



Friday 27th May 2021

It's been a long half term but the holidays are now here!

This half term the children have worked so very hard and I'm super proud of the progress many of them had made. We have lots of very tired children (and staff!) so please take the holidays to ensure they all get a really good rest. The second half of the Summer term is always a busy one!

Covid Update – Masks on school site

Last Friday I went to Local Authority briefing where Covid was discussed. The good news is that cases in Thurrock remain very low and as of last week Basildon hospital had no covid patients. With this in mind and the national picture generally still being a good one we feel that wearing masks outside on the school site can now be optional for parents after half term. Social distancing should still take place however. I would ask that if you want to have a close conversation with staff that you do have a mask available as they may ask you to wear one if social distancing for any reason is difficult. Consistent grouping is still the guidance for track and trace purposes so bubbled year groups will still remain until the end of the year as much as possible.

Marvellous Me competition

It's been great to get lots of entries for our school badges for Marvellous Me this week. I was hoping to be able to have picked winners however I've unfortunately been quite poorly this week and want to look at the entries carefully so will announce winners after the holidays! Thank you to everyone who entered though.

It's been wonderful to have a whole half term with the children without any interruptions – let's hope that this is the start of what is to come!

Please have a very lovely holiday, a relax, time to recharge the batteries and we'll see you on the 7th June!

Mrs Smith - Head Teacher



*God's Word is a lamp to guide our feet
and a light for our path.
Inspired by Psalm 119:105*

INSET Day

**A reminder that tomorrow - Friday 28th May
- is an INSET day for the whole school.**
School will re-open on June 7th, after the half term holiday.

Inset Day

Pentecost

Sunday 23rd May was Pentecost Sunday. This is when we remember how God sent the Holy Spirit to Earth. We've been remembering it in school this week.



Letters home this week

Important letters are on our website and a quick links to these are available on Marvellous Me

- *Vine Vision Day – Year 4 and 5 only
- *Brentwood County High Open days – Year 5

Look who visited this week!

This week we had Essex Fire and Police in to talk to several groups of children. The workshops were really successful and enjoyed by the children.

In year 1 and 3 they talked about fire safety and how they can keep themselves safe indoors. Year 1 enjoyed exploring some of the firefighters uniform and asking lots of questions!



In Year 5 and 6 the children learnt about gaming, scams and cyber bullying. This was a challenging topic for them to discuss and I was impressed with the children's maturity, the thoughts and questions they had from the sessions and hope it sparks them to be reflective in the future. E safety and developing all our understanding of how to help children navigate themselves through this new world is something we really want to explore more as a school. We want children to understand that the online world is a marvellous and safe thing as long as we follow the rules, know the dangers and they all know how to keep themselves safe.

Year 6 also had a zoom call with Stephen Metcalfe our MP this week. They asked him some very tough questions about the local refuse issue and he promised to get it sorted for them! Let's hope he does!



Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who donated food for the Thurrock food bank appeal. Many of you may have seen the post on Facebook to say thank you but if you didn't hear it is!

A massive thank you to [Matt Walsh ASMS](#) for arranging a food collection for us amongst the parents of Orsett C of E Primary School. It weighed a fantastic 74.8kg

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Both events are being held at
St Giles and All Saints Church, Orsett



Churches Count on Nature

Saturday 5th June - 3-4pm

Please come along and help us discover what wildlife is living in Orsett's churchyard. You will record what you see and this information will be included in a national survey which counts wildlife in churchyards and beyond.



Forest Church

Saturday 5th June - 4-5pm

Forest Church is a new way of doing church, it is for all ages and includes outdoor fun activities on a Biblical theme, worship and is often around a fire.

The service will carry on even if it is raining so please wear wellies, waterproof clothing and bring an umbrella! You should also bring along a rug or a chair to sit on.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Revd Sue