

Alderman Payne Primary School Newsletter

11th October 2024



Dear Families,

There has been lots going on in school this week, Firstly, we would like to share that Mrs Mackey has had her baby, William. Both are doing well and I know you join us in sending best wishes to them all.

Thistle Class had their class photo this week which will appear in the Fenland Citizen Newspaper.

Shamrock Class welcomed guests from the Wisbech and Fenland Museum, Peckover House and Wisbech Library to talk to us about our local area. The children sorted artefacts and pictures to discuss what is local and what is not, they learned about what is grown locally and planted cress seeds and then learnt about what is available at Wisbech Library.

There has been lots of background work being put into the school website since the start of term. This is still in the early stages of development and there are aspects that need some updating still, so please be patient. However, part of our commitment to ensuring that parents know what is happening in school includes developing our [class pages](#) in the 'Children' section of the website. Each page has a generic introduction and then a star for 'Class of 2024-2025' which you can click on to see information and photos specific to the current class. Teachers will add more content throughout the year, so that you can have a look at what the children have been doing.

We have had some illness in school this week. Please read the attendance section of this newsletter and take note of the guidance for parents on the attached poster too. We are committed to ensuring that children are in school whenever they are well enough. We hope that some rest over the weekend will be just what is needed.

Some reminders for next week:

Individual school photos are on Monday. Please send your child in smart school uniform.

Mrs Mulford presentation to parents Thursday 2:20pm followed by Family Assembly.



Daffodil Class Art

Attendance

**Whole school attendance
this week is 95.6%**

**Whole school attendance
this year is 96.0%**

Class Information

Class 1—R/1 Thistle Class
Teacher: Ms Harrison
Support: Mrs Wainwright,
Mrs Kilby and Mrs Jameson

Class 2—1/2 Rose Class
Teacher Mrs Wardill
Support: Miss Godwin and
Miss Oldale

Class 3—3/4 Shamrock Class
Teacher Mr Turner
Support: Miss Whitmore and
Miss Hazzard

Class 4—5/6 Daffodil Class
Teacher: Mrs Topping
Support: Mrs Allen

Family Assembly

Year 6 Weekly Roundup

Thistle Class

In their class they have been learning the sounds h, r, l and they have been excellent. In science they did a very interesting project about how your germs wash down the sink and they all learned a new song called big red combine harvester. In maths they learned about weight and mass they also have been reading a book called Where's My Teddy.

Rose Class

In maths the children have been learning about counting forwards and backwards, in literacy they made up stories about animals and 16 people read this week.

Shamrock Class

In literacy they published their writing for a book the author was called Katherine Johnson, in maths they were using methods for addition. In history they learned about the Vikings and in geography the children were learning how to work out co-ordinates. Three visitors came to teach the class about the Fens. 26 children read this week

Daffodil Class

In literacy, we were finding information about black slaves. In maths we have learned about factor pairs, and in guided reading we read the book Freedom. Finally, 31 people read this week.

Special Mention

In Family Assembly, children are nominated for a Golden Award which is linked to our 5 Fabulous Foundations. Special mentions relate to any other aspect of school and learning



Golden Award

Ezra: Recalling parts of the story 'Where's My Teddy' for our story map

Pippa: Having a wonderful work ethic and even practising at home

Rio J: Excellent effort in writing

Phoebe: Working hard in arithmetic

Special Mentions

Bailey: Helping another pupil when they were finding something difficult

Norah: Being supportive and helpful with others

Lily G: Super expression, enthusiasm and participation in music

School Update: Attendance

This week, Governors met and approved the new Attendance Policy. The policy is the model provided by Cambridgeshire County Council and has been checked by our Local Authority Attendance officer. It gives details of the procedures in place in school to support attendance and those having any difficulties, including information about penalties for persistent absence. Please note that Headteachers are no longer able to authorise holidays taken in term time. If your child will be missing school, for any reason and for any amount of time (including early collections and appointments), you will need to complete a leave of absence request form in advance. It is expected that parents explore all alternatives before a child is absent from school. This includes arrangements for siblings where one sibling has an exceptional circumstance and the other does not.

Full details and the leave of absence form can be found on the [school website](#) or collected via the school office.

Absence due to illness or medical conditions is also monitored so that school and parents can work together to improve attendance overall. Where possible, please book appointments outside of school hours and where this is unavoidable, please complete the leave request form.

The NHS and DFE have worked together to create a poster about when children should or should not attend school due to illness. Please see the last page of this newsletter.

Community Events

Village Hall

12th October: Gilts Glam event (provisional)

26th October: Halloween party for the Kids

21st December : Visit from Santa

31st December: "See in the New Year" (Provisional)

St John's Church

No new dates at the moment

Emmanuel Church

No new dates at the moment

School Dates for Your Diary

We aim to provide as much notice as possible for school events, but there are sometimes opportunities that arrive at short notice.

Autumn Term dates

14th October: Individual school photos

24th October: Class 3 Harvest Festival

25th October: Last day of half term

28th Oct—1st Nov: Half Term

4th November: Children return to school

11th November: Remembrance Day

21st November: Flu vaccinations Day 1

10th December: Flu vaccinations Day 2

12th December: Class 1 and 2 Nativity

19th December: Pantomime trip

20th December: Last day of term

Parent Council dates

24th October: Halloween disco—see attached letters



UK Health
Security
Agency

NHS

Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.