



**Bulphan**  
Church of England Academy



# Newsletter

Friday 15th October 2021

*God's Word is a lamp to guide our feet and a light for our path.*

*Inspired by Psalm 119:105*

This first half term has flown by! The children's passion, creativity and kindness has shone through as we have joined together again as a whole school and it has been a pleasure watching them all flourish in their classes. They have tackled new challenges, created new friendships and enjoyed new topics.



We would like to take this opportunity to thank the children for all their hard work and our families and the wider community for all your ongoing support.

#### Dates for your diary:

Parents evening will be taking place on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November. More information on this will follow after half term.

Children in Need is fast approaching after half term. We would like to celebrate by inviting children to wear pyjamas to school on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November. Voluntary donations of £1 towards the charity would be gratefully received.



#### Half term homework:

Please continue to read with your child. Children will need to read 15 times (5 x per week) to be entered into the reading raffle, which will be drawn in our star worship on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November. Children in years 1-6 will receive spellings to learn over half term.

On top of this, The Vine Trust are launching a new Vine Passport with a range of different activities to complete. You don't need to complete the whole thing during half term, but there are some lovely activities you might like to start. Your child will be sent home with all the information needed to complete this.

#### Polite notice:

Please can we ask that once you have dropped your child off, and the bell has rung, that you leave as soon as possible as parents are struggling to drop their children off due to lack of parking spaces. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

We wish you a very happy and healthy half term and look forward to seeing you all again in November!

Miss Finch

Miss Taylor

Executive Head teacher

Head of School

#### Attendance w/c 11th October 2021

1st	Upper School	98.33%
2nd	Lower School	94.58%
3rd	Middle School	91.54%

**Whole School – 94.82%**

*The Government expects our attendance to be 96%*

#### Stars of the Week

Lower School – Zakary

- Noah

Middle School - Louie

- Frankie L

Upper School – Will

- Dideoluwa

- Samuel

#### Playground Stars

Lower School - Harriet

Middle School - Lexi

Upper School - Jesse









#### Team Points

This week **Green** team had the most points.

Well done **Green** team!

## Passport 2021-2022

Travel around each zone and complete as many challenges as you can.  
 Share your challenges with your class teacher and once you have achieved all the challenges in each zone, you will earn a Zone badge!  
 See if you can complete the whole Passport!

<p><b>Let's get creative!</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create a piece of art in the style of an Artist of your choice _____</li> <li>• Create a model, sculpture or artwork which represents you _____</li> <li>• Learn a song in sign language _____</li> <li>• Create a dance routine or gymnastics routine _____</li> <li>• What impressions can you do? _____</li> </ul> 	<p><b>You are special!</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make a picture or collage of all things special to you _____</li> <li>• Set yourself a goal and how you will work towards it _____</li> <li>• Write an acrostic poem about yourself _____</li> <li>• Compliment yourself by writing down 3 things that makes you amazing! _____</li> <li>• Draw a picture of you in the future _____</li> </ul> 
<p><b>Let's get cooking!</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learn to cook or bake something new _____</li> <li>• Help your family to cook the dinner _____</li> <li>• Help with planning the food shop or unpacking the food _____</li> <li>• Bake a cake or biscuits to make someone smile _____</li> <li>• Research your favourite food and where it came from _____</li> </ul> 	<p><b>Take time to reflect (Spirituality)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When do you feel at peace? Draw a picture to show this _____</li> <li>• Write a prayer. Perhaps you could share this with God _____</li> <li>• Read a Bible story. What does it teach you? _____</li> <li>• Take a peaceful moment. Sit quietly for 5 minutes. How does it make you feel? _____</li> <li>• Watch a sunset or sunrise, how does it make you feel? _____</li> </ul> 
<p><b>Healthy body, healthy mind!</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How many throws and catches can you do in 2 minutes? _____</li> <li>• Learn or try a new sport or physical activity _____</li> <li>• Try a new vegetable or piece of fruit. What was it like? _____</li> <li>• Create a list of instructions on how to be healthy _____</li> <li>• Go for a walk and get moving! _____</li> </ul> 	<p><b>Predicting and testing! (Science and Technology)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research a scientific concept of your choice _____</li> <li>• How is technology important? Explain _____</li> <li>• Compare the technology your parents or grandparents used to the technology you use _____</li> <li>• Sort 10 objects into groups. These could be hard or soft, or even waterproof and not waterproof _____</li> <li>• Draw a picture of a food chain _____</li> </ul> 
<p><b>What a wonderful world!</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collect some fallen leaves and create a nature picture _____</li> <li>• Make an insect hotel _____</li> <li>• Complete a bird watch, either in your garden, at the park or on a walk _____</li> <li>• Research or draw a picture one of the Wonders of the World _____</li> <li>• Paint a stone and leave it to be found by someone on a walk _____</li> </ul> 	<p><b>Taking care of each other!</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Help a friend, neighbour or family member _____</li> <li>• Complete a litter pick or beach clear up (with gloves!) _____</li> <li>• Write a letter to a grandparent or elderly relative _____</li> <li>• Check in with someone and make them smile _____</li> <li>• Offer to help someone, perhaps with a chore _____</li> </ul> 



## Christmas Shoeboxes appeal 2021

The United Benefice of Orsett, Bulphan and Horndon-on-the-Hill churches has once again registered to support the Link to Hope Christmas shoebox appeal. Orsett, Bulphan and Horndon-on-the-Hill Primary Schools are also supporting this charity. If you would like to fill a shoebox please look at [www.linktohope.co.uk](http://www.linktohope.co.uk) to find out how to pack a box, what you need to include and you can download a label for your box. One important thing is the charity asks that we use regular size shoeboxes to make packing in their lorries easier. If you don't have a printer at home there are some leaflets in each Church and School.

If you would like to support this charity the deadline to take filled shoeboxes into your Church or School is **Thursday 4th November**.

If anyone has any questions please contact Lynda—[l.robertson@hobnob.org.uk](mailto:l.robertson@hobnob.org.uk)

### There are two options



The **Family Shoeboxes** of gifts are given to families who often have to make a choice between buying food or fuel at Christmas time – buying presents is just not a priority. Many of these families do not have running water, heating or electricity. Some live in appalling conditions, often living in just one or two rooms, and life for them is a real struggle to survive.

A shoebox for a family means that everyone receives a gift. A scarf for the mum, a tape measure for the dad, toys and games for the children as well as stationery and coloured pens. Also toiletries, toothpaste, shampoo and soap to keep everyone clean and free from the germs that make them ill. And of course sweets and chocolates for everyone – a family favourite.



Due to the number of elderly people that are now being left alone due to their families leaving to work away, they have launched the **Elderly Shoebox Appeal**. The boxes are similar however the children's games and education materials are replaced with a wind up torch, sensory items, candle and holder etc.

Boxes get sent to **Romania, Bulgaria, Moldova and Ukraine**. The charity is small enough that they have a personal relationship with all the key contacts in Eastern Europe who distribute your Shoeboxes and we do spot checks to ensure that your boxes are received by the correct people. Link to Hope is **Christian charity** who believe in distributing love to those in need regardless of background, colour, creed or religion.

## Self-Isolation and Testing Guidance

