



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

Summer Term Issue 8

26th May 2017

Dear parents, carers and governors,

What a wonderfully busy and productive month May has been! We have had a fabulous Enterprise week, SATs for year 6, Cycling Proficiency, sports day and we have begun the long anticipated preparations for our key stage 2 summer play: The Tempest

The KS2 SATs went very well. We received very positive feedback from both children and parents. Year 6 pupils felt they were well prepared for the tests, and that the after-school Booster Classes had raised their confidence and level of achievement.

An early morning exercise session and breakfast each day were also appreciated; the children telling us that they felt excited when it came to the tests as they were really prepared and wanted to 'show-off' what they can do. One child said

'I enjoyed having breakfast with all the other year 6s - it was nice to be together and have a chat. The early morning exercise helped to get my brain working'. - Aerin

The children couldn't have worked harder - we are all very proud of them. A very big thank you to Fiona Taylor, and also to Ann-Marie Pilling, Diana Purdy, Alison Feast, Rachel Luckett and Debbie Weston for their hard work in helping the children get ready for the tests. A further thank you to our lovely parents for organising, preparing and serving the breakfasts.



Key Stage 2 papers have been sent off for external marking. We expect the results back during the first week of July - these together with the KS1 Teacher Assessments will be published in Annual Reports.

In Enterprise Week the children enjoyed an action-packed week learning about the world of business and they developed valuable life skills along the way. Thank you to Miss O'Hara for organizing the week and to Mr Keates, Mrs Walker and Mrs Hickman who kindly gave up their time to come and speak to the children about business.

Please remember that next week, Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June, is the half term holiday. Monday 5 June is a training day for teachers so children will return on Tuesday 6 June. I hope that we see the return of the sunshine and that you all enjoy a relaxing break.

Warmest regards, Paula Phillips and the team at Aston

COURAGE

LOVE

RESPECT

HONESTY

FORGIVENESS

Collective worship

Our value for May was Empathy.

We have looked at what it means to show empathy; how and why we should all show empathy and we shared this quote by 19th century philosopher Henry Thoreau with the children:

"Could a greater miracle take place than for us to look through each other's eyes for an instant?"



June's value will be one of our core school values: Forgiveness

We will learn what it means to forgive. And we will consider and debate whether should always forgive others, reflecting upon how it makes

others feel and how it makes us feel in ourselves.

Special Mentions:

Congratulations to the following pupils for their achievements:

- Emily P, Bea, Jess, Holly for writing, directing, producing and starring in wonderful play performed to the school as part of Enterprise Week. We were so impressed with this amazing group of creative girls - well done to them all!
- Irene and Elena who took part in the Witney district swimming competition and won several medals and certificates between them.
- Frankie Edgely - whose artwork gained the runners up prize in The Witney Carnival Art Competition. Artwork will be displayed Saturday 8th July on The Leys.
- Jack Childs who won the cup for most improved player at Bampton Football Club



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

let us know if your child has any accomplishments they would like to share as we love to hear and celebrate with them.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

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

29 th May - 2 nd June	Half Term Holiday
5 th June	INSET DAY
6 th June	1 st Day of Term
6 th June	Eye testing for Reception Class only
7 th June	Year 6 Cycle Training - 3 rd session
8 th June	Year 6 Cycle Training - 4 th session

W/C 12th June - YEAR 1 PHONICS SCREENING

12 th June	Year 6 Cycle Test
13 th June	Maypole Dancing 9.10 (weather permitting)
15 th June	Yr 3/4 Quad Kids Athletics finals 3.30pm
15 th June	FACs Meeting
5 th July	KS" Play - Village hall time to tbc
6 th July	KS1 Hill End (Kingsway 1 day- Oatlands 2 days)
7 th July	Windmill trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park tbc
14 th July	FACs Summer Gala
20 th July	FACs Disco- KS1 & Foundation 5.00-6.00pm KS2 6.15 -7.45pm
21 st July	Leavers service 9.10am
21 st July	LAST DAY OF TERM- School closes at 1.30pm

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

4 th & 5 th Sept	INSET DAYS
6 th Sept	First Day of Autumn Term

COURAGE

LOVE

RESPECT

HONESTY

FORGIVENESS

Enterprise week

Recently the children have been taking part in an Enterprise Week. It started with an informative presentation from three of our parents and culminated with the Enterprise Market Place afternoon where the children sold their goods and services. Throughout the week the children had the opportunity to design, plan, budget and reflect.

In total, the children made £528 as a school and are now in consultation as to what it will be used for.

Particular mention goes to Holywell class who made £127 profit.

Henry G - I liked making the rocky road

Oscar H - I liked walking around the other stalls

Isla P - I learnt how to use money properly

Elizabeth W - We learnt how to sell things

Ruby S - I enjoyed having our own business

Isabella S - We learnt about how to make a profit.



Witney Partnership Year 5 Music Concert

The theme for our concert this year was songs about outer space - we really enjoyed learning and performing songs such as "Space Oddity", "Urban Spaceman" and "Would you like to swing on a star?" As well as the words to the songs, we also had to learn lots of actions and to remember to use our faces expressively to really make our performance convincing.

In between the songs, each school took it in turns to perform a poem about space; we recited a poem called "Planet Roll Call" which was quite nerve wracking as we were the last school to perform. However, everyone spoke out clearly, we didn't forget our words and our actions were perfectly timed.

It was great to work with children from other schools in the Witney Partnership and to be part of such a large choir - it sounded absolutely amazing on the night and everyone in the audience was extremely impressed.



COURAGE

LOVE

RESPECT

HONESTY

FORGIVENESS

Sports Report

It has been a busy term for sports lately, and that's not even including the sports days! Reedy and Holywell have had training provided by the FA and Holywell have had Rugby League training provided by Oxford. On top of all this all the classes have had a taster tennis session provided by Excel Tennis.

In terms of the competitions we have entered so far this year, this term has by far been the most successful. The year 5/6's had their Quad kids athletics competition and despite us fielding what was probably the youngest team there (8 out of our 10 were year 5's) we finished 7th out of 11 teams. The children competed in a sprint race, a long run, standing long jump and a vortex throw. Highlights included Charlie Davis earning himself a Bronze award for his efforts in the 4 events.



The year 3 and 4's had more success in their competition. Despite the pouring rain our children finished an amazing 2nd out of all the schools in the Witney partnership. This means that we have qualified for the next stage of the quad kids competitions and our children will be competing against more schools in Carterton after half term. Athletes to watch out for include Ollie Lavington who earned a Bronze award and Irene Aguado who earned enough points for a gold award!

Recently the netball court has been filled with children playing tennis at breaks and lunchtimes. Despite losing more tennis balls than I would like to imagine, the practise paid off! The year 3 and 4's came 2nd in our first tournament, only finishing behind West Witney due to them winning a couple more games overall. This meant we qualified for the West Oxfordshire Finals. Once again our children played brilliantly, including a win over the Batt school, which put a big smile on Mr Hooks' face. They ultimately finished 3rd behind The Blake and West Witney, so the children should feel very proud of how they played.

In the year 5 and 6 tennis tournament at Cokethorpe our children fared a little better. The team of Barnaby Hodgetts, Jack Childs, Lilly-Anne Bulley, and Phoebe McEntegart won their group games, beat Stonesfield in the semi-final and lost against The Blake in the final.

Shoebox Appeal for Syria

A massive thank you from everyone from Witney Refugee Action to all. A massive thank you from everyone from Witney Refugee Action to all you lovely people who contributed to our appeal. The boxes have now been packed and sent off, ready to put a smile on the faces of those poor children suffering right now. Hopefully letting them know their plight is not forgotten. Big love to you all 🍷

😊👉6



COURAGE

LOVE

RESPECT

HONESTY

FORGIVENESS

Attendance

We do understand when there are genuine reasons for a child to be off school. However, we are increasingly concerned with the fall in attendance at Aston recently.

There is a clear link between pupils' achievement and their level of attendance at school. The governors and staff, alongside the Local Authority firmly believe that all pupils benefit from regular attendance. We want all pupils to achieve the very best they can and for this they need to be in school regularly, for which we ask your support. For the first time our attendance has fallen below national average and raised an alert during our census. The national average is 97.00%

Below is a table showing the average attendance for the Spring Term 2017 and the attendance for the start of the Summer Term.

Class	Attendance	Authorised	Unauthorised	Lates
Windmill	96.53%	3.41%	0.06%	29
Kingsway	96.53%	3.37%	0.10%	13
Oatlands	94.49%	5.09%	0.43%	29
Holywell	95.78%	4.04%	0.17%	17
Reedy	95.90%	3.85%	0.25%	9
Westerleigh	96.34%	3.39%	0.28%	7

Did you know attendance of 95% means your child will have missed $9\frac{1}{2}$ days of school or 48 lessons? This is a lot of learning. We have also sent a parentmail today regarding attendance for your information.

School Uniform

11 School Uniform Order Deadline! Friday 11th August 2017 12

Place your order by Friday 11th August 2017 for back to school delivery.
DON'T LEAVE IT TOO LATE!
ACT NOW BEAT THE RUSH!
Visit your local store or order online at:
pmsgschoolwear.co.uk

Avoid disappointment! Order your son/daughter's uniform online or visit the store NOW! Do NOT leave it until the last moment. Remember after 11th August 2017 we cannot guarantee to have stock in time for when your child goes back to school. We don't want to let you down so help us to help you!

PMG Schoolwear ...AND SO MUCH MORE

Our School uniform provider has asked that we remind of the last ordering date for uniform for next academic school year:

We will also be doing a House T shirt order for the new starter pupils on 6th July. If your child needs a house t shirt please email or pop into the office with your order.

Please could we ask that all uniform is named.

Thank you

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