

Autumn Term 2023

# Yox Valley Newsletter

WELCOME BACK | September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been really lovely to welcome all our children and families back this week. It is hard to return to school after the long summer break, but children are getting back into the familiar routine and it is has been a pleasure to see the playgrounds buzzing with excited children full of anticipation of the year ahead.

We extend a very warm welcome to all our new children and their families and can not wait to explore your new school journey with you.

We have had a number of new additions to our Yox Vally staffing team and we extend this warm welcome to Mrs Alison Prior, Silver Birch Class Teacher, Mrs Nell Spencer, Willow Class Teacher and Mrs Jenny Jean-Jaques, Oak Class Teacher, at Yoxford. Miss Eve Forster joins us at Southwold as our Mars Class Teacher and Miss Jo Garnett joins our Senior Leadership Team. Miss Garnett joins Mrs Christina Pates as our Assistant Academy Heads and I will be leading the team as Academy Head at our three schools, continuing to work very closely with Mrs Debbie Thomas, who was a familiar face before the summer holidays.

We are delighted to have all our new colleagues on board with us.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's Class Teacher if you have anything you would like to discuss with them. Class Teachers are always available in the playground first thing in the morning or at 3:15pm.

We are all looking forward to working with our children and families and are committed to delivering a school experience that offers a wide curriculum and supports personal development.

Class Newsletters will also be delivered to your inbox today – this will be crammed with details about your child's learning for this half term.

In our Hub we are very lucky to have three very active Parent and Teacher Associations (PTAs) who are always seeking new recruits to help with organising a very wide range of events throughout the school year sometimes to raise money, but sometimes just an opportunity to bring our families together. More information and contact details will follow in the next couple of weeks.

The weather looks set to be amazing over the weekend – we wish our families a wonderful weekend and look forward to seeing everyone on Monday morning.

With best wishes,

The Senior Leadership Team

Mrs Katy Last   Mrs Christina Pates   Miss Jo Garnet  
Academy Head Assistant Academy Head Assistant Academy Head

## Important Diary Dates 23/24

Dates for after October half term will be released at a later date.  
(Please keep an eye open for emails regarding future dates)

**October Half Term**  
23rd-30th

Back to school 31st of October



### Middleton

Celebration Assemblies  
@ 2:45pm

- 22nd September
- 13th October

### Southwold

Celebration Assemblies  
@ 2:45pm

- 29th September

### Y & P

Celebration Assemblies  
@ 8:45am

- 15th Sep
- 6th October



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# Ash Class



Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome to a new academic year and a special welcome to our new reception children who are settling in well.

It is wonderful to see the children looking relaxed and happy after their summer break. We are all enjoying hearing the holiday news and are looking forward to an exciting term ahead.

Our topic this term is called, 'Humankind', we will be learning all about each other as well as our new class friends.

In literacy we will be adapting and writing our very own journey tale about the goat a sheep and a very naughty wolf. In geography we will be learning about how humans have changed the local area.

P.E is now timetabled for a Friday PM, so please ensure that your child brings in a full P.E kit with warmer clothes as it becomes cooler. Scouts is now on a Tuesday PM.

We will be changing the children's reading books on a Monday so please ensure these are brought back ready to be changed.

Our door is always open, so if you have any concerns or would simply like a chat, please feel free to talk to me at the beginning or end of the day.

I hope everyone has a lovely half term.

Kind Regards The Ash team



## Important Announcements

Please remember to provide a named water bottle every day. Please remember to bring in a named PE kit, this can be left at school and returned for washing at the end of half term if you wish.

Toys can be bought in on a Friday only for show and tell.

As the weather is still warm please remember sun hats and sun cream to be applied before school.

## Weekly Events

Daily

Wednesday- cubs Y1 and

Y2

Friday – P.E



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## Spruce Class



Dear Parents and Carers,

It's lovely to be back after the holidays; seeing the children skip into the playground with beaming smiles and all their news.

To celebrate and share their news, Spruce class have been writing recounts. They have edited and improved these by adding time adverbials and opening and closing paragraphs. They will be moving on to write persuasive texts about why they should be school council representatives or head boy or girl.

In Maths, children in all year groups are working on place value- a solid knowledge of which is required to underpin all mathematical learning. I know none of us carry much in the way of cash these days, but money is a great way to play with place value. Try asking your child questions such as: How many 10p pieces in a pond? How many in £5? How many pounds is 1000 pence?

In Science we are becoming rock experts. We are hoping to visit Dunwich museum and carry out some field study in Dunwich, in particular looking into cliff erosion. It would be fantastic if parents were able to drop and collect children from Dunwich rather than Middleton on September 20th so as to save costs and admin around transport. Please let me know if this is something that will be difficult for you so I can make arrangements.

You may be aware that children in years 3 and 4 have the wonderful Mrs Parker working with them in Maths, some of their English and on other bits and pieces. So far they seem to be enjoying having a change of scene and moving into the next door classroom for these.

Please note that P.E. will now take place on Thursday afternoons, and Scouts will be on Tuesdays. I know some of you may have seen what is happening and when on the timetable I sent home earlier in the week!

Thank you for your continued Support and for all the lovely gifts at the end of Summer.

Warm regards,  
Ms Cashell



# Dates for the Academic Year 2023/2024

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## PD DAYS

01/09	Statutory Training
04/09	School Directed
30/10	School Directed
03/01	Trust Directed
12/04	Wellbeing