



SURFLEET PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Week Ending – 18th October 2024

Work Hard. Be Kind. Achieve!

And so we come to the end of another half term and we're already a sixth of the way through the school year... doesn't time fly?!

Many thanks to all of you who were able to join us at the church for our Harvest Festival and to anyone who contributed harvest donations. Your support is much appreciated!

Don't forget that we are back on **Tuesday October 29th** as the Monday is a staff training day.

Even though school will be closed for the next week, feel free to e-mail in your pumpkin photos. Keep your eyes on the school's Facebook page to see if any of the children's creations appear. Please share any posts we put on the Facebook page with your friends, family and acquaintances so that everyone can see the great work we do at our school!

Tell everyone about us!

Thanks to everyone involved who helped publicise our recent Open Morning.

It was amazing to have 11 families attend and we just hope that most (if not all) of them saw what a brilliant job we all do for the children in our community. We would love to have a full cohort of children join our school in Reception next year, so please do whatever you can to tell everyone about the fantastic job the staff do and how happy your children are. We can still show families round – a further two families have visited after the open morning - so encourage parents to make an appointment even if they have made their mind up about which school they want their child to go to. You just never know!

Staffing changes

As Miss Dunham moved abroad over the summer, this has led to us making a number of new appointments.

We would like to welcome:

Mrs Kitchen who is working every day across all classes as a Midday Supervisor.

Mrs Nicol who is working as a Teaching Assistant in Willow class every day. Mrs Nicol works with individual children who need additional support.

Miss Wright who is working as a Teaching Assistant in Oak class every day. Miss Wright also works with individual children who need additional support.

Mrs Revell who will be working as a class teacher in Willow class Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (for Miss Bates' maternity cover). Mrs Revell is a teacher who works for a local supply agency and has worked with the school a number of times over the past few years. Miss Stringer will be working as the class teacher in Willow on a Monday and Tuesday as was originally planned. Mrs Revell and Miss Stringer have had the chance to work with each other and Miss Bates to ensure a smooth transition for after half term and I have no doubt that they will both continue the excellent work that Miss Bates has started this year.

The whole staff team were sad to see Miss Dunham leave but are thrilled with the new people joining us! Thanks to all of them for becoming part of the Surfleet team which helps us to provide an even better school experience for your children.

And finally...

I am overjoyed to report that Miss Bates managed to get all the way through to the end of term! She has done a magnificent job of managing the latter stages of her pregnancy whilst still delivering a fantastic education to your children. Hopefully, Miss Bates can now relax and focus on what is about to be the most exciting part of her life, but knowing her like I do, I know she will be thinking of all of your children as much as her own! Good Luck to Miss Bates and she will be back at the end of the year (and probably before...).

STARS OF THE TERM

WILLOW CLASS

- **Oto W** for always working hard in everything he does and striving to achieve.

MAPLE CLASS

- **Lilly A** for always being a role model to others, being polite, caring and persevering with her work.

OAK CLASS

- **Simran K** for her all-round incredible efforts in every area. What a star!

GOLDEN SURFS

- **Finley S** for using capital letters, full stops and finger spaces in his writing.
- **Layla H** for her handwriting and amount of work produced.
- **Emma L** for making the writing feel like it's really happening.
- **Harvey C** for his handwriting.
- **Xander CG** for handwriting, quality and amount of work produced.
- **Benji BD** for use of conjunctions.
- **Issabella CF** for her quantity and quality of writing in her recent English work.
- **Freddie F** for his collaboration and teamwork in the recent hockey tournament.
- **Alan C** for his collaboration and teamwork in the recent hockey tournament.
- **Isla F** for her collaboration and teamwork in the recent hockey tournament.
- **Emma L** for her collaboration and teamwork in the recent hockey tournament.
- **Millie C** for her collaboration and teamwork in the recent hockey tournament.
- **Harvey C** for his collaboration and teamwork in the recent hockey tournament.
- **Aras D** for his collaboration and teamwork in the recent hockey tournament.



Stars of the Week & Golden Surfs

Celebrated from previous weeks in Term 1

Friday 27th September

- **Willow: Eli B** - for being kind to a multiple of his peers
- **Maple: Leon A** - for his fantastic effort and attitude towards learning.
- **Oak: Jeffrey C** - for his continuous efforts in lessons showing a commitment to achieving.

Golden Surfs

- **Mia S** - for her superb knowledge of greater than and less than and using the symbols to explain them.
- **Lilly Ann C** - for her number formation forming very number correctly.
- **Luke P** - for challenging himself to do his ten times tables and being a role model to his peers by inspiring others to do the same.
- **Freya C** - for correcting her B's and D's in her work without being prompted.
- **Thomas T** - for his good writing in his publishing book.

Friday 4th October

- **Willow: Evelyn F** - for working hard on her phonics skills and starting to blend her sounds together to read words.
- **Maple: Alice SD** - for her effort and presentation in her RE work and being respectful and interested to find more out about new religions.
- **Oak: Frankie G** for his excellent efforts in writing to show better handwriting and complex sentences.

Golden Surfs

- **Lilly-Ann C** - for using capital letters, full stops and finger spaces in her writing.
- **Asel D** - for using capital letters, full stops and finger spaces in her writing.
- **Luke P** - for using time connective openers in his writing.
- **Mia S** - for writing coherently and cohesively adding in extra detail into her writing.
- **Freddie F** - for his variation of sentence openers and detail in his work.
- **Leon A** - for his neat and well sized handwriting in his publishing work.

Friday 11th October

- **Willow: Asel D** - for her amazing attitude towards her reading, trying to read with intonation and persevering with answering questions.
- **Maple: Olivia L** - for going above and beyond in lessons, putting lots of effort in and trying her best to achieve.
- **Oak: Artjoms F** - for his excellent work and efforts in maths when using year 6 methods.

Upcoming events!

- **Fri 18th Oct** – Last day of Term 1
- **Tues 29th Oct** – First day of Term 2
- **Fri 1st Nov** – PTFA Halloween Disco 4.30pm till 6pm

School Child Protection & Safeguarding Policy Sept 2023

Should you ever want to see a copy of our school's safeguarding and child protection policy, it is available to view on the school's website.

Have a great half term!

See you all on Tuesday 29th October!

