



Newsletter

29th September 2023

Working to Learn Together

Menu week 2 – W/B 2.10.23

The highlight of the week...

Has been spending time speaking to the children in more detail and hearing their thoughts about school. I particularly enjoyed spending some time in EYFS watching them learning their phonics this week; three weeks in and they are doing incredibly well.

Other news...

- Obviously, you will have noticed a new format to the newsletter this week – I couldn't fit everything I had to include in the previous one.
- A huge thank you to the many of you who have donated a book via our Amazon Wishlist – it has been a huge success. If you would like to donate, please follow the link.

<https://www.newbyandscalby.coastandvale.academy/curriculum/reading1/donate-a-book/>

We have been fortunate enough to have received some large donations of funding, including £500 from Proudfoot's, which we are extremely grateful for. As well as developing a core spine of reading texts, we would like to revamp the library and the reading corners in each class.



- **Parents' Evenings** take place on the 16th and 18th October. Please book a slot if you have not already done so. These meetings will be face to face in nature. We are exploring a hybrid model going forward to offer parents the best of both worlds.

- We are on the lookout for volunteer helpers in school, primarily to hear children read. If this should be of interest to you, please get in touch with the school office. These roles are subject to a comprehensive safeguarding check including an Enhanced DBS.
- Sports kit – As a school we are currently take part in several sporting opportunities. However, this means we often need more than one kit. If there are any companies willing to sponsor us and provide us with a new kit – please do contact the office. Many thanks.
- Schol vision and values: one of the key areas for us to develop as a school is our vision and values. Before embarking on any major changes, we need to have a clear direction of travel and a real sense of who we are. Over the next few weeks and months – we are working to create this anew. If you should like to be part of this or would like to send us any ideas about what is important to you as parents – in terms of values and a vision for your child's education, please do let us know.
- This week we have just started to implement some changes to how children walk around the school in order to make things run more smoothly, especially during transition time between break and lessons.
- Thankyou to all those parents who attended the recent meeting regarding the Year 6 residential trip to Bewerley Park. Should you have any follow up questions please do contact Mr Davidson, via the office. For those of you unable to attend, an information pack will be sent home today.
- Just a reminder that I will be running two face to face drop-in sessions for parents this forthcoming week. Tuesday 3rd October at 9:15am and in the afternoon at 3:30pm – there is no formal agenda, although I will give parents a steer on what I feel is important as an educator – the main priority is to hear from parents about the school and what they feel is important. A virtual session will take place on the 10th October – link to follow next week. There is no need to attend all three! If you cannot attend any of the sessions, feel free to send me your thoughts.
- **Uniform – Please see a separate letter regarding uniform that will be sent home today. There is some clear information about jewellery and hair, and a reminder that a coat is essential!**
- Just a reminder that we have the boys football tournament taking place on Saturday 30th, let's hope they play like the mighty West Ham!!! A thankyou to the staff for attending this event and supervising the children.
- This week children have also taken part in rugby and netball competitions. Reports and photos from these events can be found on the ['Latest News'](#) section of our website.

And finally...our assembly this week was all about how we can help others to manage their big feelings. We shared some ways in which we can do this so that we can help our friends to deal with these emotions.

Best wishes, Steve Owen - Executive Headteacher

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