



# Aston and Cote Church of England Primary School

*"Learning together through courage, love and respect"*

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to a new school year. It has been lovely to see the children looking so smart in their school uniforms and shiny new shoes and to catch up with all the exciting things they have been up to during the holidays. We are particularly delighted to meet all of the new children and families who have joined us in Windmill class and throughout the school, as well as to our two new members of staff, Mrs Rachel Luckett and Mrs Michelle East - you are all very welcome indeed!

Kindest Regards  
Fiona Taylor

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

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

- 15<sup>th</sup> Sept FACs Quiz Night 7.30pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> Sept Fire & Safety Day - whole school
- 25<sup>th</sup> Sept Clive Goddard - Author in school
- 29<sup>th</sup> Sept Harvest Festival Service in Church -9.10am
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct Open Morning
- 4<sup>th</sup> Oct Cross Country - House event
- 5<sup>th</sup> Oct Black History Day
- 6<sup>th</sup> Oct **INSET DAY**
- 13<sup>th</sup> Oct Individual & Sibling photos
- 16<sup>th</sup> Oct Parents' Evening 5.00-7.30pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> Oct Nasal Flu Immunisation - Reception ,years 1,2,3 & 4
- 18<sup>th</sup> Oct Parents' Evening 3.30-5.30pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> Oct KS1 - Trip to Gloucester Folk Museum
- 20<sup>th</sup> Oct Last Day of Term
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> Oct **HALF TERM**
- 30<sup>th</sup> Oct First Day of Term

## Collective Worship

Our value this month is "Appreciation". We will be considering what this actually means, what we should be grateful for and to whom and thinking of ways in which we can show our appreciation.

On that subject, I would like to express my huge appreciation to the whole staff team who have worked incredibly hard during the holidays preparing the classrooms and learning areas and planning exciting learning opportunities for the children. A special thanks must go to Mrs Say and Mr Haskell who made sure that the buildings and grounds are clean and tidy - I'm sure you will agree that they have done an amazing job. On behalf of the staff, I would also like to thank you for all the cards and gifts that we received at the end of last term - we really appreciate all your kind words and support.

**A person who feels appreciated will always do more than what is expected.**

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## **Congratulations**

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Gardner is expecting her first baby in January. Mrs Gardner will be teaching Oatlands class until Christmas. The governors will begin looking for a replacement teacher shortly and will update you later in the term.

Please could you inform the school office if your child has any of the following illnesses so that we can ensure Mrs Gardner does not come into contact with them: Scarlet Fever, Chicken Pox, Slapped Cheek, Rubella, Measles and Shingles.



## **Marking**

In line with the latest educational research, we will be trialling a new system of giving children feedback for their written work. This will mean that there will be less writing by teachers in the children's books. However, the quality of feedback will be improved and the progress made by the children will be accelerated. This will be evident in the work the children are producing. We will update you further later in the year once we have had the opportunity to assess the impact of the trial.

## **Home/School Link Books**

As I am sure you will have noticed, our Home/School Link books have changed slightly this year. In addition to recording the date, title of the book and pages read each day, we would like the children to complete a Reading Activity task once a week. Age appropriate examples of these can be found at the front of your child's Home/School Link book. These should be recorded on the Book Reflection page. The Home/School Links books will now be checked once a week to ensure all children are completing this homework and children will be rewarded with dojos rather than certificates. We are passionate about the importance of developing a love of reading in every single child and so very much hope that you will support your child with their reading homework - regular reading and sharing books at home has a huge impact on learning in school. At the back of the book you will find lists of the spellings your child will be learning this year, a copy of our school rules which the children have just reviewed and our Home School Agreement which we would like you to discuss with your child and then sign.

## **Communication**

We like to keep you up to date with things that are going on in the school as well as informing you about forthcoming events and important messages. The school newsletter is published on the last Friday of each month but the school website is updated much more frequently and is a great source of information. We also use Parent Mail to send messages home so if you have not already done so, please sign up. If you need help with this, please ask at the school office. Class teachers also communicate through Class Dojo - once again, if you have not already done so, please sign up. If you need to communicate with us, please do so through the school office as teachers do not always see Class Dojo messages before or during school.

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## FACS

Our first fundraising event of the year will be the FACS music and entertainment quiz which will take place on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September. Teams of four can be entered through the school office or [rob@aston14.plus.com](mailto:rob@aston14.plus.com). The evening will start with a pre-quiz BBQ at 7.00 p.m. while the quiz itself will start at 7.30 p.m. A fun-filled evening is guaranteed so please come along and help to raise much needed funds for the school.

### Farewell to Reverend Lloyd

After over 20 years of being the vicar in Aston, Reverend Lloyd is retiring. To mark the occasion, St James' church is organising a special celebration on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 6.00 p.m. We have been asked to start proceedings with a song or two from the children. Our slot will be finished by 6.30 p.m. and the children will then be free to leave. We would very much like to support this village event and to show our appreciation for everything that the vicar has done for us as a school. Please return the attached permission slip if your child is able to attend (children in Years 1 - 6 only).

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My child ..... will be able to attend the vicar's farewell celebration at the Village Hall on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 6.00 p.m.

Signed .....

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

**Fiona Taylor,**  
**Acting Headteacher**

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