



# Aston and Cote Church of England Primary School

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

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Dear Parents, Carers, Governors and Friends,

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to Molly and her family who join us in Holywell class this week. We hope that you will welcome them and that they will be very happy in the school.

This term we have been thinking about how a school is only as good as its' community and how it is together, as a team, that we can move the school forwards to be the very best that we can be for the children in our care.



With this in mind, we would like to say a few thank yous:

firstly to parents for your support with voluntary contributions which make exciting 'extra' events such as the recent KS2 science show possible; secondly to Mrs Day for helping out every week in the school library; to Mr Keates for sharing his enthusiasm and talents in teaching rugby by volunteering his time; to Mr Wilson for coming in to give a talk about his polar expeditions; to Mr Luckett for supporting our choir; to Mrs Butterfield for giving up her time to hear readers in the school and to Mrs Chadwick and Mr Hook who have given up countless lunchtimes and after school sessions to coach, prepare and referee for various sporting events including the recent netball league. Phew what a great team!

We are also thankful and delighted to announce that Mr Chadwick has stepped forwards to offer his service to be the new chair of the FACs committee. More on this to follow.

These are challenging times for school with shrinking budgets but together we are stronger and we can make a difference! Please do get in touch if you are able to contribute to our lovely school in any way - every little really does help!

Warmest regards

From the team here at Aston & Cote

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

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

- 1<sup>st</sup> March Year 2 Concert Workshop - Tower Hill
- 2<sup>nd</sup> March World Book Day - come dressed as your favourite book character
- 2<sup>nd</sup> March Kingsway - Polar day
- 2<sup>nd</sup> March Away Netball Match v OLOL
- 6<sup>th</sup> March Home Netball Match v Witney CP
- 7<sup>th</sup> March Year 3/4 trip to Oxford Synagogue
- 7-14<sup>th</sup> Mar Book Fair
- 8<sup>th</sup> March Year 5/6 Tag Rugby WGS 1.30-4.00pm
- 9<sup>th</sup> March Year 1 Dance Festival - Henry Box School
- 9<sup>th</sup> March Home Football match v West Witney
- 14<sup>th</sup> March Tempest Class Photos
- 15<sup>th</sup> March Windmill Trip to Woodstock Museum
- 16<sup>th</sup> March Year 2 Concert WGS 6.00pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> March National Weighing & Measuring Programme - year 6 & Reception
- 22<sup>nd</sup> March Home Football match v The Batt School
- 24<sup>th</sup> March Red Nose Day
- 5<sup>th</sup> April Parents Evening 3.15 - 5.30
- 6<sup>th</sup> April Parents Evening 5.00-7.00
- 7<sup>th</sup> April Easter Service in Church
- 7<sup>th</sup> April Last day of Spring Term

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# Aston Daily Workout.



We have started the Aston daily 5 minute workout. Mon, Wed, Fri, we all run around the two playgrounds, a lap is 174 metres. If we run 6 laps we will have completed just over 1km in 5 minutes 'WOW'



We have all recorded our initial PB's and are going to track our own progress throughout the term to see if we can beat them. At the end of each term we will record the number of laps we can complete in 5 minutes again to record our new PB's and the improvements in our fitness.

Tuesday and Thursday we complete 5 minutes of circuits. This is to develop our fitness levels and coordination for sport. This terms exercises are spotty dogs, jumping jacks, alternate foot hopping and shuttle sprints.



"The aim of the Aston daily workout is to improve fitness, self-wellbeing, and academic achievement. We are hoping for the children to get fitter and also that they will start to feel significantly happier and better in their bodies"  
Mrs Chadwick

"I love coming to school and doing fitness, I have already beaten my initial PB and everyday I try my best to increase my fitness."  
Olly

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## Windmill Rugby

Windmill Class had the amazing opportunity to learn some Rugby skills thanks to one of our parents Mr Keates. Some of the older boys that play Rugby in their spare time also came to assist Windmill class. The children really enjoyed the experience and we definitely have some budding Rugby players in our midst.



## **Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers**

Thank you so much to everyone who has already brought in Sainsbury's 'Active Kids' Vouchers these will be available until the 2 May and can be redeemed for sports and other equipment which will further enhance our resources. Tokens should be placed in the collection box outside the school office. Last year we received 9,126, it would be wonderful if we could match or exceed this!

## Netball

The netball league has begun. We have played two matches to date and have been developing our skills in throwing, catching, changing direction and finding space on the court.

It has been great fun and although we lost both games we played well as a team and have become much more skilful with our tactics and passing.

Boys of the match; Barnaby and Harvey

Girls of the match; Carolina and Jess



## **Red Nose Day**

The School will be participating in Red Nose Day on  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March  
Further details to follow



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## KS2 Atomic Science Show

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February, KS2 enjoyed a visit from Lava Linz of Atomic Science who taught us about Static Electricity. After telling us all about the science behind atoms, protons and electrons, we got the chance to generate our own static electricity using balloons. We then discovered that we could make salt and pepper move using a balloon.

We enjoyed seeing how our hair moved and couldn't believe it when we saw small pieces of polystyrene jump out of our hands.

Next we saw how electricity can jump from one person to another - it was quite painful!

In the final part of the show we created our own lightning which was extremely exciting.



The Atomic Science show was amazing. My favourite part was when I put my hand on the ball and then shocked the person next to me. I also enjoyed when we had balloons and salt and pepper because it looked like they were floating in space. The most interesting thing that I learned was that everything is made from atoms.

Timmy

The Atomic Science show was sensational. I loved every bit of it but my favourite part was when we all stood on a chair and fist-pumped each other. The most interesting thing I learned was that an atom is the smallest thing ever. Overall it was great!

Bea

The Atomic Science show was amazing. My favourite part was when we fist-pumped each other because I liked seeing how loud the electric shock was. I also enjoyed having static hair with the balloons because I liked having sticky up hair. The most interesting things I learned was how much electricity there is in humans (4000 volts).

Kyle

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## House Poetry Recitals

Our first house poetry recitals took place just before half-term. The judges were looking for clarity, volume, intonation, expression and overall performance. The quality of the performances was excellent! After the scores were added together, the winning house was Phoenix with 626 points. Well done to all the children, especially Phoenix!

## Reminders:

We want children to be proud of being part of Aston & Cote Church of England Primary School and feel a genuine sense of belonging. We would appreciate your continuing commitment to ensuring children take pride in their appearance and come to school in full uniform please. Sweatshirts and polo shirts with our school logo and other items of uniform are available via our school suppliers X and X and this is sold on a non-profit basis to encourage the wearing of the school's personalised clothing.

As a school we work hard to foster a climate where regular attendance and punctuality are valued by the whole school community - teachers, parents and pupils. It is important that as adults we help children understand the importance of being on time, and help them arrive at school for a prompt start to the day. The school doors are opened at 8.50 am each morning to allow me for children to get ready for prompt start to their learning. We would ask for your continued support please in ensuring children arrive at school on time.

Unfortunately have received complaints from local residents about problems with parking near the school at drop-off and pick-up times. Please drive carefully and park considerately at all times to ensure the safety of families travelling to and from school and also those who live nearby. We have also been alerted to several parents who have been parking on the yellow lines: this is dangerous - please do not do this.

**Ridethecounty4 2017**

**In aid of**

**Saturday 20th May**

**Make your own route to the end point**

**Sammy Miller's Motorcycle Museum**

**Hampshire**

For further details go to <http://www.ridethecounty.org.uk/>

Or ask Mrs Angie Long (Windmill Class )



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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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