



**Together Everyone Achieves More**

*Through.....  
Loving learning, loving each other and loving life  
itself  
AGAPE: The Good Samaritan (Luke 10: 25-37)*

## **Newsletter 07/09/22**

Dear Parents/Carers,

I do hope you and your families had a happy and healthy break. It was lovely to welcome all the children back on Monday but in particular our new Reception children and those that have joined us in other year groups.

This year our themes are positivity and aspiration which I have spoken to the children about in our Collective Worship on Monday.

### **End of Term Staff Gifts**

The staff and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the very kind gifts that were gratefully received at the end of the Summer term.

### **Staffing News**

We are delighted to welcome back Mrs Rebekah Filmer to our teaching team in Octopus Class. Miss Chelsea Fisher is our new Dolphin Class teacher and it is lovely to have her back after her PGCE placement last term as a newly qualified teacher. We also welcome Mrs Hayley Wade as our new Nursery Manager. Hayley is a qualified teacher with over 15 years of experience of working in Early Years. I know she will be an invaluable addition to our North Curry staff team.

### **Birthday Books**

This year we are launching our birthday books scheme (kindly funded by FONCS) so please could you avoid sending your child in on their birthday with sweets or cakes. Instead they will be presented with a birthday book of their choice at one of our Show and Share assemblies in the month of their birthday. Many thanks in advance.

### **Collective Worship Theme of the Week: Compassion**



### **Our 'Quote' of the Week**

'No act of kindness, no matter how small is ever wasted'  
AESOP

### **Our 'Big Question' of the Week**

What is more important to be right or to be kind?

### Well Being: Tips

Go gently! Set yourself wise boundaries as you adjust to the return to school, pace yourself. More than setting yourself some wise boundaries, hold yourself to account for keeping them or, even better, share your 'boundaries' with colleagues or friends and hold one another to account for looking after yourselves. It could be taking some time away at lunchtime; leaving work promptly at least once a week and taking time for you; enjoying some time with colleagues over a cuppa and talk about something other than work; going for a walk each day... The possibilities are endless, so why not set yourself some boundaries today and think who can help you to keep them.

### Prayer of the Week

Dear God,

As I look to a new school year may I have peace of mind and know calm stillness in my spirit,

As I look to the new school year may I be encouraged that I can do this, that I am not alone,

As I prepare, as I adjust to routine, as I dive into the term, may I feel uplifted and strengthened,

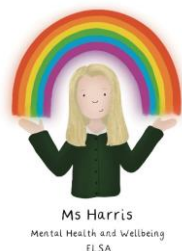
As I welcome, support and care for others may I not seek medals, may I seek flourishing, theirs and my own.

Thank you for the summer and time to refresh,

Thank you for the opportunities of a new year ahead,

Thank you that I may draw on your peace, stillness, encouragement and strength every day.

Amen.



### ELSA Support

#### **Mental Health and Wellbeing at North Curry Primary School**

There will always be children and young people in schools facing life challenges that detract from their ability to engage with learning. Some will require greater support to increase their emotional literacy than others. ELSA is an initiative developed and supported by educational psychologists. It recognises that children learn better and are happier in school if their emotional needs are also addressed.

Ms Harris has been trained by Educational Psychologists to plan and deliver programmes of support to pupils who are experiencing temporary or longer term additional emotional needs. The majority of ELSA work is delivered on an individual basis, but sometimes small group work is more appropriate, especially in the areas of social and friendship skills.

ELSA aims to provide support for a wide range of emotional needs: Recognising emotions, self-esteem, social skills, friendship skills, management of anger, sleep hygiene, trauma, loss and bereavement.

ELSA, Mental Health First Aid and 'Reducing Conflict in the Home' support is available to all pupils, parents and staff. If you would like to learn more about ELSA support or would like to arrange a chat please contact Victoria Harris, Senior Mental Health and Wellbeing Lead [viharris@nc.huish.education](mailto:viharris@nc.huish.education) or telephone the school office to arrange a meeting.

### Online Safety

Media and technology are at the centre of our lives every day. From a very young age, children use technology at home and at school to connect with friends and family and to document their lives and create digital content of their own. With more and more of life happening online, what catches kids' attention isn't always what's best for them, and what companies do with their personal information isn't always clear. I wanted to share two websites that are tools for parents, **Common Sense** and **Net Aware** are both online sites that can help rate online content, apps, movies, TV shows, podcasts, books, and more so families can feel good about the entertainment choices they make.

### Age Limits

It's important that you know that all social networking platforms and social networking apps, have **age limits**. Some social networks use technologies that may not be right for some ages or engage with communities that are made up of people much older than your child. Take a look to explore the most common social networks that your child might be on. For more info please follow the link; <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/what-age-can-my-child-start-social-networking/>



### This Fortnight's Learning

	English	Maths	Topic	Other
<b>Little Herons Pre-school</b>	Mark making and sharing stories.	Colours and Autumn.	My family and me and self-portraits.	Exploring the environment, routines & routines songs, rhymes, getting to know each other & the classroom.
<b>Minnow Class</b>	Time to talk opportunities, book sharing/ story times, mark making small group time with focus on seeing how children hold their pencil.	Place value, counting, exploring resources, small group time.	Settling in, discovering interests, sharing photos/chosen object from home.	Lots of circle time games, creating our class rules, holiday news.
<b>Starfish Class</b>	Holiday news recount, Reading and story map Whatever Next book.	Place Value, Counting in 10s (Y1), 10 times table (Y2).	Introduction to Space topic (what do we know and want to find out?), Neil Armstrong.	Computing – E-safety, PSHE – hopes and fears for the year, Science – materials hunt RE – What do Christians believe about God? – The Bible and Creation

<b>Dolphin Class</b>	Stone Age Boy – story writing, developing vocabulary and character description.	Place Value – 100s, 10s and 1s. Adding and subtracting across 10.	What is pre-history? Introduction to the Stone Age.	PSHE: Being Me in My World. RE: Introduction to Hinduism. Computing: E-Safety. Science: Types of Rock.
<b>Octopus Class</b>	Recounts focusing on capital letters, full stops and question marks. Kings and queens – coordination and subordination, past and present tense.	Place Value Addition and Subtraction.	What do we know, what do we want to find out about the Tudors? Female rulers before the Tudors. Timeline/chronology work.	Computing – Esafety. PSHE – Being me in my world. Science – forces session 1 & 2 RE – What do Christians believe about God and incarnation? Music – Listening activities and recorders. French – Greetings.
<b>Shark Class</b>	Autobiography and non-chronological report.	Place value - Reading and writing large numbers. Calculation – Times tables and addition.	Evolution – extinct life forms. Inheritance - inherited traits and features.	E-safety. PSHE – Me in my World. RE – Introduction to Hinduism. French – Phonetics P.E. – Multi skills. Music – Rock Steady.

### **School Lunch Reminder**

For **w/c 12<sup>th</sup> September** orders must be placed by **midnight on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September**. Unfortunately orders placed after this date/time will not be able to be processed and you will need to provide your child with a packed lunch for that week.

**If your child has any special dietary requirements you must email the school office before the order cut off.**

*If you have not requested access to order a lunch and now wish to do so, please email the school office asap. Otherwise please ensure you provide a packed lunch for your child.*

Please find below the term dates for the forthcoming year as well as provisional key dates for the first half of the Autumn term.



Kind regards,

*HM Morley*

Helen Morley.

September 2022							October 2022							November 2022						
M			5	12	19	26	M		3	10	17	24	31	M		7	14	21	28	
Tu			6	13	20	27	Tu		4	11	18	25		Tu		1	8	15	22	29
W			7	14	21	28	W		5	12	19	26		W		2	9	16	23	30
Th		1	8	15	22	29	Th		6	13	20	27		Th		3	10	17	24	
F		2	9	16	23	30	F		7	14	21	28		F		4	11	18	25	
Sa		3	10	17	24		Sa	1	8	15	22	29		Sa		5	12	19	26	
Su		4	11	18	25		Su	2	9	16	23	30		Su		6	13	20	27	
December 2022							January 2023							February 2023						
M			5	12	19	26	M		2	9	16	23	30	M		6	13	20	27	
Tu			6	13	20	27	Tu		3	10	17	24	31	Tu		7	14	21	28	
W			7	14	21	28	W		4	11	18	25		W		1	8	15	22	
Th		1	8	15	22	29	Th		5	12	19	26		Th		2	9	16	23	
F		2	9	16	23	30	F		6	13	20	27		F		3	10	17	24	
Sa		3	10	17	24	31	Sa		7	14	21	28		Sa		4	11	18	25	
Su		4	11	18	25		Su	1	8	15	22	29		Su		5	12	19	26	
March 2023							April 2023							May 2023						
M			6	13	20	27	M		3	10	17	24		M		1	8	15	22	29
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June 2023							July 2023							August 2023						
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**Key:**

	<b>School Holiday</b>
	<b>Bank Holiday</b>
	<b>Term Time</b>

**Term dates summary:**

**Term 1:** 01 September – 21 October 2022 (37 days)  
**Term 2:** 31 October – 16 December 2022 (35 days)  
**Term 3:** 03 January – 10 February 2023 (29 days)  
**Term 4:** 20 February – 31 March 2023 (30 days)  
**Term 5:** 17 April – 26 May 2023 (29 days)  
**Term 6:** 05 June – 21 July 2023 (35 days)    **TOTAL = 195**

**Bank and public holidays 2022/23**

Christmas Day Bank Holiday	27 December 2022*	Easter Monday	10 April 2023
Boxing Day Bank Holiday	26 December 2022	May Day Bank Holiday	01 May 2023
New Year's Day Holiday	02 January 2023*	Spring Bank Holiday	29 May 2023
Good Friday	07 April 2023	Summer Bank Holiday	28 August 2023

\*Replacement Bank Holiday day when the Bank Holiday falls on a weekend

Academy, Free Schools, Foundation & Voluntary Aided schools can set their own term dates and may differ from ours. Please check with the individual schools for their term dates.

### Key Dates: Autumn 1 Term 2022

<b>Date</b>	<b>Subject</b>
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Welcome back children!</b> New term starts <b>New Year R start school – mornings only until 12noon</b>
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Shark Show and Share: 8.50</b>
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>New Year R – mornings and lunch until 1pm</b>
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Meet the teacher drop in session: 3.30 and 5.00</b>
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Octopus Show and Share: 8.50</b>
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>New Year R – full time</b>
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Local Governing Body Meeting : 5.00</b>
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	<b>Dolphin Show and Share: 8.50</b>
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> September – Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Scholastic Book Fair</b>
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Starfish Show and Share: 8.50</b> <b>Harvest Service in the Church: 2.00</b>
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Minnow and Little Herons Show and Share: 8.50</b>
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Year 6: Lifeskills Trip</b> <b>Year 5: Kilve Court Trip</b>
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Cups Assembly: 8.50</b>
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Parents’ Evenings: 3.30-6.00</b>
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Year 6: Bikeability</b>
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	<b>RHT INSET DAY</b>
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Half term week</b>
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	<b>Back to School</b>