



Aston and Cote Church of England Primary School

"Learning together through courage, love and respect"

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Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new

- Albert Einstein

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard believe that half term is here already. Term 1 has whizzed by and the children have made a fantastic start to the year! Thank you to all the pupils and staff for their hard work this term and to all of our families for your support. It was wonderful to see so many of you at the parent meetings this week; we hope that you found these informative and helpful.

On behalf of everyone at the school, I wish you a wonderful half term break.

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.

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

4th Nov Wear Blue day - see anti-bullying article

5th Nov Oxfordshire Book Awards - Year 6

9th Nov Henry Box- Y6 Street Dance

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

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

18th Nov Safety talk PCSO Syphas all

18th Nov National primary maths Challenge- years 5 & 6

27th Nov Henry Box - Year 1 Dance

3rd Dec Open Morning for New September intake

3rd Dec Christmas Disco - Village hall

9th Dec Reception Nativity Play - Aston Pottery

10th Dec Christmas Fair

14th Dec Pantomime - Robin Hood 9.30

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

Football Tournament

'Everyone tried hard but the other team won in the end.

However, in our final match Ruby came so close to scoring and Lachlan went on to score an awesome goal.



We really enjoyed it!
Ruby and Reed.

Jack S said 'It was kind of exciting because you

got to see other people that we know from other footy clubs!'

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Our value this month is **Endeavour**

In our Collective Worship with Richard, we learned about a famous ship and spacecraft by the same name. We discussed why they had these names and Richard demonstrated how we could endeavour to undertake a tricky task using the tearing of a ream of paper as an example. We identified that it was too hard to do alone and at once! Therefore tricky tasks can be made easier by working together as a team and by breaking the task up into smaller pieces - the children enjoyed tearing a single sheet each to show this.

Anti-Bullying Week

We are excited that our first week back after half-term will be anti-bullying week and we have lots of wonderful activities planned up to help the children learn to be assertive and stand up for themselves. The first of these begins with a special theatre company visit on the Monday morning for all classes. The company will perform a special show called 'The Power of One' (younger and older pupils will have separate shows). The show is quite costly but we believe the costs are worthwhile as the show comes highly recommended; it should make a big impact and involves lots of audience participation. If you are able to send a voluntary contribution of £1 per child this would help us to re-cooperate some of the costs. Please send £1 with your child on Monday 2nd November. Thank you

On Wednesday 4th November, we would like everyone to come to school dressed in blue as part of our Anti Bullying Week activities.

Superhero Day

Yesterday, in Windmill class, it was our WOW Superhero day. The children (and staff) came in to school dressed as a superhero of their choice. During the day we created superhero posed pictures, made masks, learnt a new SUPER sound which we tried to use in our Super hero writing, created super obstacle courses and danced along to the Superman action song. A fun day was had by all!



Art Competition



We are hoping to enter the ART Oxford charitable competition again this year. The theme is '*What makes me laugh*'. House captains have decided that they would like to make this a House Competition first and that we will offer the chance for all pupils in the school (who wish to) to take part. Entries must be 2D and can be on paper no larger than A3 size. Children can use pastels, watercolours, poster paints, charcoal or pencil. Children can produce their entries at home and bring them in to Mrs Phillips or Mrs Phillips and the House Captains will open up a classroom during lunchtimes for anyone who wants to create theirs in school.

Closing date: 30th November

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KS2 visit to Henley River & Rowing Museum



This week KS2 had an awesome trip to the River and Rowing Museum in Henley-on-Thames. We had a workshop called 'Understanding Rivers', where we got to see first-hand how water erodes the river bank and found out what happens when water hits permeable and impermeable rocks. We explored the museum galleries and saw some boats that were used in the Olympics! There was a special exhibition all about the story of 'The Wind in the Willows' by Kenneth Grahame, which Westerleigh class particularly enjoyed as they are reading it in class at the moment. We also walked along the river to the lock in Henley. Our tutor pointed out lots of different features of rivers as we walked and we also saw water meadows where some of the characters from 'The Wind in the Willows' lived. We had a great day out and the children were commended for their fabulous behaviour. Thank you to all the adults who came to help!

BREAKFAST CLUB - NEW FOR NEXT TERM

Have you considered Breakfast Club but do not want to commit without trying.....

SPECIAL OFFER - FOR ONE WEEK ONLY - 2nd - 6th NOVEMBER

Come and try Breakfast Club for one session **FREE OF CHARGE**.

If you are interested please see the office to book a space.

ALSO

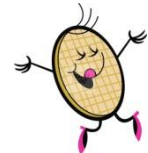


MRS WALLER'S WAFFLE WEDNESDAYS

Apart from the usual cereal and fruit -

Every Wednesday we will be serving Waffles for breakfast with either fruit.

Come along and try!!!



Rugby Opportunity

Huge thanks to Mr Keates and Boz from Witney Rugby club who gave up their time to come and deliver an exciting rugby lesson (in celebration of the World Cup) to a group of older pupils after school yesterday. The children had a marvelous time!

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Spelling Lists for Key Stage 2

The statutory spelling lists from the new national curriculum are available for you on the school website. These show the spellings that we will be learning in the key stage 2 classes week by week. We practice these each morning at 8:50 am and we test them regularly however any additional practicing and testing at home will always be of great benefit to your child.

Tesco - Uniform Embroidery Service

We have recently received the following notice from Tesco regarding uniform supply: Please keep trying- the children look lovely in their team colours for PE lessons.

We are pleased to be able to let you know that we are now open again for new orders. Our Uniform Embroidery products are embroidered to order and delivered within 14 days.

However, please be aware that due to continuing high demand, you may find that a small number of our products still have limited size and colour availability. Our customer service team will be happy to help with any queries around stock availability. Please be assured that any limits on availability will be made clear on the website.

If you have any questions at all, please do get in touch and we will do our best to help. You can call us on 0845 4599 866, from 8.30am to 5pm Monday to Friday.

Once again, we would like to apologise for any inconvenience you and the parents at your school have experienced during the temporary suspension of this service.

SCHOOL LUNCH REMINDER

From Monday 2nd November all children will order their meals at morning registration. In order for this to run smoothly we need all children to know what the options are so that they can place their order with their class teacher every morning.

You should have received a copy of the new winter menu which starts after half term. Please ensure that your child knows what the lunch options are each morning so that the new process can run as smoothly as possible.

There is one change to the menu. Due to the timing of food deliveries to the school straight after half term, the options shown on the menu for Monday 2nd November and Monday 9th November have been switched.

Therefore the choices for **Monday 2nd November** are:

SPAGHETTI BOLOGNESE OR CHEESE AND ONION PLAIT (V), ROASTED SEASONAL VEGETABLES & ORANGE CAKE WITH CHOCOLATE CUSTARD.

The options for **Monday 9th November** will be:

CHICKEN TIKKA MASALA WITH RICE OR PASTA IN TOMATO SAUCE (V), GREEN BEANS, CARROTS & CHOCOLATE FUDGE PUDDING.

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FACs – Update & Christmas Fair

Starting to consider your Christmas shopping? Then please look at registering with easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/astonandcotepriamary all you need to do is register and then make your online purchases via the Easy Fundraising site for all the main retailers and a donation is then made for the school, its a great way to raise funds and at no additionalcost to you.



Over the half term holiday can you look to dig out any of those unwanted gifts you may have which would be great additions to our raffle at the Christmas Fair, Christina Slater will be available in the playground after the holiday to take any donations you may have.

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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