

Message from the Head

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It has been a very exciting week for the children in Owl class who have been on their residential trip to Kingswood, West Runton Norfolk. I know from speaking to both staff and children, that they have had the most wonderful time, and the development in the children's independence and self-confidence has really grown. Hopefully you have been able to follow along with their adventures via the school's Twitter page (@MessingPrimary), which has a range of photos from their activities. It has been very quiet in school without the oldest year groups, and so we are looking forward to welcoming them back to hear about their time away.

Children will be busy voting for the new School Council team next week and those voted in will be presented with their badges during assembly. This is an important part of school life as it gives children the opportunity to contribute to school life and share pupil voice. Last year we worked very hard on recycling and reducing our paper waste, as well as developing the outside space. I look forward to working with the children this year.

Thank you to all of the parents for pointing out my muddle with the date for Harvest Festival. Sorry to confuse you all! The service will take place at All Saints Church on Thursday 19th October at 9:45am and all are welcome to join. We will be collecting donations of food for [The Little Ed Foundation](#). This is a local charity working closely with young families to support with food parcels as well as promoting local visits. There will also be a whole school Christingle service at All Saints Church on Tuesday 12th December at 9:45am. I have updated the calendar dates on the [school website](#), so please check in.

Very best wishes,
Ms Charlotte Brown (Headteacher)

Macmillan

Thanks to all of you for your kind donations of cakes and biscuits, and for donating. We are so proud to have raised **£266.16!**
The Yr 6 helpers were also very excited to have helped 'serve' you during the event. A special thanks must also go to Ms Gooday and Ms Murr for their efforts on the tea and coffee station.

Agents of Change

It has been an exciting week for us with our **Agents of Change** project, as the first stamps have gone into the children's passports!
Our poetry picnic and garden open afternoon was the perfect opportunity for the whole school to earn some stamps for speaking at a public event as well as writing poetry to inspire others.
There have also been a number of children working at home on projects including planning and creating their favourite foods and creating playlist.
A new section will soon be added onto the school website so that you can see some of the children's amazing achievements.



Mental Health and Wellbeing

As part of our school development plan, we are focussing on the development of mental health support for children, parents and staff.

We are keen to gather parent views about support for mental health and well-being as a starting point. We have some ideas and plans to promote and support children and families, but would also like your input. Please follow [this link](#) to complete the survey, which will remain open until Wednesday 4th October. If you would prefer a paper copy, please get in contact with the school.

The [NHS 5 Steps to Mental Wellbeing](#) has some excellent advice.

Words of the week

They're back! Miss Snodgrass has been busy planning out a whole year of new vocabulary for the school. These are revealed to staff each Wednesday.

Zephyr- noun | zeff-er

A zephyr is a breeze blowing from the west. MOre loosely, a zephyr can be any gentle breeze.

Indomitable- adjective | in-dah-muh-tah-bul

Indomitable is a formal word used to describe something that is impossible to defeat or discourage.





Garden Opening and Poetry Picnic

Following a year of hard work by parent volunteers, we were very proud to relaunch the memorial garden space. Originally set up in memory of a former pupil, Frederick, who sadly passed away, and still known fondly by children today as Frederick's Garden. We are blessed that Frederick's mother, brother and sister were able to join us.

Mrs Halliday had a vision in 2019, to create a sensory garden, and successfully secured a small budget through the Tesco Community Grant Scheme. Following the handover, Ms Brown was determined to bring Mrs Halliday's vision to life, and with thanks to two particular parents, Miss Abrams and Mr McTighe, we are proud of the space created. A small army of volunteers as part of the Coronation's 'Big Help Out' also contributed to the planting, painting and redesign of the space. Focusing on the 5 senses, the garden contains multisensory elements including wind chimes, water fountain and a range of herbs and textured plants.

We were proud to combine the opening with a celebration of poetry, and were blown away by how the children performed.



List of thanks with the garden:

- Tiptree Road Runners for the donation of a bench that the children helped to personalise with their own words of positivity
- Tesco Community Grants for funding supporting with planting
- The Gardener Family who supported with funds for the fountain
- Our chair of governors, Pip Parmenter for the donation of top soil
- All volunteers who joined the Big Help Out
- Staff, for their continued drive to create the best possible surroundings for the children and amazing efforts with the event
- Miss Abrams and McTighe for their gardening knowledge and incredible volunteering efforts come rain or shine
- Staff from New Hall School for their advice and ongoing support

Autumn Term Diary Dates

You can find dates for the year ahead on the school website

- Fri 29th Sept- PTFA AGM
- Fri 6th Oct- EY/ KS1 Phonics Talk (after school)
- Fri 6th Oct- Baguettes on the lunch menu
- Tues 10th Oct- World Mental Health Day
- Fri 13th Oct- Share and Learn/ stay and play 2:40pm
- Mon 16th & Weds 18th Oct- Parent teacher consultations
- Thurs 19th Oct- Harvest Festival at All Saints Church 9:45am
- Fri 20th Oct- Last day of term
- Mon 30th Oct- Non-pupil day
- Thurs 2nd Nov- Outdoor classroom day
- Fri 10th Nov- Remembrance event TBC
- Mon 13th Nov- Anti-Bullying week
- Fri 17th Nov- Children in Need