



Aston and Cote Church of England Primary School

"Learning together through courage, love and respect"

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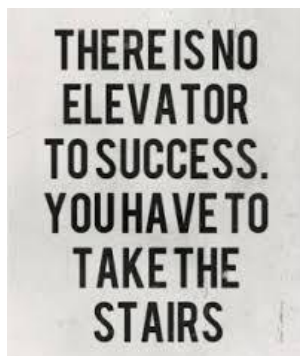
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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy week at the school! Windmill class have been joining the rest of the school for lunchtime play and the older pupils have loved looking after and playing with them all - what a confident, lovely group of children!

Mrs Pike returned with a group of teachers from her new school yesterday to observe the teaching of phonics and spelling and we welcomed teachers from across the partnership and beyond after school to learn all about 'Maths Mindsets'. *'One of the most damaging mathematical myths propagated in schools and homes is that maths is a gift, some people are naturally good at it and some are not. This idea is strangely cherished in western world but virtually absent in Eastern countries such as China and Japan that top the world in maths achievement'* Jo Boaler The Elephant in the Classroom - Helping children Learn and Love Maths.



In school, we learn about having a 'Growth Mindset'. All children learn how the brain works and that we can improve our learning through a positive attitude, focus, effort, collaboration and practice. It also forms a large part of our behaviour reward system in school.

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.

- 13th Nov Non-school uniform Day - Children in Need- £1.00 donations please
- 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
- 4th Dec FACs Non-school uniform day donations of chocolate
- 9th Dec Reception Nativity Play - Aston Pottery
- 10th Dec Christmas Fair
- 14th Dec Pantomime - Robin Hood 9.30
- 16th Dec KS1 - Production - Village Hall
- 17th Dec Christmas lunch
- 17th Dec Aston Hat Day
- 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
- 7th Jan Windmill trip to Story Museum Oxford
- May KS1 Testing Period
- 9th - 16th May Year 6 SATS Week
- 6th - 17th June Year 6 Science sampling test period
- 13th -17th June Year 1 Phonics Screening

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Our value this month is **COURAGE**

**It's easy
to stand with
the crowd.**

**It takes
Courage
to stand alone.**

We read the story of 'Daniel in the Lions Den' and talked about how it takes courage to stand up for what you believe in.

Reading for Pleasure

We were absolutely delighted that so many of our children read every day of the school holidays; it is really wonderful to know that even when they are not at school, they are reading for pleasure in their own time. Research shows that reading for pleasure has many benefits including: text comprehension and grammar, positive reading attitudes, pleasure in reading in later life and increased general knowledge. We were excited to give out our first Bronze certificates for 50 reading credits last week and hope to give out more in the weeks ahead.



Remembrance Sunday



It was lovely to see so many children from school at this year's Remembrance Sunday commemoration at the War Memorial on Sunday 8th November. Abbey and Hannah laid a beautiful wreath of poppies (which had been made by the children in Art Club) on behalf of the school while some individual poppies were also "planted" by some of the younger pupils.

We also held a two minute silence in School on the 11th.



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Year 5 and 6 Dance Festival

On Monday 9th November, the children from Westerleigh Class attended the Year 5 and 6 Dance Festival at Henry Box School.

Along with children from The Batt, Our Lady of Lourdes, Queen Emma's and West Witney, we began with an energetic warm-up after which we learned some classic street dance moves. Soon we were ready to put them together in an amazing fast paced, energetic routine.

Before we knew it, it was time to perform the whole dance for the other schools, the Sports Leaders from Henry Box and Nadia, our dance teacher; it was nerve wracking and exhilarating at the same time.



Christmas Fair Thursday 10th December



The Christmas Fair will be held on Thursday 10th December. There will be performances from our brass band, performing arts club, year 2 ocarinas and westerleigh class ukuleles, so please do come and join in the festive fun!

If you can help with running/manning a stall at the fair please let Emma Rivers or Christina Slater know - christinaslater@gmail.com

We also really do need donations for the raffle and the teddy tombola and again please let Emma or Christina know if you could assist with anything.

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FACS NEWS

Christmas Disco Thursday 3rd December

Tickets will be on sale from the school office from Monday at a cost of £2.50 each please buy in advance of the event



Non Uniform Day Friday 4th December

Come to school dressed in something red in exchange for bringing a chocolate item to take part. This could be a box of chocolates, chocolate bar, chocolate biscuits, drinking chocolate, chocolate cookery book etc. Anything really chocolate related!

All items will be used for the Chocolate Tombola at the Christmas Fair.

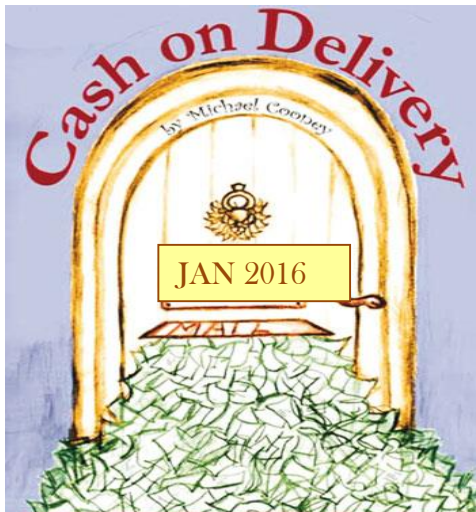
Easy Fundraising

It really is easy and doesn't cost you anything

Please consider registering and helping up raise much needed additional funds for the children.

To register just follow the link below:

easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/astonandcotepprimary



ACTS forthcoming production in January, a comedy

CASH ON DELIVERY BY Michael Cooney

Thursday, 21st January, 2016 £7.00

Friday, 22nd January, 2016 £8.00

Saturday 23rd January, 2016 £8.00

Time: 7.30 pm all dates

Venue: Village Hall, Aston, OX18 2DU

Tickets: Aston Stores from 1st December, 2015

An amateur performance under license to Samuel French Ltd

Suitable for children over 10 years.

Refreshments and Raffle

Set in the living room of 344 Chilton Road, just off the Mile End Road in East London on a windy October morning, Michael Cooney's riotous farce has all the ingredients for hilarity and offers a colourful array of characters. Eric Swan (aided by his Uncle George and unbeknown to his wife, Linda) has pocketed thousands of pounds through fraudulent DSS claims. When Norman Bassett, the lodger, opens the door to Ms Jenkins, the DSS Inspector, deceptive mayhem follows - as do the undertaker, bereavement counsellor, psychiatrist.

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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