculations, Mathletics, Growth Mindset have been suggested.

Please would you complete and return the slip sent out with this newsletter.

## Dates for your diary

Sept 29 – Fire Service Visit to Willow class

Cross Country tournament (at Gresham's ) Team from Lyng Attending

Oct 4 -Harvest service at St Margaret's Church

Oct 5 - Olly Day Road safety visit

Oct 6 - RE day – whole school children will be in their House teams

Oct 10-Whitwell Outdoor day (Oak)

Oct 11-Whitwell Outdoor day (Rowan)

Oct 13- MacMillan Coffee Morning

Oct 18- Family Lunch (Cherry class) 12pm

Nov 2- Family Lunch (Year 4 pupils in Rowan class) 12.15pm

Nov 7 -Oak class Egyptian Day at Castle Museum

Nov 8- Puppet Assembly

Nov 21- Rowan class Roman day at Castle Museum

Dec 12-Christmas Nativity at church 10 am (adults only)

Dec 13- Christingle making with Reverend Helen

Dec 14-Christmas Nativity at church 10am (adults and younger siblings)

Dec 15-Theatre visit, Pantomime

Dec 19- Christmas Dinner

Holiday dates: Half term: school closes 3.05pm Thursday 19 Oct and reopens 8.55am Monday 30 Oct

Christmas holidays: school closes 3.05pm Tues 19 Dec and reopens 8.55am Thurs 4 Jan

