



Aston and Cote Church of England Primary School

"Learning together through courage, love and respect"

Tel: 01993 850435 Fax: 01993 851915

Email: office.3120@aston-and-cote.oxon.sch.uk

Website: www.aston-and-cote.oxon.sch.uk

Headteacher: Mrs Paula Phillips

Term 3 Issue 1

24th March 2016

Dear parent and Carers,

The Spring Term has been industrious and enjoyable, and the weeks have flown by!

We would like to wish a very warm welcome to Scarlett and her family who join us in Year 2. We hope that they will have happy journey through the school.

We have also welcomed several primary schools to our school recently. They have visited us to learn from our best practice in phonics and spelling as well as our focus upon developing a Growth Mindset and our distinctive Church ethos. It is always great to have visitors, as we are so proud of our school and the things we do here.

It was lovely to see many of you for the Easter Service this morning and for the parents' evenings this week - thank you as ever for your continued support. In the words of Helen Keller: *'Alone we can do so little, together we can achieve so much'*

The children enjoyed an Easter Egg hunt today. Thank you to FACs who supplied the chocolate eggs. The older children supported the younger pupils and everyone had a marvelous time! I'm sure that they will be hoping that this is the first Easter egg of many!

My colleagues and I hope that you all have a relaxing and enjoyable Easter break. We will look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 11 April.

Best wishes

Paula Phillips

Our value this month is **FREEDOM**

We have used this value to learn about Fair Trade as well as learning about people who have campaigned for FREEDOM such as Malala and we have explored stories from the bible such as the story of the Israelites being set free from the Old Testament.

COURAGE

LOVE

RESPECT

HONESTY

FORGIVENESS

Sainsburys Vouchers

Our collection of Sainsburys' tokens is well under way - thank you to everyone who has sent in tokens so far. Please continue to collect tokens over the break and bring them into school when the new term starts. We can redeem the tokens for sports and other equipment, which will further enhance our resources.

Book Week

We had a wonderful book week. Staff stayed late one evening to transform the school into a magical woodland setting complete with magic flying carpet and Chinese lanterns! There are lots of super photos on the website and we hope that the children were able to talk to you about some of the exciting things we did during the week. Thank you to families for supporting the Book fair this has enabled us to purchase books to replenish our school library! Thank you also to Mrs Taylor and the staff team for organizing such a fabulous week! Photos can be seen on the website

See the website news updates for:

- * Scooter Playtime Fun
- * Easter Trail
- * Stem ambassador Visit - KS1 Rocket Launch
- * Rutherford Appleton Labs

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

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

- 24th Mar Last day of term
- 24th Mar Jolly Pot Sale
- 11th Apr First day of Term
- 18th Apr Jonathan's Jungle Roadshow Reception & KS1
- 22nd Apr NHS Vision checks - Reception class

IMPORTANT DATES

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

Sports Relief

Thank you for supporting Sports Relief last week. We began by running a whole school mile, then we had a special PE lesson followed by whole school aerobics in the playground! We raised a super total of £104.00 for the charity. Of all the money raised by the public through Sport Relief, 50% is used to make a difference right



here in the UK, and 50% goes towards transforming lives across the world's poorest communities. In the last two years Sports Relief cash has helped to enable over 189,000 children to attend a school and get an education; 16,500 people to get the support they need to improve their mental health; over 734,000 children to be given life-saving vaccines; and funding for 23 projects that support people living in dementia. More photos can be seen on the website.



COURAGE

LOVE

RESPECT

HONESTY

FORGIVENESS

FACs News

Thank you very much to all the parents who have donated Jolly Pots for the sale today. We will update you on the success of the event after the Easter Holidays.

Fundraising Update

Thank you to everyone for their support this year with FACS events.

We have so far this year raised the following:

Valentines Disco - £194

Easy Fundraising - £40

The money raised from events along with the money raised from previous events last year means that FACS has been able to:

- Make a substantial contribution towards the new play equipment (Monkey Mayhem)
- Provide a donation per class towards subsidising school trips
- Purchasing Easter Eggs for the school Easter Egg Hunt.

More details will following on fundraising and what we raise as events take place.

FACS Parent Questionnaire

We would like to carry out a questionnaire next term to find out your views on what events you would like us to arrange and would be interested in your views, ideas and continued support with events.

It would be great if you were able to support us in this to enable us to gather more ideas on fundraising and what you want.

Easy Fundraising

This is such as easy and cost free way of enabling us to raise money for the school.

Please look at registering and using Easy Fundraising for your online purchased whether it be your weekly shop, Amazon purchases or the family holiday.

Every penny we raise really does make a difference to the resources we can provide for our children.

It really is easy and you just need to register:

easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/astonandcoteprimary

FACS Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 14th April @7.30pm in the Red Lion, Aston.

Please do come along and join us while we discuss future events and new ideas for fundraising.

All welcome and it would be great to boost the support for FACS to enable us to raise more funds and provide more opportunities for the children.

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**

COURAGE

LOVE

RESPECT

HONESTY

FORGIVENESS