

Message from the Head Teacher

It has been so lovely to see all of our children back after the Summer break and to welcome our new Reception pupils, who have already settled in brilliantly! We also welcome our new staff: Mrs Martin, Miss Lappin, Mr Kelly, Mrs White and Miss Hamblett.

Our school feels wonderfully 'normal' again now and I am so glad that we are able to hold our weekly Eucharist Services and to hear all of the children singing together once more. We are now looking forward to our Harvest Celebration at Church this Friday—the first visit to Church for our new pupils! Thank you to those families who have donated food to Hive Hope, a local charity which supports individuals and families in crisis. We have had some super entries for our Harvest Box competition and will be announcing the winners at Church. Congratulations to Mrs Simpson, who won the staff competition!

On Sunday 12th September, I proudly attended the Confirmation of 18 of our pupils at a service at St George's Church. They made their commitment to the church and their faith.



I would like to thank you all for helping to make the start of this school year a very positive one.

Kind regards

Mrs Amy Chitty
Head Teacher



TERM 1

October

- Fri 1 Harvest Festival at Church
 - Thur 7 National Poetry Day
American Day Lunch
 - Fri 8 9.00 Eucharist—Y3M
1.30-3.30 KS1 Maths
Parent Workshop
 - Mon 11 Wear Something Orange for RNLI
 - Tue 12 Open Morning for Sept 22 intake
 - Fri 15 Wear Your Own Clothes Day
Eucharist—Y2C
1.30-3.30 LKS2 Maths
Parent Workshop
 - Mon 18 3.30-6.00 Parents' Evening
 - Wed 20 3.30-7.00 Parents' Evening
 - Thur 21 Wear Red Day
- End of Term 1**

November

- Tue 2 **Staff Development Day**
- Wed 3 **Start of Term 2**

Termly Attendance

We continually monitor attendance and punctuality and pupils with persistent lateness and unauthorised absence will be referred to the Education Welfare Service.

Well done to Year 6 Willow Class, who have the best attendance so far with 98.8%!

Has your child received a star card?

We are focusing on positive behaviour in and around our school. If your child brings a star card home, ask them what they did to climb our behaviour steps and receive their star card.

Help us to promote positive behaviour at St Botolph's.



TERM DATES 2021—2022

TERM 1

2nd September—21st October 2021

TERM 2

3rd November—17th December 2021

TERM 3

5th January —10th February 2022

TERM 4

22nd February —1st April 2022

TERM 5

19th April —27th May 2022

TERM 6

7th June —22nd July 2022

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS

- 2nd November 2021
- 4th January 2022
- 11th February 2022
- 21st February 2022
- 11th March 2022 (Trust Day)
- 6th June 2022

TRANSFER TO SECONDARY SCHOOL

The closing date for secondary school applications is **Monday 1st November 2021**.

Applications should be made online at:

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/secondary-school-places#tab-2>

Thought for September ...

'Believe you can and you're half way there'

Theodore Roosevelt

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Net Aware)))

Are you worried about the websites your child may be visiting?

Net Aware— <https://www.net-aware.org.uk> - is a site specifically for parents, to learn more about the websites their children are using, while also gaining hints and tips on how they can stay safe online and ensure their information is kept private.

MATHS WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS

Would you like to find out how maths is taught nowadays? It's probably changed a lot since you were at school!

Miss Montgomery and Mrs Ingram will be holding workshops for parents from 1.30pm to 3.00pm on the following dates:

Y1/2—8th October 2021
Y3/4—15th October 2021
Y5/6—5th November 2021



Whatever your own ability, and whether you love or hate maths, these workshops will be taught at child's level and will help you to support your child more at home. You will not be tested and there will be no exams at the end!

OPEN EVENTS

Do you have a child who is due to start primary school in September 2022?

If so, please join us at one of our Open Events, which will be held on the following dates:

Tuesday 12th October 2021
10.00am to 11.00am

Tuesday 9th November 2021
1.30pm to 2.30pm

Due to ongoing Covid restrictions/advice, there will be a limited number of tickets available for these events.

TICKETS MUST BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE VIA THE FOLLOWING LINK:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/.../st-botolphs-c-of-e...>

There will be an informative talk in the school hall on each day and parents/carers will be offered a limited tour of our Early Years areas.



St Botolph's Church of England Primary School

@stbotolphscofe

Have you seen our Facebook page?

Search @stbotolphscofe and click the 'follow' button on our school Facebook page to find out about the activities your children are taking part in each week. The page also has lots of information about upcoming events and notices for parents.

Sports Stars



If you would like to appear in the termly Sports Stars column this year, make sure you share your achievements in our weekly Celebration Worship. Please bring in your certificate, medal or trophy and any photographs of you participating in your sports event on any Monday morning. You will be able to show the rest of the school and will be awarded with a Headteacher's sticker. Your photograph will also appear on your classroom door for everyone to see your amazing accomplishment.

Please make sure you only bring in medals etc from proper sports clubs or events and not from parties.

We look forward to seeing your wonderful achievements this year!

A FEW POLITE REMINDERS

- * We have an increasing amount of children arriving late for school each day. Please remember that both gates are closed at **8.45am** each morning, when all children should be in class for registration. Children arriving after this time must be signed in by an adult at the office.
- * KS2 children are encouraged to bring in a healthy snack for their morning break. This should be a piece of fruit and not a packaged snack.
- * Can we please ask that parents/carers use consideration for pedestrians, local residents and other road users when driving and parking outside of the school.

THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to everyone who sponsored our St Botolph's team in the Twilight Walk last Friday, raising a wonderful £380 for Ellenor.

Our Just Giving page is still open if you would like to donate —

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stbotolphsteacherthankyous>



*ellenor.**

Wear Something Orange Day

Year 2 are raising money for their chosen charity, the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI), by holding a 'Wear Something Orange Day' on Monday 11th October 2021. Children in **all years** can come to school in their own clothes, in return for a donation to the charity, and are encouraged to include something orange.



WANTED

If you have any unwanted skateboards, we would love them for our St Bots Club!



YEAR 6 RESPONSIBILITIES 2021-22

A big congratulations to all of the following pupils on their new appointments!

Head Girl and Head Boy Team

Head Girl	Adryel
Head Boy	Ali
Deputy Head Girl	Elsie May
Deputy Head Boy	Tommy

House Captains

House	Captain	Vice-Captain
Cray	Aurelie	Zach
Darent	Jemima	Philip
Fleet	Jeremie	Tia
Medway	Emmanuel	Jagroop

Prefects

Aaron	Ethan	Mandisi
Adryel	Ethan	Marie
Alexa	Evie	Mohamed
Alexia	Evita	Nate
Ali	Fareeda	Orianna
Amrit	Freddie	Patricia
Armaan	Harshaan	Philip
Arvind	Himmat	Rylan
Aurelie	Hollie	Samuel
Azariah	Ifeayo	Sara
Caiden	Izzy	Satham
Caitlyn-Rose	Jagroop	Scarlett
Caroline	Jaymin	Skyla
Connor	Jemima	Sophie
Cristal	Jeremie	Tegan
Danyelle	Kobby	Tia
Demi	Kyra	Tishe
Dexter	Madison	Tommy
Ekam	Maisy	Willow
Elsie	Makatendeka	Zara
Elsie-May	Mame	Zite