

**Phillippians 4:13**

Dear parents and carers,

This week we welcomed back to school our children in Year 3 and only today those in Year 6. We were able to hold our first whole school Celebration Assembly. We looked at relishing new opportunities and reminding ourselves to be strong and courageous as God is with us wherever we are.

I am very much looking forward to next Friday's Harvest Festival, where we will reflect on all that we are thankful for. As part of our Harvest Festival we would like to support the Saltash Food Bank by making a monetary donation. If you would like to make a donation, please do so through Parent Pay.

Thank you to everyone who has responded to the survey. It was wonderful to read such positive comments about school. One of the things that parents think could be improved was communication between school and home. However, many of you recognised that COVID has had a big impact on this aspect. We are currently looking at how we can create opportunities for, and the best form of communication between school and home. This will start with parent consultation meetings, either via Zoom or a phone call, on Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October. We would love all parents to return the letter as soon as possible. The teachers are very much looking forward to meeting with you and sharing how your child has settled into their new class.

Highlight of my week - On Thursday four children in Year one, Thomas, Tobii, Francesca and Madeleine brought their amazing writing to show me. They had all written an invitation to the Tiger inviting him to tea. I was told that there was going to be lots of food and even a disco! Next week they will be writing their shopping lists in readiness for the tea party. Well done children, I think that the Tiger is going to be very excited about the tea party!

Finally, a quick update about COVID infections in school. I am really pleased to let you know that we have seen numbers drop significantly this week thanks to everyone's support with the test and trace programme and keeping their children at home if they are unwell.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend.

*Mrs Fletcher*

*Great work Sunflower growers!*



### Next week the children in:

Reception will be learning about what farmers do and harvest. We will watch some real life farmers and learn about the different seasons.

Year 1 will be having a very exciting visitor for a tea party! They will be imagining what would happen if the visitor came to their houses for tea. They will also be creating shadows in art, learning about the story of Jonah and the whale and thinking about the types of technology we have in school.

Year 2 will be fact finding about the first flight and creating some storm art inspired by Fingal's cave music.

Year 3 will be washing a woolly mammoth. Please can the children bring in empty and clean 2 litre milk containers?

Year 4 will be beginning the week planting bulbs in the great outdoors. We will then travel back in time to look at how Ancient Egyptian artefacts can help us find out about the past and what we can learn from these.

Year 5 will be welcoming Mrs Williams back to school and sharing all of the wonderful things that they have done in class.

Year 6 will be excited to be back together again and will be writing diaries; learning how to do long division; learning incredible new drawing skills; getting 'stropky' with Henry VIII as well as preparing and leading a Harvest Festival service for the school! A quiet week really!

The Deanery of East Wivelshire is about to undertake a deanery planning process called On The Way. It is a deanery focused activity to look at how we best offer ourselves in service to our communities, show Christian love to all and support people in their relationship to Christ. We have asked schools to share a survey link with parents to gather as many views as possible which can feed into the process. The link to the survey itself is <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/OTWEW>

### Achievement Awards this week go to:

Oscar in Reception for bringing the sunshine back to class. We missed you last week!

Henry in Year 1 who has worked really hard in school this week. He shared his super scientific knowledge with us all and used some very grown up vocabulary. Henry is always kind and helps others in the classroom and playground. Thank you Henry for being a star!

Eron in Year 2 for working hard and sharing fantastic ideas in class discussions especially in Science. Well done!

Harriet in Year 3 for being a fantastic role model and always doing her best in every lesson.

Bella in Year 4 for being an absolute super star. She has tried her hardest in all subjects. Her maths learning this week has been fantastic and her creative writing was lovely. Bella always ensures that she presents her work neatly and is focussed in whatever she does. Well done Bella - what a super week!

Riley P in Year 5 for really starting to believe in himself and showing a really positive attitude.

Grace in Year 6 who has shown such compassion this week! After completing her own work, she very quietly supported another child who was finding it tricky; explaining and demonstrating in such a caring way. We're so proud of her!

### IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE AUTUMN TERM

**2<sup>nd</sup> October** – St Stephen's Church Fair  
10am – Midday

**6<sup>th</sup> October** – RNLI visit Reception Class

**8<sup>th</sup> October** – Harvest Festival

**12<sup>th</sup> October** – Police visit Reception Class

**13<sup>th</sup> October** – NSPCC visit

(Speak Out Stay Safe programme)

**14<sup>th</sup> October** – Fire Service visit Reception Class

**20<sup>th</sup> October** – Nasal Flu immunisations  
(all children)

**25-29<sup>th</sup> October** – Half Term



### Sunflower Competition

Well done to:

- Daisy and Madeleine in Year 1
- Louis in Year 3
- Joshua in Year 4
- Isla in Year 5



## *This week in school and at home*

This week Year 1 have been thinking about different types of prayers. They have been having a go at writing sorry and please prayers to show how they are loving and forgiving like God. Look how grown up they are already sitting at tables and working hard!!



This week Year 2 have been learning about different world habitats and the creatures that live there and also looking at the features of mountain ranges in Great Britain.

Year 5 have been doing some super maths, learning long multiplication for the first time. The children have also been busy making some magnificent Viking boats and in PE they have been doing Orienteering and lots of Athletics Field events.



This week, Year 4 were not stopped by the soggy weather in our wild woods session and we still got outside to experiment how sound travelled. We had great fun making string telephones, investigating why these worked and how the sound travelled from one person to another. We soon learnt it wasn't worth having a short piece of string! Well done Year 4!



Reception class had an unwanted visit from the evil pea this week! He came and made a mess of the classroom and captured Supertato. We had to design and make traps to try and catch him and created our own baby Supertatos. Luckily we trapped the evil pea in jelly and rescued Supertato.

This week in Year 3 the children have been authors, doing the dinosaur stomp.



This week Year 6 have stunned Mr Hill with the most impressive artwork he has seen in years; as well as learning about the science of the human eye; marvellous multiplication; the origins of life on Earth... as well as other deep and philosophical conversations!

Please remember - if your child is unwell, and displaying symptoms of COVID, these include: a new continuous cough, a fever, loss of taste or smell, a sore throat, headaches and fatigue which are also symptoms in young people, please can you keep them at home and take them for a PCR test. Thank you!

A reminder that artwork for the Cauliflower Cards Christmas Project needs to be brought back to school on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October, please ensure you've placed your order online and that you keep a note of the parent order number.

*We have been looking at supporting mental wellbeing at school -  
How about an Optimistic October?*

*Optimistic October is the latest wellbeing challenge calendar from Action for Happiness.*

