



# Aston and Cote Church of England Primary School

"Learning together through courage, love and respect"

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***'I have not failed. I have just found 10,000 ways that didn't work'***

- Thomas Edison (inventor of the light bulb)

Dear parents and carers,

It was lovely to see some of you at the Open Morning yesterday: we had a wonderful morning and the staff team and myself we were filled with tremendous pride to share all that we do here at the school with the families who came. Our Year 6 pupils were excellent ambassadors for the school and did a marvellous job giving guided tours and the brass band were amazing! Well done year 6!

Thank you so much to our wonderful FACs team for organizing the school disco yesterday. It appears to have been a huge success and the pupils came in buzzing about it this morning! Thank you also to any parents who gave up their time to help - what a fabulous community we have here at the school!

Finally, thank you for all the Jolly Pots and for the chocolate sent in today for non-uniform day. We look forward to the Christmas Fair next week ☺ and hope you can join us for some festive fun and hopefully fundraising for the school to make a difference for your lovely children. Please see details overleaf. The children would like to perform for you during this time as well.

The Order of performances (times will be approximate):

- 3:45 pm Brass band
- 4pm Ukuleles
- 4:15pm Ocarina
- 4:30pm Performing Arts

Please see the website for further news. We are trying to use our new website to improve communication further. Please do give us feedback on this new site so that we can make it even better for you, including whether there is any information that you would find helpful to be on the site, that isn't there currently.

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.

- 4<sup>th</sup> Dec FACs Non-school uniform day donations of chocolate please
- 9<sup>th</sup> Dec Reception Nativity Play - Aston Pottery
- 10<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas Fair
- 14<sup>th</sup> Dec Pantomime - Robin Hood 9.30
- 15<sup>th</sup> Dec KS2 Christmas Concert - 6.00pm St James' Church
- 16<sup>th</sup> Dec KS1 - Production - Village Hall
- 17<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas lunch
- 17<sup>th</sup> Dec Aston Hat Day
- 18<sup>th</sup> Dec Church Service, Last day of term - finish 1.30pm

**21<sup>st</sup> Dec - 1<sup>st</sup> Jan Christmas Holiday**

**4<sup>th</sup> Jan INSET DAY**

- 5<sup>th</sup> Jan First day - Term 3
- 6<sup>th</sup> Jan Westerleigh trip to Ashmoleon Musuem
- 7<sup>th</sup> Jan Reedy trip to Ashmoleon Museum
- 7<sup>th</sup> Jan Windmill trip to Story Museum Oxford
- 8<sup>th</sup> Jan Holywell trip to Ashmoleon Museum

## IMPORTANT DATES

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

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Our Value this month is *Thoughtfulness*.

This week in our Collective Worship we identified people we could be more thoughtful towards and ways that we could do this. Each child wrote their ideas on a thought bubble and we displayed them in the corridor outside Westerleigh Class.

### FACs News

Thank you from the FACS team for all your support with the disco, jolly pots and other donations for the Christmas Fair which we have so far received.

### Christmas Fair Thursday 10th December

If anyone has any more donations of teddies for the tombola and pre-loved books please do see Christina or Emma as more contributions will be gratefully received.

We are in need of helpers to assist with setting up of stalls before the fair, running the stalls and then the tidy up operation after. A list will be put up in the playground next week if people can please indicate if they can provide any help to us to make this a great success.

We would also like some volunteers who would be able to make children's cupcakes or biscuits for the fair, again please let us know if you can help.



### Santa's Visit

We do still have some spaces available if children would like to visit Santa at the Christmas Fair and siblings welcome too.

Cost is £2 including a gift; please see Lesley in the office if you are interested.

### Christmas Raffle

We have a great Christmas raffle which will be run at the fair with some excellent prizes including a £20 beauty voucher, £15 meal voucher for The Dovecote, Cream Tea for 2 at Aston Pottery, Selection of Mattel toys, Various Beauty Gift sets etc.

Tickets will be on sale for £1 a strip or £5 for 6 strips

Please support us with this great event and win some fabulous prizes.

### Easy Fundraising

Please help and support our cause.

There is no cost to you and it means we have a little extra for the FACS pot to support activities for the children.

To register just follow the link below:

[easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/astonandcotepprimary](http://easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/astonandcotepprimary)

### 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

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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