



# Newsletter

Icklesham Church of England Primary School



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Issue 1

## Welcome Back!

Welcome back to the new school year! We have had a lovely first few days back in school and I have been very impressed to see the children looking very smart and ready to learn. Thank you so much for bringing them back so well organised. Our Year 6 children looked very smart as they were presented with their Icklesham School ties. We look forward to welcoming our new reception children who start next week.

### **Curious Curriculum—'I wonder....What makes a riveting read?'**

We look forward to exploring which books really leave us wanting more. Our Curious Curriculum is designed to encourage questioning and exploring for deeper learning. Thank you for supporting this with the fabulous home learning brought in this week. It has really impressed us!

### **Deeper Learning in Maths**

Building on our successful maths program last year, children will continue to use maths journaling, concrete, practical, and visual representations to support their maths learning. Our teachers use a range of maths 'mastery' approaches based on extensive international research. All our teachers and TAs have taken part in on-going training with our lead maths consultant. Core learning from our Power Maths resource is then specifically widened by 'strengthening' activities for those who need more support and 'deepening' activities for those who are ready for more challenge. Please be aware that we have carefully selected the most appropriate resource for each class as a starting point. Children will be expected to deepen their learning by visually representing their maths in their journals and through the use of practical apparatus in every class.

### **Reading Volunteers**

Thank you again and welcome back to our regular reading volunteers - you have already made a huge difference to our children. We are currently looking to recruit more volunteers to help support reading in school. We are looking for volunteers who can give a regular half an hour at the beginning of the school day (9am—9:30am) at least once per week. Sessions run every day. We can offer training and support which will help volunteers when they listen to their own children read. If you are able to help, please collect a volunteers application form from Mrs Barry and return it as soon as possible. Many thanks.

### **Swimming**

I am pleased to report that the Summer Swimming Club run by Mrs Barry during the school holidays has raised an amazing £120. The children and families have had a lovely time too! Thank you Mrs Barry! The money will go towards the continued upkeep of the pool for the future. We are hoping to swim for as long as possible. Arrangements are that each class will swim once per week. If for any reason they do not swim on their allotted day we will try to offer another time that week. Please send in swimming kit on a Monday and we will send it home with the children once they have had their swim.

### **Welcome Meetings**

Do try to come along to the Welcome Meeting for your child's class. The dates for each class are below. We will be running a crèche for the children in the school hall on these days:

Monday 9th September - Welcome meeting for Satsuma Class Parents with Mr Cornes 3:15-3:45

Tuesday 10th September - Welcome Meeting for Mango Class Parents with Mrs Isaac 3:15- 3:45

Wednesday 11th September - Welcome Meeting for Blueberry Class Parents with Mrs Maskell 3:15- 3:45

Wednesday 18th September - Welcome Meeting for Apple Class Parents with Mrs Cullingworth 3:15- 3:45

Friday 27th September - Play and Stay for Apple Class **RECEPTION** Parents with Mrs Cullingworth 9-10am.

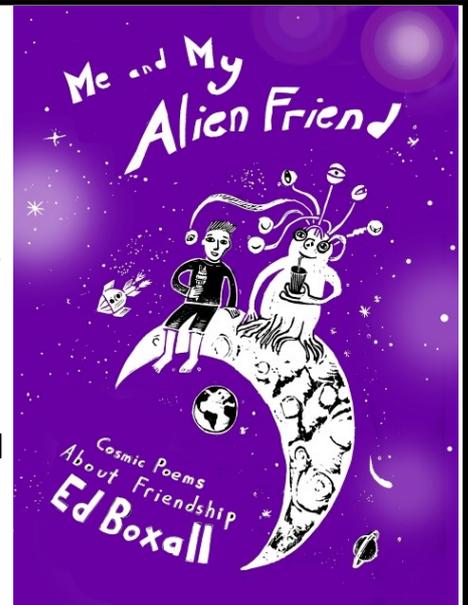
### **Clubs**

Term 1 Club Leaflet will be out on Monday 9th and clubs start Monday 13th September

Exciting News! We are very please to announce that we will be having two visits from Ed Boxhall this term, as part of our 'I wonder....What makes a riveting read?' Curious Curriculum.

He will be visiting Blueberry and Mango Classes on Monday 16th September and Apple and Satsuma Classes on Thursday 19th September. He will be basing his sessions on his new book 'Me and My Alien Friend'. This is an exciting opportunity for the children to work with a local author.

There will be an opportunity for parents to purchase a signed copy of 'Me and My Alien Friend', a letter and order form will be coming home with the children next week.



### DATES Academic Year 2019 / 2020

Here are some dates for your diary. We will update these each week.

#### September 2019

- 9th - Welcome Meeting for Satsuma Class Parents with Mr Cornes
- 10th - Welcome Meeting for Mango Class Parents with Mrs Isaac
- 11th - Welcome Meeting for Blueberry Class Parents with Mrs Maskell
- 16th - Term 1 Clubs start this week
- 18th - Welcome Meeting for Apple Class Parents with Mrs Cullingworth
- 20th - Jeans for Genes day
- 24th - Open Day for new parents 1:30 - 3pm
- 27th - Morning Play and Stay for **Reception** Apple Class parents with Mrs Cullingworth 9-10 am

#### October 2019

- 4th - Harvest Festival in Church time TBC
- 25th - Last day of term 1

#### **Half Term Week**

#### **Advance Notice Inset Days**

Inset Days so far for 2019-2020:

Wednesday 4th September 2019

Monday 1st, Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd June 2020

One further Inset day is yet to be decided. We will of course let you know as soon as possible.

East Sussex Term Dates for 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 can be found on the East Sussex Website <https://>