

Friday 10th February 2023

News and Reminders

WOW! What a fantastic half term, it has flown by and we have all enjoyed the first half of Spring Term. We hope you have a lovely half term and we look forward to seeing you all in time for pancake day!

Spirituality

Children's Mental Health Week

We have enjoyed taking part in a range of activities throughout the week. We have discussed how we are all connected and how important it is to have people to talk to about our emotions. Throughout the week we have discussed how there are no bad emotions, every emotion is ok and how we deal with it is important. We finished our week with a collaborative piece of art to display around the school and joining children from the other classes to take part in a fun activity.

School Uniform

As per our School Uniform Policy children should not be coming into school wearing colourful/animal ear headbands. Hair below the shoulders should also be tied up.

Hair bands, ribbons/bows or 'scrunchies' should be blue or blue/white to match our uniform. Hair bands should not have large flowers or other decoration attached. Make up and nail varnish should not be worn to school.

Trainers should also not be worn to school and PE kit should also be navy. If your child wears earrings they should be taken out or covered for PE. Smart watches are not allowed in school due to safeguarding, an analogue or digital watch can be worn as long as it doesn't have a camera or make unusual sounds. Our policy can be found on the school website.

Nut free school

A gentle reminder that we are a nut free school. We have seen a few children with chocolate spread sandwiches and cereal bars that may contain nuts. Please check all food before sending it in to school. Thank you.

Rough Play

We appreciate that rough play is a part of normal child development, however we have had numerous incidents of rough play on the playground at lunchtime resulting in injuries. We have discussed this at great length with the children and we have gone through our class and school expectations which can be found in our school behaviour policy. If the children continue to play roughly on the playground or in class we will

issue a time out. Repeated time outs will result in children going to see a member of the senior leadership team as per our policy. We will of course let you know if your child has a time out for this reason.

Spare Clothes

If your child has come home wearing some of our spare clothes we would greatly appreciate it if you could wash the clothes and return them as soon as possible.

Junk Modelling

We have a junk modelling box which the children have free access to during our Learning to Play time and this is a very popular activity. If you have any dry, clean boxes or plastic bottles that the children could use, please do send them in in a small plastic bag. If we have too great a response we will let you know as we don't really have anywhere to store additional supplies.

The Giving Tree

Thank you to everyone who donated this time, please keep a look out for the next Giving Tree.

Homework

Reading

Depending on which phonics group the children are in, they will have their books or worksheets given out at different times by their phonics teacher. Your child's phonics teacher will give out new words, ditty sheets or book bag books as necessary. Please record in the reading record every time you read them with your child. We can't give out reading certificates unless we can see the children have been reading at home, the children love receiving these in assembly and class. Please note if your child is given a book or ditty sheet they will no longer be getting a picture book to take home. These also need to come to school everyday as we need them to listen to your child read. We have had some of our new books go missing already and these are very expensive to replace. Please have a look at home in case they are hiding somewhere. Thank you!

Purple Mash

There will be no homework over half term however there is a Children's Mental Health competition that you are more than welcome to enter. Details have been sent through email, the closing date is Friday 27th February.

Our focus this half term is Celebrations. We have enjoyed sharing our chatterbags and talking about the different celebrations we take part in. If your child hasn't received a chatterbag please don't worry they will get their turn next half term.

We have enjoyed reading the story of Elmer and discussing our differences and what makes us unique. The children have been using their phonics knowledge to write words and simple sentences about their feelings as Elmer. It has been lovely to see the children's confidence and skills grow.

In maths we have been learning about different ways to make 5, 6 and 7. When learning about 6 and 7 we are using the language of "five and a bit". The children are very confident about 5 so are able to see that numbers beyond this only need a little bit to make 6 or 7. We have also been comparing numbers and using the phrases 'more than' and 'fewer than.'

A Scarecrows' Wedding

Thank you to all that attended our wedding, it was a wonderful celebration and the children were thrilled that you could come along. Please don't worry if you couldn't make it this time there will be more opportunities in the near future.

Christian Value awards:

Alder

Ash

Love: Savannah

Love: Emilia

Respect: Jaiden

Responsibility: Archie

Responsibility: Evie O'C

Co-operation: Lucy

Diary Dates

Forest School (please come into school wearing Forest School kit and bring spares): Friday for both Ash and Alder

PE (please come in to school wearing PE kit): Ash: Wednesday Alder: Thursday

Please make sure all hair is tied up and earrings are taken out or tape is put over the top.

Library: Alder class: Monday Ash class: Thursday

Key dates

Wednesday 1st March- Dan Tastic Fairytale Adventures- children to dress up in fairy tale costumes

Thursday 2nd March-World Book Day (details to follow in school newsletter)

Thursday 16th March- Muffins with mum/special grown up (more details to follow).



