



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 everyone and a special welcome to all of our new families and members of staff. It is always such a pleasure to welcome you all back to school and to see how much the children have grown over the holiday! Things may seem new at the moment, but we know that everyone will quickly settle into our welcoming school community.

My colleagues and I are very impressed with how smart the children look in their new uniforms and the way in which they quickly settled back into routines. Returning after a holiday always takes me to re-adjust - I'm sure there are a few tired individuals after the first few weeks - pupils and staff!

I hope that everybody had a good summer break, I have enjoyed hearing about the children's adventures.

This month's newsletter is full of information but also reminders. Parents have said how much they value these reminders at the beginning of the year so we hope these are helpful, especially for new parents. Our newsletter is published on the last Friday of each month but the website is updated more frequently. Please do not forget to look at the dates for your diary/upcoming events sections as dates can change.

Although the end of last term seems a long time ago, I would like to say on behalf of all the staff, a huge thank you for your words and gifts of appreciation. I know that every member of staff really appreciates your support. But more importantly the strong partnership between home and school makes such a difference to the children's progress - thank you!

We are so fortunate this term to welcome Sam Hook, our new sports coach, and Cathie Young, our new music teacher. We are excited at the additional opportunities that these new members of staff will provide for the pupils and the skills that this will add to our team.

During the holidays we heard that we have once again been awarded the status of RWInc Model School after another year of exceptional results in Phonics. Thank you to the staff team for being the driving force behind this wonderful success. We have also been asked to become a model school for Mastery in Maths using the Inspire scheme - more news on this at a later date.

My colleagues and I look forward to a purposeful and exciting year ahead.

Best wishes

Paula Phillips - Headteacher

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OUR VALUES

At Aston and Cote CE Primary School our core values are:-



LOVE Show care and concern, and exercise goodwill toward others.

RESPECT Develop self-respect, respect for others; respect for belongings and our environment. Promote inclusion, and appreciate and value the diversity of people's circumstances and backgrounds.

COURAGE Maintain a 'can do' attitude and aspire to achieve goals. Being brave enough to do the 'right thing'.

HONESTY Being honest with ourselves and with each other.

FORGIVENESS Letting things go and moving on without holding a grudge.

These have been developed and reviewed by pupils, parents, staff and governors and encompass key Christian and British values.

Collective Worship

In our Collective Worship we learn about a different value each month. These are the values we will look at with the children over the forthcoming year:

September	Responsibility
October	Diligence
November	Cooperation
December	Thankfulness
January	Respect
February	Friendship
March	Diversity
April	Justice
May	Empathy
June	Forgiveness
July	Peace

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

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

- 4th Oct Open Morning - for prospective parents
- 5th Oct House Cross Country
- 7th Oct **INSET DAY**
- 10-14th Oct Year 6 residential to Yenworthy
- 12th Oct Year 3/4 Open Football at Carterton
- 17th Oct Parents Evening - 5.00-7.00pm
- 18th Oct Parents Evening - 3.30-5.30pm
- 18th Oct South American Music workshop - KS2
- 19th Oct KS1 Trip to Oxford Castle
- 20th Oct Year 3-6 Cross Country - Carterton. 2.00-3.30pm
- 21st Oct Last day of term
- 24-28th Oct **HALF TERM HOLIDAY**
- 11th Nov Remembrance Day
- 11th Nov Musical concert for parents tbc
- 2nd Dec FACs Christmas Fair
- 6th Dec KS1 Christmas Play
- 6th Dec Flu vaccination for years 1,2 & 3
- 12th Dec Pantomime - Cinderella - whole school
- 13th Dec Reception Nativity tbc
- 14th Dec School Christmas lunch
- 16th Dec Christmas Service in church
- 16th Dec Last day term - early closure - 1.30pm
- 19th Dec - 2nd Jan - Christmas Holiday
- 3rd Jan INSET Day
- 4th Jan Beginning of Spring Term

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COMPOSER THIS HALF-TERM

Each term we listen to the work of a famous Composer from history. Our first focus composer of the new term is *Frédéric Chopin*. Throughout this half-term, children will have the opportunity to listen and respond to some of Chopin's creations, developing skills to appreciate music and express their own opinions. We hope you will share the composer Fact File with your child and explore some of his work together.

 CHOPIN FACT FILE	
<i>"Simplicity is the final achievement. After one has played a vast quantity of notes and more notes, it is simplicity that emerges as the crowning reward of art."</i>	
Date of Birth	1.3.1810 - 17.10.1849
Nationality	Polish
Instrument	Piano
Period of music	Romantic
Key information	His mother introduced him to the piano and he gave his first concert at the age of 8. He was one of the greatest pianists of his day. He was often called 'the poet of the piano'
Listen to:	Polonaise in A Major: No. 1, "Military" Piano Concerto No.2 in F minor Waltz in Eb major Opus 18 h p://www.classicfm.com/composers/chopin/

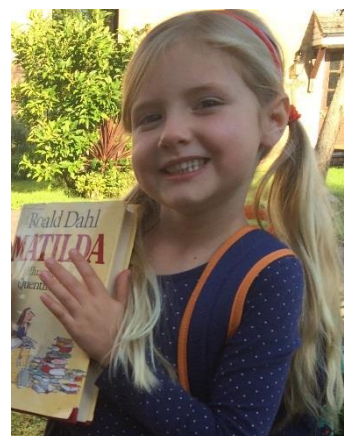
SPECIAL MENTIONS:

Congratulations to all of our children who took part in the library reading challenge. - we were so pleased to see so many children take part! Reading is so enjoyable and the key to learning!

We would also like to congratulate Irene who has been selected for the Oxford United football team and to Charlie (Reedy Class) who has achieved his Grade 1 Music Theory.

On Saturday 8th October, Isabelle from Kingsway is going to be having a very dramatic haircut! Inspired by an older girl at school, Isabelle will be having 10 inches of hair cut off and will be donating it to The Little Princess Trust; a charity who make wigs for children who have sadly lost their hair through illness. Her parents have set up a just giving page and she has already raised over £130 for the charity which is fantastic! The link, if you would like to make a donation, is <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Clairelouwood>

Please do let us know your child's special achievements so that we can add them to the newsletter.



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The School Website

We try to keep this as up-to-date as we possibly can. It is packed with information about the curriculum and what is going on in school together with lots of other helpful information. If there is something you would like to see on the website that is not currently available please do let us know.



Please see the website for news updates on events so far this term - including:

Roald Dahl Day, Year 6 Junior Citizen, PE lessons, Artists at work, Enrichment Clubs & Science fun



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Positions of Responsibility

It is very important that pupils feel listened to, and that their views and opinions are taken into account in the School's decision-making process and that they are involved in serving and helping others in order to become responsible citizens of the future. With this in mind we would like to congratulate the following pupils who were elected as school Councilors by their classes this year:

Isla & ben

Bea & Mark

Oscar & Sophie

Ruby & Jamie

Natasha & Phoebe

Congratulations also to our new House Captains and Playground Pals.

House Captains	Playground Pals
Phoenix - Renee, Timmy & Amy	Oscar Jess Phoebe
Pegasus - Daisy & Mason	Lachlan Sienna Barnaby
Griffin - Harvey & Noah	Natasha Kyle Emily
Dragon - Aerin & Abbey	

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

Once again, we've had a tremendous response to our enrichment clubs for this term and there is an amazing and exciting range opportunities available for the children. We still have a few spaces in choir, Jaguar Maths and sports clubs. If you require a copy of the clubs being offered to your child please look on the school website or request this at the school office. Can you also ensure that any outstanding payments for clubs are made this week, please? Thank you.

FACs NEWS

Welcome back for another year to all the familiar faces and a hello to all the new families who have joined the school this year.

FACs are a small group of parents who organise various events and activities throughout the year to raise additional funds for the school to enable us to purchase activities and extra resources for the children. Please do come along and support our events and let us know if you would be interested in joining the team. We had a fabulous start to 2016 with cakes sales, children's disco, sports day and rounding off with the very successful summer gala and have various events being planned at the moment to enjoy for the rest of the year.

We are in the process of finalising the financial figures and will update you next month on what the monies raise will be spent on.

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Dates for the Diary:

Quiz - 30th September 7.30pm School Hall

It's not too late to pop along and join us for the music and entertainment quiz this evening. £20 per team (Maximum 4 people), bar available, "Bucket of booze" raffle and heads and tails game.

Always an enjoyable evening so please come along.

Cake Sale - Friday 14th October

This year we will be arranging a cake sale each half term with the parents from a different class coordinating each time and at the end of the school year we will have a small prize for the class who has helped us raise the most money from the sale.

Holywell class will be up first and Emma Rivers & Christina Slater will be looking for support from any baking Mums and Dad's from the class to help with cakes for the sale so please do let them know.

Bags 2 School - Friday 25th November

We have a textile collection arranged for 25th November and all pupils will be coming home at the start of November with a bag for your unwanted clothes, shoes, hats, belts, scarfs etc.

It is the idea opportunity to have a "Pre-Christmas Clear-out", whilst helping to recycle textiles and avoid landfill at the same time raising funds for the school.

Christmas Fair - Friday 2nd December

To be able to run and make a success of the fair we are in need of volunteers who will be able to take ownership of a stall at the fair. If you are able to offer your support, then please do let Christina Slater know or leave your details with the school office.

FACS AGM - 24th January 2017 (TBC)

The FACS AGM will take place in January 2017 where we will be electing a new committee.

More details will follow but if you are interested in joining the committee please speak to one of the current FACS team.

Christmas Raffle

We are looking to source prizes for our Christmas raffle, if anyone runs a business or works for an organisation who would be prepared to make a donation towards our raffle please do let Emma Rivers, Christina Slater or the school office know.

We will happily promote all donators to the raffle.

Easy Fundraising

We haven't mentioned this for a while but it really is "easy" and a great way for you to help raise money for the school. All you need to do is register for our cause and then when making online purchases go via the easy fundraising website or app.

Every penny we raise really does make a difference to the resources we can provide for the children.

Just register at easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/astonandcotepprimary

School Uniform

Please can we give a polite reminder that pupils should be wearing the correct uniform and black school shoes. Trainers and boots are not appropriate. School colours are red and grey and trousers/skirts should be grey not black. Children may bring in a pair of wellies and/or trainers for playtimes so that they can still access the field.

We do allow pupils to use the field all year round for rugby and/or football providing they have a separate kit to wear.

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Bampton Beaver & Scout Group

Susan Allen, leader of the Beaver Scout Colony and her colleague Fiona Richmond lead the Cub Scout troop in Bampton.

They now have spaces for new members to join. For Beavers any child aged 6 and over and join us and we welcome all children.

Their first meeting for new members will be the 1st November after half term and they meet in Bampton CE Primary School from 5.45 to 6.45 pm on Tuesdays.

If you are interested please contact:

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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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