



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,

Welcome back to our final term. We hope that you had a wonderful Easter and that you enjoyed some of the glorious sunshine! We have really enjoyed hearing stories from your children about the adventures they have had during this time.

The children looked very smart to begin the term and seemed excited to be back! Thank you for getting them into school on time and for the support with home reading over Easter - we were so impressed with how many children managed to read daily during this time - this is a fantastic habit to develop for life and makes a difference..

My colleagues and I wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone who was able to come to the recent parent/teacher meetings. Your support, as ever, is invaluable; your children are making excellent progress and there really was a lovely atmosphere throughout the school.

The term ahead will be an exciting one with some great learning opportunities and enrichment together with lots of sports and the Key Stage 2 Summer Play. I am sure it will fly by!

We would like to give a special mention to our lovely Year 6 pupils who undertake their SATs in the forthcoming weeks. They have worked so incredibly hard and we are so very proud of each and every one of them! We will be taking extra special care of them during this time and we wish them all the very best.

Warmest regards

Paula Phillips and the team at Aston

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

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

1st May BANK HOLIDAY

W/C 8th May SATS WEEK

- 15th May Year 6 Cycling Training - initial bike check
- 22nd May Westerleigh Science Workshop tbc
- 22nd May Year 6 Cycle Training - 1st session
- 23rd May Maypole Dancing - weather dependant
- 23rd May Year 6 Cycle Training - 2nd session
- 24th May Sports Day - jumping & throwing events
- 25th May Sports Day - Races - Parents invited to watch
- 26th May Last Day of Term
- 29th May - 2nd June-Half Term Holiday
- 5th June INSET DAY
- 6th June 1st Day of Term
- 6th June Eye testing for Reception Class only
- 7th June Year 6 Cycle Training -3rd session
- 8th June Year 6 Cycle Training - 4th session

W/C 12th June - YEAR 1 PHONICS SCREENING

12th June Year 6 Cycle Test

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Collective Worship

Value of the Month - Our value for April is Justice.
We have learned about the work of the suffragettes

Our value for May will be Empathy.

This is such an important value for life, we will consider how important it is to stop from time to time to walk in someone else's shoes and consider how others may be feeling.

As ever, we always try to make links with current affairs whenever possible to make the children aware (at an appropriate level) of what is going on in the world around them.



FACS - A few thank yous from everyone here at the school:

Huge thanks to everyone for supporting the FACS fundraising Easter Bonnet competition. The children were so pleased and proud. They loved looking at each other's hats, which were amazing! Each class had a parade in the glorious sunshine and it was very tricky to judge as the standard was so high! Well done, we raised £90.50 for the School - thank you to everyone who took part.

The toy tombola raised an impressive £51.00. Thank you for all of the children who donated their toys and to Miss O'Hara & Mrs Long for organising.

Thank you to all the lovely parents in Oatlands class who made cakes and/or helped to sell them on the last day of term and to all the people who bought some cakes - they looked delicious and were enjoyed enormously by everyone. We raised £100.00 for the school - thank you!! :)

Thank you to FACS for purchasing the eggs to enable us to have our annual Easter Egg hunt. It was so lovely to see the older pupils helping the younger children to hunt on the field. What polite and caring children - you would have been so proud to see them!

Please can we also say a huge thank you to Mrs Holifield who arranged a chocolate tombola in the village over the holiday and thanks to the generosity of the villagers of Aston and support from Aston Stores and the Red Lion helped to raise another £105 for our fundraising cause. Thank you very much Mrs Holifield.

The new climbing frame for gymnastics in the hall has been fitted.. Do feel free to pop in after school today or next week to see it. Thank you so much to FACS for raising the money to replace this - the children are so excited!

Health & Safety Issue: We have spoken with the children and preschool again to remind them about the dry stone wall between the school and the church. This wall is beautiful and part of the history of both buildings and sadly it has been damaged. We have told the children that it is NOT safe or respectful to climb or stand on top of it. Please could we ask you to also speak with them so that together we can get this message through. Thank you.

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Easter Parade

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Sport News

Specialist coaches in rugby and football are in school this term to develop the children's skills in Holywell and Reedy.

The children completed their end of term 5 minute workout assessment. Fantastic results showing real impact with the children's resilience and stamina. Many children now able to run 1k in 5 minutes and a huge percentage of children improved on their initial PB. This term we have changed the exercises; burpees, speed jump and high knee running.

Playtimes:

Plea for coats: We do try to get outside very day, no matter what the weather. With this in mind, please can we ask that you ensure your child always has at least a raincoat with them in school.

Scooter Club:

This was so popular last year, we wanted to give children the opportunity again this year. If your child would like to bring their scooters in on a Wednesday (Windmill, Kingsway, Oatlands) or a Thursday (ks2 classes) a member of staff will supervise scooting as an extra activity at lunchtime. They **MUST** also bring a helmet please.

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Plea for help:

We have two very sturdy but very tired looking children's wooden deckchairs in Windmill class that need a revamp - painting and possibly new fabric. If anyone able to help us with this, we would be very grateful - please talk to the windmill team or send an email to the office.

Special Mentions

Congratulations to the following pupils for their achievements outside of school:



- * Irene (who plays for Oxford United) who was part of a girls' team that entered the boys' league and won! Girl power!
- * Lacey who completed 'The Winter Challenge' with cubs, walking over 9 miles!
- * Elena who took part in the Bicester Triathlon and came 3rd in the girls.
- * Felicity who was awarded a selection of medals in gymnastics: Gold for her floor work, a silver for her beam and bronze for the bars.
- * Anna who took her grade 3 in Musical Theatre and performed so brilliantly to some of the teachers.

What a talented group of children - we are so proud of you all - well done!

Do let us know if your child has any external accomplishments as we love to hear and celebrate with them.

ACTS SUMMER PRODUCTION

THE EMPEROR'S NEW CLOTHES

By Richard Helleesen, adapted from the story by Hans Christian Andersen

Bring your family, picnics, drinks, chairs, rugs, umbrellas and sunshades and enjoy our summer production in the garden of Danielwood, Cote, (just before red telephone box), on Saturday, 8th July and Sunday, 9th July. This is a family play based on the well-known story and is suitable for all ages (no nudity!). Parking will be available in Cote and will be signposted. Portaloo on site!

Tickets will be available from Aston stores from 8th June, price adults £6, children aged 3-16 £3. Enjoy your picnic from 4.00 pm. Performance will start at 5.00 pm.

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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)



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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