

Term 1 Week 7 – 19th October 2021

Quote of the week:

"There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about." – Margaret J. Wheatley

Harvest Festival

Thank you to everyone who has already made a donation to this month's harvest food bank collection. Tomorrow, will be the final day for making a donation and then on Thursday 21st October the staff and children will be making our donations to the local foodbank, during our Harvest Festival service at St. Leonard's Church. Thank you to all parents and friends who have volunteered to help supervise our children as they walk to and from the church. As we are taking all of the children from Reception to Year 6 to the church, this event will only be open to children, staff and volunteers.

A reminder of what has been donated in each phase:

- Elm & Hazel Classes – tinned soups
- Willow & Maple Classes – tinned vegetables
- Ash & Cherry Classes – tinned meats
- Oak & Elder Classes – long-life milk & fruit cordials



Secondary School Applications for September 2022 – Reminder for Year 6 Parents

As you may be aware, the statutory closing date for applications from parents of Year 6 children (for a secondary school place in Year 7 from September 2022) is **31 October 2021**.

Applications can be made via our website www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

Clubs & Activities

There will be no clubs and activities the week beginning Tuesday 2nd November due to parent teachers meetings taking place on Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th November. Please be reminded that Monday 1st November is a non-teaching day as it is a staff training day. Our extra-curricular programme will commence Monday 8th November.

Mini London Marathon



Please be reminded that this Friday 22nd October we will be hosting the Mini London Marathon. We hope to have the first children running at 9:15am and we hope to be finished by 10:30am. The running order is; Year 3&4, Year 1&2, Reception and finally Year 5&6. The Year 1 children in Hazel class will be running with the rest of the Year 1&2 children. The children will be covering a distance of 2.6 miles this week in order to raise money for **Great Ormond Street Hospital**. Friday, children are encouraged to come to school in sports clothing (does not have to be PE kit). Please remember to provide them



with a labelled water bottle. Parents are welcome to join us to cheer the children on. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support.

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/SouthminsterPrimary>

Attendance: Week ending 08.10.2021	
Elm – Reception	92.65%
Hazel – Year 1 & Reception	89.43%
Willow – Year 1&2	94.55%
Maple – Year 1&2	95.40%
Ash – Year 3&4	94.12%
Cherry – Year 3&4	91.76%
Elder – Year 5&6	90.84%
Oak – Year 5&6	93.53%
Whole School	92.79%

Key dates for your diaries:

- 13th-21st October tours of Plume Academy Mill Road Campus available
- 20th October – deadline for Harvest Collection
- 21st October Harvest Thanksgiving Service at St Leonard's
- 22nd October – Non-uniform Day - Sportswear theme
- 22nd October – Mini London Marathon 9:15-10:30
- 25th – 29th October Half Term Break
- 1st November Staff Training Day
- 14th November Remembrance Sunday
- 28th November – Southminster Christmas Lights service
- 8th December Pantomime Trip

Super Scientists Investigating in Willow class

We believe that children learn best through doing. We want our children to ask questions and investigate to make connections and find answers to support their knowledge and understanding. In Willow class recently, the children have been investigating whether a range of materials are waterproof or not. Essentially, they have been thinking like scientists and acting like scientists, perhaps they are scientists?



Mrs Puxley

Mrs Puxley will be leaving Southminster Church of England Primary School on Friday 22nd October, although she has agreed to support us, when needed, until a permanent replacement has been successfully appointed. Mrs. Puxley has made a significant contribution to our school and she will be missed by us all. We will keep you updated and will announce when a new appointment is confirmed.

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to everyone who has been chosen for shining in the past week. Mrs Cuthbert announced winners on Friday 15th October as follows:



Class	Friday 15 th October	
Elm	Jack	Ashton
Hazel	Violet	Ryan
Willow	Alfie	Isabella
Maple	Mason	Lillie-Rose
Ash	Louis	Louie
Cherry	Jayla	Lacey
Elder	Hollie-May	James
Oak	Michael	Radley
The Base	Archie	Austin

House Points **St. Mark 344** **St. Matthew 291** **St. Luke 294** **St. John 296**

Congratulations to St. Mark's House, who are this week's winners! Below is the chart to show current standings for the term so far. There is still time for the other teams to catch up. Remember, every time that you show respect, good manners and courtesy to others, you are making Southminster Church of England Primary School stronger and a happier place for us all!

We will be announcing this half term's winning house on Wednesday 20th October. The winners will be invited to a fun splash session at our pool of Friday afternoon, the perfect end to a busy half term!

