

Alderman Payne Primary School Newsletter

4th October 2024



Dear Families,

This week the classes shared their songs or poems from their first project with the rest of the school. It was a lovely opportunity to see what the children had retained from this work. Thistle Class (Reception) joined us for this special assembly, it was their first time in an assembly this year and they sat beautifully.

It's been wonderful to see the clubs all starting this week, with a wider range on offer, we hope that there will be something for everyone. We have 60 places across the clubs that have been taken with 45 children across school accessing an after school club. There are still a few spaces available on some clubs, contact the office if you would like your child to join. I am still in communication with external providers about other opportunities that could be offered after half term.

Thank you to those of you who came to the family workshop on Thursday this week. It was lovely to see so many of you. I have already had a quick look through your contributions and was pleased to see that many of the suggestions are things that I am already looking at. For those who were unable to attend, or for anyone who had something else they would like to share, you can use this [online form](#). To follow the session, I'd like to share some of my ambitions and explain how I plan to use the feedback that you have given. This session will be in two weeks as next week is family reading before the assembly. Please join me on Thursday 17th October at 2:20 before family assembly at 2:45.

Staff at school have been discussing Parents Evenings, these will be after half term so that we can share our Autumn Term assessment information with you. Each teacher will offer two days, a Tuesday and one other. This will ensure that afterschool activities are still able to go ahead. In the meantime, please remember that if you have a query or concern, you can speak to a member of staff. I am in the playground most mornings or afternoons. In most cases, your first point of contact will be the class teacher. If they are unable to answer your query, it may be necessary to speak to a member of the leadership team who will be happy to help. They are Mrs Topping (Assistant Head), Mrs Hemsall (InCo) or Mrs Mulford (Headteacher). You can contact the office to make an appointment if the discussion requires more than a quick chat on the playground.



Chess Club

Attendance

**Whole school attendance
this week is 96.5%**

**Whole school attendance
this year is 96.1%**

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

They have been learning about Mr Gumpy. In Read Write Inc they have learnt the letters c k u and they have been learning the letter f. In maths the children have learnt 'more' and 'fewer' with their numbers. Reception have been very creative by making paintings using conkers first of all they had to dip the conkers in the red, green and brown paint then they put them in a tray with some paper and then they shook it to finally making a master piece. 18 people have read at home.

Rose Class

In maths they have been counting number bonds to 20. In literacy they have been reading a book called Lost and Found and have been writing comments. In dance they have been dancing to a book called Hansel and Gretel. 22 people have read this week.

Shamrock Class

In maths they have been learning to addition and subtraction using the appropriate method and they have been rounding to 10 and 100. In literacy they have been writing information pages all about Katherine Johnson, planets and space. In science they have been learning about teeth. 23 people have read at home

Daffodil Class

In literacy we have been writing a diary entry as Lydia from Star of Fear, Star of Hope. Also in our literacy we have been writing a narrative story in the first person. In maths we have been adding integers and subtracting using column method, In science we made the components of blood cells by creating plasma red blood cells and other blood cells. In history learned about Benin and the Maafa. We've been learning about Humanists and how they don't believe in God.

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

Tommy: Excellent effort in learning to form letters for the sounds we have been learning
Romani: Perseverance in maths
Harrison: Independence and great attitude in maths and writing
Meadow: Excellent focus in maths when using column method

Special Mentions

Riaz: For always being ready to help
Rio D: Effort and engagement in reading
Henry: Excellent engagement and participation in class discussions linked to history.

School Update: Subject Leaders

We follow a range of curriculum schemes in school. We have a broad and ambitious curriculum and through this, we meet all of the objectives of the National Curriculum and also promote our Five Fabulous Foundations: Reading, Inquisitiveness, Wider World, Perseverance and Resilience, Respect.

Staff are responsible for different subjects in school.

Mrs Topping: English, RE, Music

Mrs Wardill: Maths, Art and Design Technology

Mrs Hempsall: Science

Mr Turner: Computing and PE

Ms Harrison: History and Geography as well as delivery and assessment of the EYFS Curriculum

Mrs Mulford: Phonics, PSHE, MfL

More information about the curriculum will follow over the coming weeks.

Community Events

Village Hall

12th October: Gilt's 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

9th October: Reception class photo

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—details to follow soon.