



# 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](mailto:office.3120@aston-and-cote.oxon.sch.uk)

Website: [www.aston-and-cote.oxon.sch.uk](http://www.aston-and-cote.oxon.sch.uk)

Headteacher: Mrs Paula Phillips

Term 2 Issue 9

20<sup>th</sup> November 2015

**"Whether you think you can or think you can't - you are right!" - Henry Ford**

Dear parents and carers

Time is flying by and everyone has been working really hard with some very pleasing work being produced. I had the particular pleasure of viewing Reedy Class homework this week, which was all about Brass instruments - what excellent work the children produced at home! Thank you so much parents for supporting this learning.

As the quote in red above demonstrates, self-belief is so important in school and in life. As part of work on developing 'Growth Mindsets', we talk to the children about having this positive outlook and attitude. Did you know that each class has a YETI? When we find something tricky we talk about how this means that actually we are learning something new and we '*deploy the YETI!*' Which means we can't do it ..... **YET!** Using the word yet is very powerful and helps us to recognize that we can all improve and learn to do new things.

The after school enrichment clubs were a big hit this term and we have enjoyed seeing different talents bloom during these sessions. We hope to have details for the enrichment clubs in term 3 out to you before the Christmas break.

Congratulations to our Hockey team who played so well this week.

Warmest regards

Paula Phillips

Our value this month is **COURAGE**

*Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.*

Joshua 1:9

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

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

- 27<sup>th</sup> Nov Henry Box - Year 1 Dance
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec Open Morning for New September intake
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec Christmas Disco - Village hall
- 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 Museum - tbc
- 7<sup>th</sup> Jan Reedy trip to Ashmoleon Museum - tbc
- 7<sup>th</sup> Jan Windmill trip to Story Museum Oxford TBC
- 8<sup>th</sup> Jan Holywell trip to Ashmoleon Museum - tbc

### **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

COURAGE

LOVE

RESPECT

HONESTY

FORGIVENESS

## News from St James' Church

With the Christmas season almost upon us, we are delighted to let you know about some of the ways you can join us in celebrating this special time of year.

On Sunday 13th there will be a Christmas sale in the Fellowship Centre. Profits will be shared with Sport Aston.

On Friday 18th December at 7.00 p.m. we hope you will be able to join us in the church for our annual Christmas concert. Tickets cost £4.00 (children are free) and include a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie.

If you enjoy singing carols, why not join us on Monday 21st December at The Square for some traditional carol singing. There will also be a BBQ, mulled wine and Father Christmas may even be paying a visit. Please bring along lanterns to add to the atmosphere. Proceeds from the evening will be donated to Helen & Douglas House.

During the festive season, we like to think of people who are less fortunate than us and so will be collecting Christmas items for Besom - you will find a collection box just inside the door of the church if you would like to make a donation.

We very much hope that you will be able to join us for some or all of these events.



## Open Morning

We are holding an open morning on 3<sup>rd</sup> December from 10am. This is an opportunity for current and prospective families who would like to see the school in action on a typical working day. Staff will be expecting you, so please feel free to spend as little or as much of the morning as you would like to in school. You are very welcome to take the opportunity to visit each class, to see the progression through the Foundation Stage to Key Stage One, and into Key Stage Two. Grandparents and other relatives are equally welcome. We are still finalizing the structure of the morning but we hope to offer some opportunities for some children to perform where applicable e.g. the brass band. It would be lovely to see you there 😊

## Website Update

We are very excited to have a new website which will hopefully go live at the beginning of next week. This will hopefully enable information to be found much more easily for you. No new things will be added to the current site.

## A very warm welcome to our new Governors

We are delighted that Matthew Keates and Marcus Luckett have joined our wonderful governor team as a parent and co-opted governor this week. We still have a vacancy for a foundation governor: a foundation governor's role is to continue to strengthen the Christian ethos of the school. If you have an interest and commitment to developing Christian values and distinctiveness, we would love to hear from you.

Minutes from the latest governors meetings are always displayed on the school noticeboard next to the office and they will be available to read on the new school website.

**COURAGE**

**LOVE**

**RESPECT**

**HONESTY**

**FORGIVENESS**

## FACS NEWS



### Christmas Disco Thursday 3rd December

Tickets now on sale from the school office, please purchase in advance at £2.50 each which included 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

### Non Uniform Day Friday 4th December

Come to school dressed in something red in exchange for bringing a chocolate item to take part. This could be a box of chocolates, chocolate bar, chocolate biscuits, drinking chocolate, chocolate cookery book etc.

Anything really chocolate related!

All items will be donated to the Chocolate Tombola at the Christmas Fair

### Jolly Pots

These were sent home this week and please could we ask for filled pots to be returned to school by Friday 4th December.

If anyone was able to make up an additional jolly pot, these would be gratefully received please see Lesley in the office for extra pots.

### Christmas Fair Thursday 10th December



We really want to make this a fun afternoon/early evening for children and parents alike but unfortunately we cannot do this without your support and assistance.

We are in need of helpers to man the stalls and also donations of the following:

Raffle prizes, teddy bears for a tombola and pre-loved books for a 2nd hand stall.

If you can provide any help at all in anyway please let Christina know at school or

email [christinalslater@gmail.com](mailto:christinalslater@gmail.com) (please note correct address and not the one in last week's newsletter).

### Father Christmas Visiting

Father Christmas will be visiting during the Christmas Fair.

There will be a cost of £2 which will include a visit to Father Christmas and a small gift.

Next week a list will be available at the office if you would like to book a timed slot for your child to visit him.

Please sign up in advance from next week

### Easy Fundraising

Flyers went out with the jolly pots this week with the details on and by registering and using the easy fundraising site for online purchases, it is a fantastic way to raise additional funds for the school which all goes to providing additional items for the children at no cost to you.

With the key shopping dates approaching for all those online purchases for Christmas it is an ideal opportunity to join up and help us raise money for our cause.

To register just follow the link below:

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

COURAGE

LOVE

RESPECT

HONESTY

FORGIVENESS



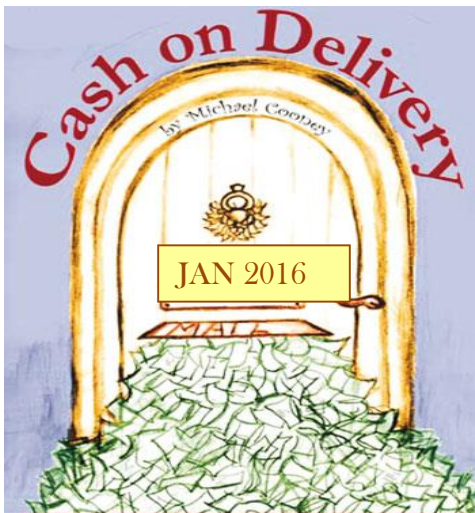
## ASTON POTTERY



Aston Pottery have a Christmas Event on Wednesday November 25 where they will be offering Mulled Wine and mince pies on arrival, exclusive discount vouchers for the event, food tastings from 4 and from 5.30pm they have a Celtic Harpist playing.

Here is the link to get your free invitation for the event. In order to get the discount vouchers you require an invitation

<http://www.astonpottery.co.uk/content/aston-pottery-christmas-extravaganza>



**ACTS** forthcoming production in January, a comedy

**CASH ON DELIVERY** BY Michael Cooney

Thursday, 21st January, 2016 £7.00

Friday, 22nd January, 2016 £8.00

Saturday 23rd January, 2016 £8.00

Time: 7.30 pm all dates

Venue: Village Hall, Aston, OX18 2DU

Tickets: Aston Stores from 1st December, 2015

An amateur performance under license to Samuel French Ltd  
Suitable for children over 10 years.  
Refreshments and Raffle

Set in the living room of 344 Chilton Road, just off the Mile End Road in East London on a windy October morning, Michael Cooney's riotous farce has all the ingredients for hilarity and offers a colourful array of characters. Eric Swan (aided by his Uncle George and unbeknown to his wife, Linda) has pocketed thousands of pounds through fraudulent DSS claims. When Norman Bassett, the lodger, opens the door to Ms Jenkins, the DSS Inspector, deceptive mayhem follows - as do the undertaker, bereavement counsellor, psychiatrist.



## Bampton Methodist Church

Christmas Coffee Morning

5<sup>th</sup> December 10.00 - 12.00noon

Tombola, second hand toys, Christmas cards and gifts

Hot punch, Mince pies & raffle



Carols by Candlelight with Bampton School Choir

13<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00pm (at the Church)

Everyone welcome

COURAGE

LOVE

RESPECT

HONESTY

FORGIVENESS

Finally we have heard from one of our parents about a former pupil of ours who unfortunately is very ill. We have been asked to copy the message that her mum, Iona Fabian, posted with information about what she's doing for her daughter:

<https://crowdfunding.justgiving.com/zoe-fabian>

*As most of you know, my daughter Zoe has been very unwell since she was 14. As she now approaches her 18th birth...day it has really dawned on me the severity of her illness and what she is missing out on. She can't mark the occasion with any of the usual milestones, she can't drive, she isn't at school. she has lost all but three friends her own age, she can't drink ( not a bad thing!), she can't even easily go out for a special meal, she is too unwell to do what she always said she would on her 18th, which was to go to Venice; and I was becoming more and more upset as I tried to think of a way to make it special. After discussing with friends and family we came up with a plan: We thought we would start a just giving page for her, so anyone who knows her, or me, could just give a small amount and a message, just so she knows there are people out there who care, and raise a little fund for her to use as she wants to in her 18th year. Please don't feel any way obliged, this is NOT a charity, it just seemed the simplest way of organising it, and so many people have offered help over the years, but when she is so limited it is hard to think of ways people can help, and this just seemed like one. I know it's a bit odd to raise money for a birthday, but it seemed the best thing in this unusual situation. Oh, and we haven't told her we are doing this, so don't spoil the surprise !!!!*

<https://crowdfunding.justgiving.com/zoe-fabian>

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**