



Aston and Cote Church of England Primary School

"Learning together through courage, love and respect"

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Newsletter 3 - Autumn Term

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Dear parents and carers

The children have enjoyed some excellent learning opportunities over the last month. Windmill 1 & 2 have been making the most of their wonderful new outdoor learning area as well as developing their skills in forest school. Kingsway and Oatlands thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Cogges Museum in Witney where they learned all about everyday life in Victorian times. The Year 5s also had a great time at the Space Science Show at Cokethorpe School, learning all about different models of the solar system, the planets and how to make a homemade rocket.

Earlier this month, each class celebrated Black History Month by finding out about famous black musicians, sports people, scientists and politicians and how they have made a difference both in the UK and around the world.

We also enjoyed taking part in Community Week - it was great to be able to support our local community in so many different ways.

We wish all our families a happy and safe half term holiday - I think we are all looking forward to a well- deserved rest as well as fun times with friend and family.

Kind regards

Fiona Taylor

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

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

Monday 28th Oct - Friday 1st Nov
Half Term

- 4th Nov First day of term
- 6th Nov A Team Hockey at WGS
- 7th Nov Pre-School Parents Evening
- 8th Nov Year 6 trip to Dorchester Abbey, Wallingford 10.00-2.00
- 8th Nov Last day to complete flu vaccination forms online
- 13th Nov Oxford Book Awards
- 14th Nov Year 5 Dance Festival - Henry Box - 10.00-11.30
- 15th Nov Children in Need Day
- 15th Nov Flu vaccinations- All years
- 15th Nov Football away match vs Madley Brook
- 15th Nov FACS Quiz Night
- 18th Nov B Team Hockey at WGS
- 28th Dec Boccia at Carterton
- 2-6th Dec Year 6 Residential - Yenworthy
- 10th Dec Pantomime - Whole School
- 12th Dec FACS Christmas Fair
- 16th Dec KS1 Christmas play 5.30pm- Village Hall
- 18th Dec School Christmas lunch
- 19th Dec Last day of Term - finish at 1.30pm

Christmas Holiday-Friday 20th Dec-
Friday 3rd Jan

Mon 6th January - INSET DAY

Nurture Room

We would like to say a huge thank you to Kate Heeley who has worked incredibly hard to set up a nurture space in the school house. The room will be used to support children when learning about their emotions and how to deal with difficult situations. We really appreciate the time and effort that Kate has gone to, to make this such an amazing space.

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Home/school partnership

Thank you to all families who attended one of our Parents' Evenings this week - research shows that a strong partnership between home and school helps children in making accelerated progress. The children benefit immeasurably from the contribution that parents and carers make to learning so we really appreciate everything parents can do to support learning at school.

It is absolutely vital that staff are made aware of circumstances at home that could affect learning in school. However, please could we ask that this is not done at 8.50 as the children are arriving in class. Please contact teachers through class dojo or send an email to the school office. If the matter is urgent, please advise Mrs Brooks in the school office who will be able to organise a meeting with the relevant member of staff.

School Value

Our value next half term will be "Compassion". We will be considering how Jesus always put the needs of others before his own and that he called on his followers to do the same

"When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things."

Mark 6:34



Do your best!

The following children were nominated for a Headteacher's Award in October:

Windmill	Daisy & Emily
Kingsway	Harry & Ned
Oatlands	Matthew & Alfie
Holywell	Marlee & Isla C
Reedy	Edward & James
Westerleigh:	Xander & Eddie



Certificates were awarded for generous givers of time and curious learners.

Flu Vaccinations

Consent to vaccinate your child is now via an online consent form. We will no longer be sending out paper consent forms, so it is important that you complete the form online so that your child is able to receive their vaccination.

We have sent out via Parentmail this week attaching a copy of the letter giving instructions, link to access the online consent form and our School ID Code to enable you to complete the form on line. **IF YOU HAVE NOT SEEN THIS LETTER & ATTACHMENT VIA PARENTMAIL, PLEASE CHECK YOUR JUNK FILES.**

The forms must be completed by the 8th November even if you are declining the offer of the flu vaccination.

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Kingsway & Oatlands Visit Cogges Manor Farm



Kingsway and Oatlands visited Cogges Farm Manor Farm for the day to learn about Victorian life in our local area. We made Welsh Cakes, did the laundry, made flour and learnt how to make a Victorian bed. We were also able to explore the farm and the animals that live on it.



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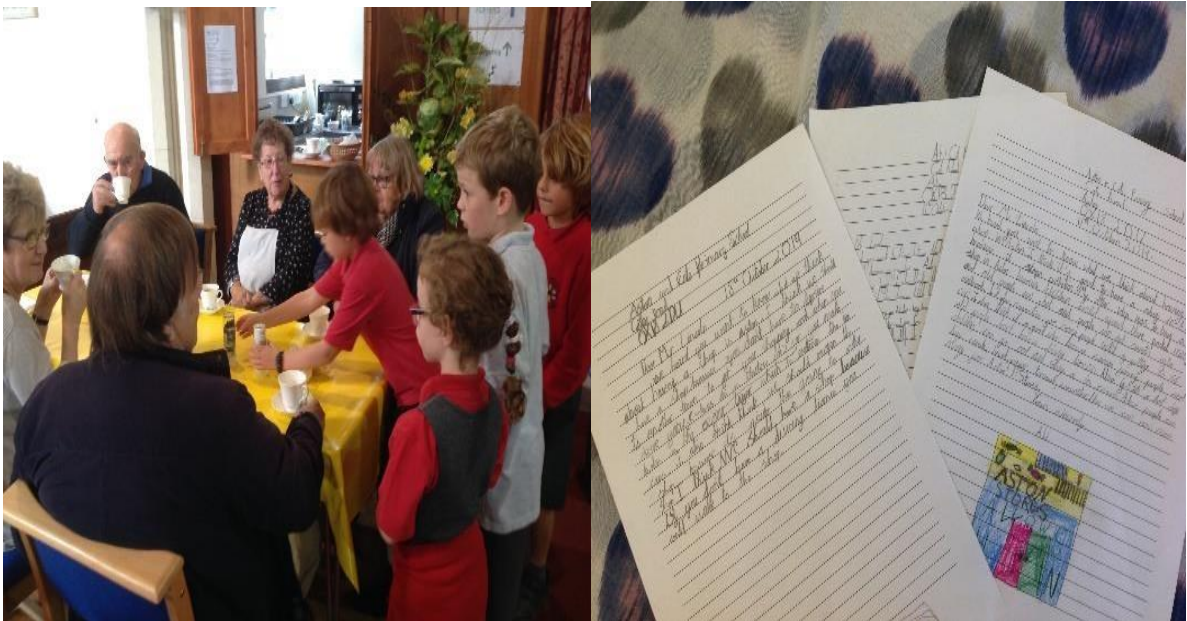
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Community Week 2019

Each class chose a different community project to support in a whole variety of ways. Windmill Class got their dusters out and headed to St James' to clean the church. Reedy Class also focused their efforts at St James'; six children helped out at Soup Lunch while the whole class made autumn cards which they left for members of the congregation. Holywell & Westerleigh classes put their writing skills to good use - the children in Westerleigh wrote letters to some of the people in Aston who live on their own and Holywell class wrote letters in support of opening a community shop in Aston as well as making road safety posters. Oatlands class entertained Aston toddler group with some sensational singing and Kingsway class organised a toy sale and raised an astonishing £80 which they will be donating to local charity Besom.



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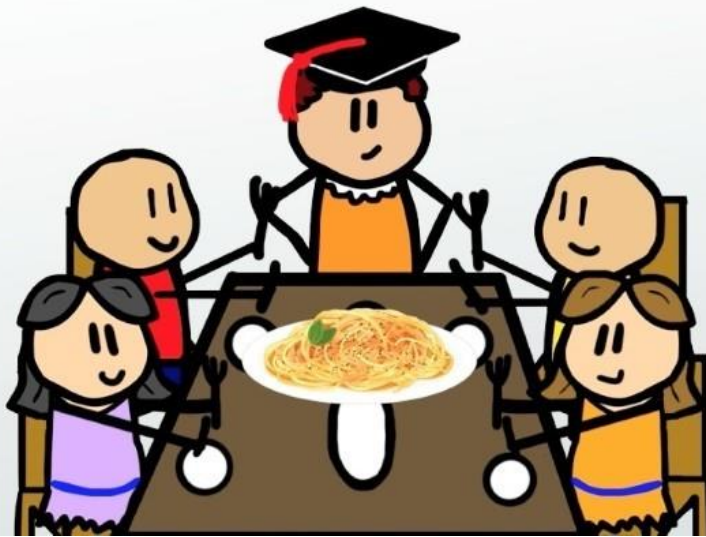
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Year 5 visit Cokethorpe School for the Space Science Show

On Thursday 3rd October, the Year 5s visited Cokethorpe School for a fantastic Science show all about space. As well as learning about different models of the solar system, they used chocolate bars to learn about the planets. To help them remember the order of the planets, they used this mnemonic:

My Very Educated Mother Just Served Us Noodles



They also found out about black holes, comets and galaxies before making and launching their very own rocket.

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School Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Book Fair last week. We raised approximately £215 in commission which will be used to buy new guided reading books for the school.

Parents' Drop-in

We are always keen to get the views of parents regarding a whole range of issues that affect your children. Our next meeting will be on Friday 8th November when we will discuss how we teach reading in school and how you can support this work at home.



Congratulations!

Warmest congratulations to Mrs Souter who has just announced she is expecting her second baby in April. Mrs Souter will continue working in Reedy Class until the Easter holidays. There must be something in the air!

Corinthian Partnership

We are delighted to be working with Dr Chris Flaherty and 6 sixth form students from Cokethorpe School on Thursday lunchtimes. As well as a football club for the children in Years 2, 3 & 4 and a gardening club, Dr Flaherty runs a science club for the children in Years 5 & 6.

Go Outdoors!

Thank you to everyone who took part in our outdoor challenge this month. Next week's half term holiday is the ideal time to take part in our next challenge. We would like you to create a piece of autumn leaf art by collecting leaves of different sizes, shapes and colours and then arranging them on the ground to make a picture. Conkers or berries could be used to add detail. Please take a photo and send it into school so that we can all see your lovely creations.



FACS News

Don't forget that our first fundraising event of the year is fast approaching. The Big Quiz will take place in the school hall on Friday 15th November at 7.30 p.m. Teams of four can be entered by contacting the school office or Rob Taylor at rob@aston14.plus.com (£20 per team). A light supper of chilli & jacket potato can be pre-ordered for £5 per person. This event always proves to be great fun whether you win or loose so please come along and support FACS in raising much needed funds for the school.

The FACS team would just like to remind you of a really easy way to help raise additional funds for the school without costing you a penny.

When ordering goods on the internet, please click on the link below:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/astonandcoteprimary/>

and then go through the website or app to order products as normal from your preferred retailer. FACS earns commission on every purchase that is completed in this way. Please tell your family and friends too!

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COMMUNITY NEWS



PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF PERFORMANCE DATE

ACTS PRESENTS

HAPPY FAMILIES by John Godber

ACTS once more return to a play by Yorkshire playwright, John Godber, who wrote 'Up N' Under' which we enjoyed performing in 2008. 'Happy Families' is said to be autobiographical.

The performance will take place in the Village Hall, Aston, on;

Friday and Saturday 29th and 30th November, 2019, 7.30 pm and Sunday 1st December at 4pm

Tickets will be £8.00 for all performances.

Tickets available from the Pottery upstairs showroom from beginning of November. Box office open as follows:

Monday 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm

Tuesday 12 noon to 3.30 pm

Wednesday 11.00 am to 1.30 pm

Thursday 12 noon to 3.30 pm

Friday 12.30 to 3.00 pm

or email Hoskinsnick@aol.com or telephone 01993 850543

I am always happy to meet with parents by appointment and welcome feedback either verbally, through emails or through our "Feedback and Suggestions" box in the front entrance.

Kind regards

Fiona Taylor Headteacher

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