

Alderman Payne Primary School

Newsletter

20th September 2024



Dear Families,

Thank you to those of you who completed the Values Survey. The link [here](#) will stay open until Monday for those of you who have not yet had a chance to do this. We continued to explore values in assembly this week, this time focusing on how different values are demonstrated by a range of people. Through this discussion, we were also able to discuss individuality and how we can share values, but stay true to ourselves, our own likes, our own preferences and our own styles.

It was lovely to open our doors to families for the first family assembly this week, thank you for coming. Next week, we will have family reading at 2:30 with assembly starting at 2:45. We have challenged the Year 6 pupils to also find out about reading at home when they do their weekly round up. Reading is of utmost importance for success during school years and beyond. Please encourage your child to read every day to encourage positive reading habits. We will continue with family reading biweekly following next week's first session and family assembly will always be at 2:45. I appreciate that families might sometimes find it difficult to attend, so the weekly round up and special mentions will become a feature in the school newsletter moving forward. At the moment, Thistle class are not joining in with the family activities, but we will be starting this soon and will let you know dates in advance. Teachers have also been discussing ways to share what happens in school with families more directly including the use of our new communication system, ClassDojo, and the development of the class pages on our school website which we will continue to develop over the coming weeks.

Now we have settled into school, I'd like to hold a workshop with families to find out what you feel are the schools strengths and areas that you would like to pursue for development along with bigger dreams and aspirations for the school. Refreshments will be available. This session will be held on 3rd October at 2:20pm before Family assembly. For those that can't attend, I will create an opportunity for you to share your views online via a survey.



Duolingo on the laptops

Attendance

**Whole school attendance
this week is 93.7%**

**Whole school attendance
this year is 96.2%**

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

The Reception class has been reading *The Bad-Tempered Ladybug* by Eric Carle. In Maths, the children have been adding bugs to leaves and then counting them. They have also been using autumn colours to create leaf collages.

Rose Class

In Maths, the children have been learning about finding 1 less and 1 more than a given number. Their current class reading book is *Lost and Found*.

Shamrock Class

Last week, the children learned about Ireland and recited poems related to St. Patrick's Day. In English, they are learning how to write an informational text about Russia and America.

Daffodil Class

During registration, we have been practicing division using the bus stop method. In our main lessons, we have been learning to read and write numbers up to 10,000,000. In Literacy, we are reading a historical narrative called *Star of Fear, Star of Hope*, which is about life as a Jew in 1945. We have been practicing how to write direct speech using inverted commas. In History, we have started our new unit on 'Maafa,' and last week we learned about Wales. In Art, we have been learning to use watercolours in the style of Martyn Evans. In Dance, we have been working on a routine to the song *Black Magic*.

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

Eryss— Excellent contributions to classroom discussions

Hazel— For being a role model in all areas of learning

Jasmine—For trying hard with handwriting and presentation

Special Mentions

Riley—for being very helpful and for helping the younger children settle into routines in school

Rowan—Helping keep school tidy through volunteering to pick litter at break time

Alfie—Enthusiasm in class, particularly during singing

Justas—super effort in SPAG and English

School Update: Class Dojo



ClassDojo will be used as our main method of communicating with families moving forward as it offers an efficient and effective platform for teachers to reach out to you directly sharing information about what's happening in school and classes as well as general reminders and updates. You will need to download the app on a device for this and enable notifications so that you do not miss anything. ClassDojo does offer some other functions if you pay to upgrade, but we do not anticipate that this will be necessary.

Whilst being used as a communication platform, ClassDojo will not be the system for you to communicate with school or teachers. If you need to share information, this should be sent to the main office so that we can ensure that the right staff member gets the message. ClassDojo will not routinely be monitored during the school day. We will also avoid sending messages before 7:30am or after 6:00pm wherever possible unless it's relevant (for example to inform you of an expected arrival time following a long trip). Emails will still be used to share important updates, documents and anything directly for a specific member of our school community.

We hope that you will find the use of ClassDojo helps you to keep up to date with everything in school. Please be patient with us whilst we get this up and running.

From now on, newsletters will be shared via ClassDojo, as always they will also be available on the school website.

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

13th and 14th September: Heritage Open Days

Emmanuel Church

27th—29th September: Flower Festival

4th October: Macmillan Coffee Morning
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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

26th September: Autumn Flower Day

26th September: Family Reading starts bi-weekly

3rd October: Family Workshop / Assembly

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

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