



Aston and Cote Church of England Primary School

"Learning together through courage, love and respect"

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It's hard to beat a person that never gives up.- Babe Ruth

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have enjoyed the sunshine this week and we can hardly believe that it will soon be half term. Some of our Sainsbury's equipment has begun to arrive including new goalposts and we look forward to using these in the forthcoming weeks.

We would like to offer a very warm welcome to Mrs Lisa Mumford who joins the school as our very talented cook. It is lovely to have meals cooked on site and the delicious smells fill the corridors in the mornings. Our meals were already of a very high standard but we have seen further improvements since cooking on site. The roast was so tasty yesterday, that several pupils enjoyed thirds!



Well done to our fantastic football team yesterday - full match report and photos in next week's issue!

PLEASE remember there will be NO after school clubs next week except for Ignite Sports Club on Monday night due to parents' evenings.

There are also places available in the choir - if any child is interested please see Mrs Skinner.

Warmest regards
Paula Phillips

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

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

19th Oct Ignite Sports Club*

W/C 19th Oct - NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS - due to Parents' Evenings

20th Oct KS2 trip to Henley River & Rowing Museum

21st Oct Parents Evening

22nd Oct Parents Evening (late)

23rd Oct Last day of term

26-30th Oct HALF TERM HOLIDAY

2nd Nov Anti-bullying Week

2nd Nov The Power of One - Anti-bullying roadshow. - All

5th Nov Oxfordshire Book Awards

9th Nov Henry Box - Year 6 Street Dance

13th Nov Non-school uniform Day - Children in Need

17th Nov Year 5/6 mixed Hockey - A Team - Wood Green ATP

27th Nov Henry Box - Year 1 Dance

9th Dec Reception Nativity Play - Aston Pottery

10th Dec Christmas Fair

14th Dec Pantomime - Robin Hood

16th Dec KS1 - Production - Village Hall

18th Dec Church Service, Last day of term - finish 1.30pm

21st Dec - 1st Jan Christmas Holiday

4th Jan INSET DAY

5th Jan First day - Term 3

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Our value this month is **ENDEAVOUR**

In our collective worship we have learned about famous people who have achieved great things through their effort and determination.

Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men. - Colossians 3:23

SIAMs Summary

We were delighted to receive our recent SIAMs which recognised:

- Our distinctively Christian ethos and the positive impact that it has upon our pupils
- Our rich and varied curriculum
- Academic standards have risen consistently and significantly over the past few years
- Behaviour and personal development are excellent
- Pupils are keen to learn within our caring, tolerant and cooperative ethos
- Spiritual, moral, social and cultural development are all excellent as a result of the broad curriculum and extra-curricular opportunities
- How we promote self-esteem and confidence and never give up on any one - everyone is important

Sainsbury's Sportsmark

We are delighted to be awarded the Silver Sportsmark in recognition of our commitment to and our development of sports and PE again this year.

We narrowly missed gold as we did not field 2nd and 3rd teams last year. We will try to address this, this year.

Thank you to Miss Brown, Mrs Chadwick and Miss O'Hara for their work in collating all the evidence needed.

In response to feedback from last year, we are trying to ensure that our PE time and/or extra curricular clubs (at lunchtime and after school) link with upcoming events so that pupils feel well prepared and can perform at their best.



School Council News

This year we are looking forward to supporting a number of charities. Following on from our thought provoking Harvest Service, we will be holding a fund raising event to raise money for Water Aid later in the year. At the beginning of November we will have the opportunity to buy poppies in school and then on Friday 13th November, we will be holding a non-uniform day to raise money for Children in Need. Everyone is invited to come to school dressed in either pyjamas or a onesie in exchange for a donation of £1. Teddies are welcome too!

On Wednesday 4th November, we would like everyone to come to school dressed in blue as part of our Anti Bullying Week activities.(No donations needed for this event)

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Black History Day

We recently held a special day where each class studied the life of a famous black person. We were able to discuss race and colour which is vitally important within our largely white school: it also enabled us to make valuable links to our value Endeavour. Each class created a page for our special days book that showcases their learning. These books are kept in the foyer and you are most welcome to pop in and have a look.

Kingsway learnt about the inventor Garrett Morgan, who invented the traffic signal, first fire fighting hooded mask and amazingly hair straightening cream in 1907.

Oatlands class learnt about Mo Farrah and all of his achievements. Surprisingly lots of us had never seen the 'mobot' before - so we re-created it.



School Trip - Gloucester Folk Museum

KS1 had a wonderful learning experience on Thursday 15th October when they attended a Victorian experience day at Gloucester Folk museum. We found it a shock when we had our hand and shoe inspection first thing on a typical Victorian school day. Classroom life was very different and we are glad we are school now that school life has changed.

"I loved washing clothes with a dolly" Chloe

" I loved looking at the Victorian sweet shop" Max



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Forest School

We are very excited to start our Forest School on a Friday morning with Windmill Class, run by Mrs Waller. The children learn about the outside environment and today learnt about autumn leaves.



We hope to expand Forest school to other classes in the near future

Behaviour Hand and Home/School Agreement

The children in each class have reviewed and amended our behaviour charter. This happens annually and we make clear links to our core values of **Love, Courage, Respect, Honesty** and **Forgiveness**. There is a copy of our behaviour charter: we call it *Our Handful of Rules* in every child's home/school link book together with our Home/School agreement. Please can we ask you to read them both and sign in the parent section. Thank you

Sickness Bug

There is a nasty sickness bug running through the school. If your child is sick, please can we ask that you keep them off school for 48 hours to prevent further infection. Thank you

Year 6 - Secondary School Application

We have been asked by the Admission Department at Oxfordshire County Council to remind Y6 parents that they need to submit a secondary transfer application by 2 November 2015.

FACs - News

Christmas Fair - 10th December

We need your support with the Christmas Fair which will be full of fun for children and parents alike. We have stalls available at £10 each for anyone who would like to sell their products, we will be running a raffle and the ever popular Jolly Pots so can you please start to route out any items you would be able to contribute.



If you are interested in a stall or have any questions please speak to a member of the FACS team.

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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