



Aston and Cote Church of England Primary School

"Learning together through courage, love and respect"

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Dear parents and carers,

It is our Open Morning next week on the 3rd December at 10am. As stated in our previous newsletter all families, including current and prospective are welcome but please contact the office to register your interest so that we can have some idea of numbers for catering purposes. There will be refreshments available; tours of the school as pupils are working and a short performance by the brass band.

Warmest regards
Paula Phillips

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Please be aware that occasionally dates have to be changed, so check newsletters regularly for any amendments.

- 3rd Dec **Open Morning for New September intake**
- 3rd Dec Christmas Disco - Village hall
- 4th Dec FACs Non-school uniform day donations of chocolate please
- 9th Dec Reception Nativity Play - Aston Pottery
- 10th Dec Christmas Fair
- 14th Dec Pantomime - Robin Hood 9.30
- 15th Dec KS2 Christmas Concert - 6.00pm St James' Church
- 16th Dec KS1 - Production - Village Hall
- 17th Dec Christmas lunch
- 17th Dec Aston Hat Day
- 18th Dec Church Service, Last day of term - finish 1.30pm

21st Dec - 1st Jan Christmas Holiday

- 4th Jan INSET DAY**
- 5th Jan First day - Term 3
- 6th Jan Westerleigh trip to Ashmoleon Musuem -tbc
- 7th Jan Reedy trip to Ashmoleon Museum - tbc
- 7th Jan Windmill trip to Story Museum Oxford tbc
- 8th Jan Holywell trip to Ashmoleon Museum - tbc

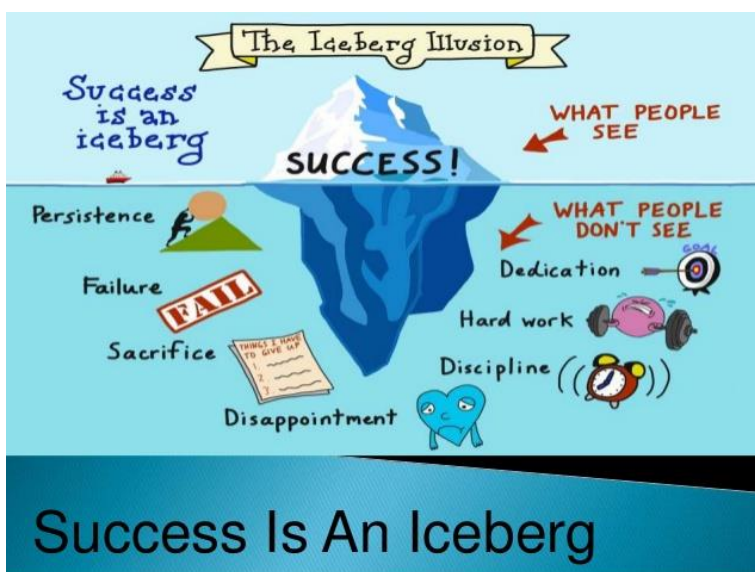
IMPORTANT DATES

- May KS1 Testing Period
- 9th - 16th May Year 6 SATS Week
- 6th - 17th June Year 6 Science sampling test period
- 13th -17th June Year 1 Phonics Screening

Our value this month is
COURAGE

Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen.

Sir Winston Churchill



Success Is An Iceberg

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Hockey Report

Some players went to the West Oxfordshire Hockey Tournament on Tuesday 17th November. The children were given the opportunity to put their skills they had practiced into place. The children encouraged each other and demonstrated some great skills. They worked with fantastic teamwork, determination and courage. Sophie and Kyle both acted as fantastic captains and ensured great sportsmanship was demonstrated. We are all very proud of the players and are glad they enjoyed the experience at Wood Green School.



New Website

Our new website is up and running; please do take a look as we will putting the majority of information you may need on this from now on - including latest news and dates.

As part of the process of compiling the website and a prospectus we have worked with a professional photographer; one of our lovely parents Mrs Lewis. I am sure you will agree the photographs are stunning and really capture the children well and the happy place that is our school. We are hoping to make these photos available to you to purchase if you are interested. Further details to follow.

Assessments

Over the next few weeks the pupils in Y1-2 will be doing assessments. KS2 pupils will be tested on the spellings from the statutory list that they have learned so far. These are practised in school daily and available on the school website if you would like to undertake any additional practise.

Jolly Pots Plea

These are loved by the children so much. Thank you to everyone who has already made one or more! It is so appreciated. Last year, I did a trip to Asda and made 10 quite cheaply but even with these extra, we sold out very quickly. Many children were disappointed and did not get one, including some children who had made one or more themselves. Please, please if everyone is able to make one or two it would mean we would have enough so that every child could have one. Thank you.



Library Books

We love reading and want to promote this as much as possible in school. This one of the reasons we developed a wonderful school library which we try to keep stocked full of books that will appeal to all the children. Recently, some of our newest library books are being returned to us in a shocking condition. We have spoken with the pupils today in assembly about taking care of these and showing respect but please could we also ask for your support at home. Thank you

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FACs News

Christmas Disco Thursday 3rd December

Please make sure that you purchase your tickets in advance from the office in the next few days as there is less than a week to go!

It will be a great start to the Christmas Festivities

Foundation and KS1 will be 5 - 5.45pm

KS2 will be 6 - 7pm

£2.50 per ticket which includes entry to the disco, a packet of crisps and unlimited drink.

Also available to purchase on the night will be:

Small packets of Haribo sweets 20p each

Glow sticks 20p each or 6 for £1



Friday 4th December - Key date with lots of things taking place

Non Uniform Day - wear it red day in return for bringing a chocolate related item to school. Please help us and support this as all the donations are being used for the Christmas Fair.

Jolly Pots - please can all filled Jolly Pots be returned to the school office.

Sign up for Santa Visit - please sign up at the office if you would like your child to visit Santa during the school fair. Cost will be £2 which includes a small gift

Christmas Fair Thursday 10th December



We can't do this alone and really need some helpers both on the day and in advance to get things ready to ensure it is a success. A list will be available next week to put your name down if you are able to offer any help at all to us with the fair.

We are also in desperate need of donations of teddy bears for a tombola and pre-loved books for a 2nd hand stall, if we don't receive any support these will have to be cancelled from the fair. If you can provide any help at all in anyway or have any donations to make please see Christina who will be at school all next week or email christinalslater@gmail.com.

Easy Fundraising

IT'S FREE!!

The biggest shopping day of the year is with us and please help support your school by using the Easy Fundraising website to make your online purchases for which a donation is made to the school.

To register just follow the link below: easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/astonandcoteprimary

Postage Stamps

We are going to start a new method of raising some funds by collecting your used stamps.

With the festive period about to get underway please can we request that you start to collect the stamps from mail you receive and save for us

More details will follow shortly

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Mornings

We want to keep our children safe at all times. With this in mind, please can we ask that NO children are dropped off and left unsupervised on the playground or outside Westerleigh Class in the morning. This is not safe. If a child decided they had forgotten something and left to go and get it no one would know. We will need to consider keeping the gate closed until 8:45 if this continues to happen. Yesterday, we had children in the playground on their own at 8:30 am. We do have a lovely breakfast club for anyone who is interested and needs before school care.

Also, we have had a complaint that some children are charging around in the mornings when everyone is coming into school and they have almost knocked a mum over. We recognize that it is a playground however please can we ask that the children do not play with balls or run around too much before school to avoid any accidents. - Thank you.

Like Gardening? Looking for work within School Hours?

I have a small team of gardeners that work within large gardens in the Buckland and Bampton area. I am looking for more gardeners to do 1 or 2 days a week with potential to doing more in the Spring. The minimum you need is a keen interest in gardening, to be hardworking, reliable, quick to learn and have good common sense. Training is given if necessary.

If you are interested call me on 07554 606569 or email rivermeadgardening@outlook.com. Just call for a chat if you are not sure whether it will suit you, I am very flexible.

Salima McKnight
Rivermead Gardening

As always I am happy to meet with parents by appointment and we always welcome feedback either verbally, through emails or through our "Feedback and Suggestions" box in the front entrance.

Thank you.

**Paula Phillips,
Headteacher**

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