



Dear Parents/Carers

School Prayer and Logo

Your children, may have told you that over the previous half term we have been asking them to create their own school prayers so that we have a prayer which is more personal to our school. Children were asked to make reference to 'Trees planted by streams of living water' and 'Flowing, Strengthening and Deepening'. We received over 100 prayers, all of which contributed to the overall feel and structure of a final collaborative piece of work which represents the whole school. In the case of some children's prayers we were able to use specific lines and many of the children have recognised their own words in the prayer, which is below:

Dear Lord

*As you hold us in your hands, let us remember that each of us is like a leaf
Growing from a tree firmly planted by streams of living water
And together our school makes a mighty forest*

Like a Holy Well, stood in stone, you build us up and teach us to build up one another

Please pour out your blessings upon our school

Let your compassion flow through us

When we fall, may your spirit strengthen us

Deepen our love and let our love deepen in you.

Amen.

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All of this has inspired us to revisit the school logo, its symbolism and the children's understanding of what this means. After many drafts a proposed new logo has been designed which reflects 'Flowing, Strengthening and Deepening' - Linked to the water from the Holy Well, the new design also brings the idea of the 'Tree planted by streams of living water' to the fore. The logo has been shared with the children as well as the school governors and an image of it is copied below:



Hopefully the links between this and the new school prayer are clear, my thanks to Mrs Eddy for her work on the initial design and to Mr Oliver for the graphics work. Please note that the plan is not to replace existing school uniform but we do hope to use this logo on new branded items from September.

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Global learning



Enterprise learning



Spiritual, Moral, Social, Cultural learning



Outdoor learning



Eco learning

Classes For Next Year

For next year there will be no changes to the class teacher arrangements, this means that next year current Willow children will be taught by Miss Kirton, current Ash children will be taught by Mrs Drysdale, current Elm children will next year be taught by Miss Biddle, current Oak class will be taught by Miss Fabisz, current Holly children will be taught by Mrs Okai and current Beech children will be taught by Mr Turner.

The children will have a move up morning next **Tuesday (11th July)** this will give the chance for them to work in their new classroom with their new teacher.

We will also be hosting an open afternoon after school the following **Monday (17th July)** this will be between 3.30 and 5.30, no appointments necessary. It's an opportunity to visit your child's current class and look at their work with them. You can also chat to next year's teacher about your child as well.

Apologies but Year 2 will be the exception to this as Mrs Drysdale is unavailable at this time but she will be running an additional session the next day at the same times instead (Tuesday 12th July).

Other dates

I'm aware that dates of events are now more available due to the use of the see saw platform but as there are so many things going on at the end of term I thought it would be useful to summarise these here.

- Wednesday 5th July - Reserve Sports Day (Weather permitting we will be going ahead with the morning events that were missed last week. Just head to the school field after dropping your child off. Please note that there won't be a shared picnic lunch on this day).
- Monday 10th - 11th July - St Ivo transition days at the Ivo for Y6 children
- Tuesday 11th July AM - Move up morning.

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- Wednesday 12th July - The Tempest Year 5 and 6 production - 6:00 - 7:30pm
- Thursday 13th July - The Tempest Year 5 and 6 production - 6:00 - 7:30pm
- Friday 14th July - Reports out - This was previously supposed to be July 7th but KS2 SATs are not available until 11th July, plus I am struggling to read and comment on all the reports in time for the 7th, apologies for any inconvenience.
- Friday 14th July - School Disco
- Monday 17th July - Open Afternoon 3.30 - 5.30
- Tuesday 18th July - Leaver's Assembly (AM) Y6
- Tuesday 18th July - Waterfight and Barbecue Y6
- Tuesday 18th July - Y2 Open afternoon 3.30 - 5.30
- Wednesday 19th July - Church service for Year 6's AM
- Wednesday 19th July - Last day of school year (No after school club).
- Friday 1st September - Training Day
- Monday 4th September - Children back to school.

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Update from the governors

Governors last met on 6th June and this is their review of that meeting.

Governors had looked forensically at safeguarding issues and have requested further evidence to ensure that pupils feel safe at the school.

Governors had signed off a number of policies, including the Anti-bullying policy.

Governors considered a new logo encompassing the school values and ethos as part of their remit to ensure clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction.

As part of effective governance, succession planning was discussed to ensure a robust handover once the Safeguarding Link governor steps down

Thank you as always for reading this, I will be writing again before the end of the year as we sign off from 2022 - 23. As always please do let me know of any questions about the above head@holywell.cambs.sch.uk

Please also find some community notices below and attached with this letter.

Yours sincerely

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Thinking about making a change

Have you ever thought about being a Foster Carer to children who can't live with their families? Ever thought to yourself 'I'd love to care for a child' but then wondered how this would fit with your work commitments? Are you held back by thoughts of doubt that you could be a Foster Carer? If so, you could be denying a child or young person the opportunity to have a wonderful home with you.

There are children and young people who need a loving home, and you could be just what they need. If you would like more information about becoming a Foster Carer or know someone who could offer a safe, secure and loving home then please get in touch on: 0800 052 0078 or email fosteringmarketing@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/fostering

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