



# Yalding

St Peter & St Paul CE Primary School

## Educating for life in all its fullness

### Vision and Values

On our return to school in September, the staff spent a day discussing our vision for the school. We talked about the skills and attributes we think are important for our learners and decided that the best way to sum up our overall aim - preparing them to be successful academically and also a well rounded, happy individual—was to use a quote from John 10:10 to become our overall vision. Therefore our new mission statement is ..

### Educating for “life in all its fullness”

Next, we examined our key Christian values and felt that could sum them up in three words

**Love**

of God, of life, of learning and of each other

**Respect**

for ourselves and for others

**Responsibility**

for our actions, our learning and our environment.

Our ongoing aim is to live by these values and embed them into the ethos of the school.

### Back to school

We are very proud of our new Reception children who started full time on the first day of term and have settled into school life really well. They are already happy to be here; forming good relationships with each other; and learning new things.

Our three new teachers, Ms Taylor (Swans), Miss Cronin (Dolphins) and Mrs Hein (Music), have all expressed how happy they are here at Yalding and are really enjoying teaching the children.

### House Captains

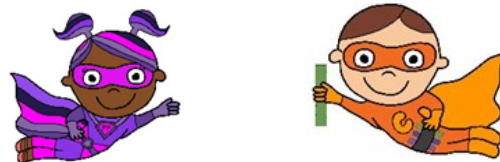
We are delighted to announce the names of the six children who, after writing very persuasive letters, have been chosen to be our House Captains and Vice Captains for the year.

Warde (Yellow) Ella and Sammy-Joe, Kenward (Green) Eleanor and Oscar, Borton (Blue) Millie and Elliot, Blunden (Red) Ella and Caitlyn



### Learning Behaviours

This month we have been focussing on how to be a good learner. We asked the children to design superheroes to represent each of these key attributes. A winning design was chosen from each year group and turned into a graphic image. Our winners' superheroes are pictured below and were drawn by Albert (year 1), Erin (year 2), Maya (year 3), Ollie (year 4), Max (year 5) and Eleanor (year 6).



Professor Perseverance, Commander Co-operation,



Captain Curiosity, Major Motivation, Inspector Independence and Colonel Creativity.

**Harvest Festival**

Thank you to everyone who attended the service and/or donated a Harvest box last Friday.



We were overwhelmed by the generosity and creativity of the donations.

Some of the boxes were distributed by the pupils to elderly residents in the village and the remainder were taken to the Homeless Centre in Maidstone.



We hope that you enjoyed the Harvest Service as much as we did.

**Music lessons**

We had three very talented musicians visiting school last week and they gave a wonderful performance to KS2 .



They came in to promote the fact that the KS2 children will now have the opportunity to have private musical lessons at school. There are many instruments to choose from and lessons can be offered on an individual basis or as part of a small group. For more information, please see <http://www.andrewparrymusic.com> We hope some of our pupils will be able to take advantage of this great opportunity.

**Gerald the Giraffe**

Bees class had a visit from Gerald the Giraffe this week. He came in to talk to the children about how important it is to enjoy books and he shared a couple of his favourite stories with the class.

After really listening carefully, the children had the

opportunity to act out some of the scenes, choosing which character they wanted to be.



They enjoyed the visit and we are confident that they will go on to enjoy many more lovely stories.

**Upcoming dates**

October	
Tues 10th	Year R parents’ phonics information meeting 11:00 am
Thurs 12th	Year 1 and 2 trip to Otterden
Fri 20th	Last Day Term 1
Tues 31st	School re-opens to children for Term 2
November	
Wed 8th	Parent Consultations 4:30-7:30 pm
Tues 14th	Parent Consultations 3:30—6:0 pm

**PTA news**

The PTA AGM took place this week to celebrate all of the fundraising and great activities which have taken place over the last academic year, raising over £10,000. Many wonderful events were run: such as Discos, Class Parties, Christmas Shops, an Easter Egg Hunt and the May and Christmas Fairs. The parents and friends have also benefitted from a Pamper Night and a Quiz.

All of this fundraising has enabled our pupils to enjoy lots of new equipment including some additional Chromebooks, Digital cameras, Sports Trophies, a new mud kitchen for the Reception children and equipment for the Nature Club.

Sadly, Mrs Dee Ann Stead, who has been Chairman for the last three years, stepped down. Dee Ann has worked enthusiastically and tirelessly over this period, achieving so much, and she will be greatly missed. A **huge** thank you must go to her for everything she has achieved.

Mrs Ann Long was elected as the new Chair.