

# Axbridge Church of England First School Academy



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## NEWSLETTER – January 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Spring Term and 2018 and I hope you enjoyed a lovely Christmas break. Thank you for supporting our Christmas events last term, please see some of the highlights below. We thoroughly enjoyed them and the children were superb in their performances! May I also pass on our thanks for the lovely gifts and cards we received at the end of term, it is always much appreciated.

**Carol Service**



**Nativity**



### School Dinners

We are extremely pleased with the quality of food from our new caterers, Aspens. The children have thoroughly enjoyed it! Aspens apologise for the technical issues we have experienced with their new ordering system and are confident it has now been rectified. **Please may we ask you to re-order your menu choices as a result.** We appreciate your support in this matter and apologise for any inconvenience caused. Any questions or queries please contact the school office.

### Whole School Curriculum Topic

Our topic this term is Animal Antics. This is a science themed topic and the children will be enjoying visits from Animal experts during the term!

### General Updates

We are delighted to share some very exciting news as Mr Shillabeer and his wife are expecting a baby, due in July 2018! We wish them all the very best for the coming months.

In final news, I will be out of school on Wednesday afternoons for the remainder of this academic year. Miss Nash and Mr Shillabeer will be in charge in my absence.

I look forward to another successful term and many thanks for your continued support. Please see the terms dates overleaf.

Yours faithfully

Mrs L Richardson  
Headteacher

### SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN IS A RESPONSIBILITY OF US ALL

Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Lorna Richardson

Deputy Safeguarding Lead: Mr Dominic Shillabeer

Our Christian value this half term is  
**Forgiveness**

#### **100 Club**

We still have numbers available on the PTA 100 club! If you would like one please contact the school office or a member of the PTA. It is £12 per year and you have the chance of winning £25, £10 or £5 each month.

### ***Dates for the Diary***

#### ***Dates for January 2018:***

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup>**

7:30pm - PTA meeting @ The Lamb.

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup>**

9am - Church service - everyone is welcome to attend.

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Clubs begin!**

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

4:15 to 5:15pm - Gymnastics Festival @ Hugh Sexeys for 10 Year 4 children.

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>**

9:30am - Vision Screening for Reception children.

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>**

2:30pm - Hazel Class parents invited to look around the classroom followed by Hazel Class assembly at 2:40pm

#### ***Dates for February 2018:***

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Tim is in school to lead our service.

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>**

1 to 2:30pm - Multi-Skills Festival for Year 4.

*and*

6:30pm - Charterhouse Residential parents information evening.

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***Our school calendar can be found on our website***

## Parent Questionnaire Feedback

Following the parent questionnaire we sent out last term, I would like to provide you with some feedback to your responses. We had 60 families respond from a total of 74, this is 81% of our school community. Thank you for taking the time to engage with this activity.

The overwhelming response was positive with 100% of you stating you would recommend Axbridge Academy to others and your children enjoy coming to school. Please see some of the supportive comments we received below.

*"I really think there is good balance of curriculum and common sense!"*

*"The educational foundation provided is excellent"*



*"The school helps prepare my child for the future in so many ways – brilliant values, such a caring environment; nurturing and high academic achievement. It is an excellent foundation before middle school."*

You strongly agreed that we:

- Keep your child safe
- Enable your child to make progress
- Have high expectations for each and every pupil
- The school is led and managed effectively
- The school helps my child become a good citizen

No consistent worries or issues arose from the survey, but some valuable individual comments were shared that we have reflected upon. Two main areas were highlighted; develop a greater awareness of the Governing Body and the work they do and improved communication with working parents.

In response to these suggestions the following will be put in place:

- ✓ The governing body have taken on board your comments and are eager to ensure they communicate their work with you. As such, you will be receiving a termly newsletter from them.
- ✓ We are also developing an improved Mobile App, as well as further developing our online presence as a school. This will provide you with a central access point for key information and hopefully ease some of those communication queries. It will be launched in March this year.

Communication from yourselves and working together as partners is critical to ensure your children have the happy and successful start to school they deserve. May I reiterate my thanks to those of you who took the time to complete the questionnaire this year, allowing us to build upon our previous accomplishments and further enhance the school for your children.

Kind regards

Lorna Richardson  
Headteacher