



Acton CE Primary Academy

To develop the learners of tomorrow and equip them with the skills to flourish and succeed for nothing is impossible with God- Luke 1:37

Christian Value: Love

Monday 8th November 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term. Here is hoping for a much calmer few weeks leading up to the busy festive time.

Covid update

Cheshire East have continued to advise us to be very cautious up to the Christmas holidays in light of the covid rates in the area, particularly with the rapid spread in schools. We will not be using bubbles with year groups, unless we have an outbreak in a class. We have also been advised to be very cautious about mass gatherings, such as performances and visitors in school. With this in mind, we have made a few changes to our usual festive offerings, but we are remaining hopeful that we can still offer some of our usual events, albeit slightly different to previous years. I do hope you understand that the changes are to protect the staff, children and yourself over this time.

Building update

We are in the process of some urgent repairs to the school roof, due to flooding and leaks above the Year 1 classroom. As the work takes place, Year 1 will be taught in the school hall. The classroom will also have a makeover in this time frame so the children have a lovely environment to learn in when they return. Miss Bloore has worked her magic and turned the hall into a wonderful learning environment for the children, with all the provisions and resources they need. I will keep you updated with the progress of the repairs and class makeover over the next few weeks.

Water Bottles and Healthy Snacks

As we are a healthy school, please can I politely remind you that we only allow water in water bottles. Children can fill their bottles up with fresh water throughout the day. Cordial or juice is not permitted. Please can I also remind you that we only allow healthy snacks from break times, such as fruit or cereal bars. Chocolate, sweets or crisps are not permitted. Reception and Key stage 1 children are also offered a free piece of fruit each day.

Exciting News!

I am very pleased to let you know that Mrs Gregory is expecting her second child. I hope you join me in wishing Mrs Gregory and her family a huge congratulations.

Winter is coming!

As it is becoming a little colder, please can we ask that all children bring in suitable outdoor coats and trainers/wellies. As the children are spending lots of time outside, we want to ensure that they are wrapped up and have footwear that can get 'muddy'. Please ensure you name all items.

Nativity

We are very much having fingers and toes crossed that we can offer you some form of face to face nativity this year. Our wish is to be able to offer 3 showings of the nativity in the Church. Show 1 will be for Reception parents, Show 2 will be for Year1 parents and show 3 will be for year 2 parents. This will minimise mixing of adults and hopefully allow you all to watch the show are safe as possible. The dates are as follows: Tuesday 7th Dec 10am EYFS parents/carers, Wednesday 8th Dec, 1.30pm Year 1 parents/carers, Thursday 9th Dec 9.30am Year 2 parents/carers. We are limiting tickets to one ticket per child. The show will be recorded and shared for all to watch. More details to follow.

KS2 Carol Service

This Year we are going to be hosting 2 carol services in the school playground (weather dependant). We appreciate that this is different from the usual offerings of Acton, but in light of the current covid restrictions throughout Cheshire East schools, we feel that this will be the safest option to allow you all to join us. The outside Carol service for Year 3/4 parents will be on Thursday 16th December at 9.30am and the outside service for Year 5/6 parents will be Thursday 16th at 2pm. Tickets will be limited to one per child. The service will be filmed and uploaded for all to watch.

Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Jumper day will be taking place on 10th December. We would like children to come in their Christmas jumpers on this day. Top Tip- Don't buy a new Xmas jumper, just decorate an old one or do a social distance jumper swap.

End of term Reports

End of term reports will be sent home on the last week of this term. These reports are a short shap shot of your child's progress and achievements for this term, so you are aware of where they are at and next steps to learning.

FOAS Treat

FOAS are treating the children to Christmas Falconry event on Friday 17th December. This is going to be a very special treat for the children and I for one am looking forward to seeing these magical birds. I am just hoping Bumble is not around!

Anti-Bullying Week

To begin our anti-bullying week, we would like children to wear odd socks on Monday 15th November. The children will be taking part in lots of activities this week to raise awareness of bullying.

Class Highlights

Reception

Wow! What a fantastic start to the year we have had. Reception have already experienced so many exciting events, including going to church to practice for our harvest festival, exploring our school forest, learning news songs and dances and celebrating the Hindu festival of Diwali. But I think if you ask any of the children their highlight will be going to explore Delamere forest. We created some beautiful scavenger art, learnt all about animal homes and even found the Gruffalo! We are so excited for the half term ahead and to continue exploring all the wonders around us. Well done Reception.

Mrs Gregory

Year 1

Year 1 have had a busy start to the new half term; we are currently immersing ourselves in our new text of Rapunzel by Bethan Woollvin. The children have been exploring other traditional tales and have enjoyed that our text is a twisted tale and Rapunzel is a cheeky character who sneaks out of her tower. In maths we have been looking at subtraction and understanding that this is the inverse operation to addition. We have looked at using concrete and pictorial methods to support our learning and begin to develop our problem solving and reasoning skills. Our next topic is position and we will be learning to order and determine different positions. Our topic is still Where is Acton and the children will be looking at comparing our school to another school in a different area. We are currently doing a lot of work on our RSE and developing our own positive mindset. We are looking at how we can support each other by recognising and managing feelings and celebrating what makes us different from each other. We have begun to practise our song in preparation for our Remembrance service next week. The children are very excited to show you what they have been working on.

Miss Bloore

Year 2

Year 2 have had a busy start to the half term. We have started our new topic all about World War II by finding out about King George VI. We have also learnt how to make a timeline. In Art, we have been introduced to the artist Rex Whistler and enjoyed looking at the fabulous sketches he did when he was just 12 years old. In RE, we have started to think about 'belonging'. We had a lovely time sharing the groups and clubs that we belong to. We are very excited about our learning this half term.

Mrs Torrie and Mrs Rogers

Year 3

In Year 3 we have really enjoyed the last half term and we made some excellent bridges out of recyclable materials. We are looking forward to reading our book in English called Fox and have already started looking at images and items from this. We cannot wait to start our topic for this half term 'The Penny Black' and we have been looking at the first postage stamp from the Victorian times and will be designing our own Penny Black over the coming weeks. In PE we have been playing basketball and athletics and have been able to show our great changes in relay when passing the baton to one another. We are really looking forward to this half term and cannot wait to tell you all of our facts about the Victorian times.

Mr Hollinrake

Year 4

Year 4 all learnt to sew and produced some amazing Philip Treacy hats last half term. These were wild, whacky and colourful. Beau has taken her sewing skills further and has been creating soft toys at home using old T shirts. We have been working hard on our mental maths strategies and skills. In class we have been discussing how to stay safe online and what to do if confronted with a cyber bully. We can now count to 31 in French and are practising our French pronunciation.

Miss Cross

Year 5

In Year 5, we have been really busy completing our topic on Elizabeth I. We had a fantastic Tudor experience day where we discovered lots of interesting and strange ways of treating illnesses (like actually putting a frog in your throat), we wrote using ink and a quill and made a Tudor Plague mask! The children dressed up in some amazing outfits (please have a look on the class page on the Acton website) We also finished our portraits on Elizabeth I too. We have just started our new science topic on light and can't wait to find out more. In geography, we are learning all about the Wonders of the Ancient and modern Worlds and are busy studying the lines of longitude and latitude.

Mrs Bramwell

Year 6

Y6 have been working incredibly hard and have really enjoyed finishing our Science topic of Living things. We have been hunting the school grounds and locating and identifying different types of leaves and placing them on our own classification keys. We have spent a lot of time also creating our own text based adventure games using purple mash- we have computer programming experts in the class now! We finished our work on the class story Rose Blanche and wrote some beautiful bravery award speeches. PE has been a highlight where Y6 have been leading football and tag rugby mini matches and teaching each other the key skills. We finished the Law and Disorder topic and know so much now about the vicious vikings! We composed our own Viking style rock songs as well! We are really proud of our Banksy style artwork as well and enjoyed searching all about their work. We have also been enjoying the MyHappyMind programme learning all about how the brain works and starting to discuss feelings about high school next year.

Y6 have also been starting work on their new roles and responsibilities- look out for competitions and updates on the website!

Miss Stevinson

Head Boy/Head Girl report

Last half term Year 6 went on a school trip to Crucial Crew. We learnt about online safety, rail safety, water safety, road safety, alcohol and drug safety and also electrical safety.

This was the first trip of the year and we all enjoyed it. We are looking forward to going on future trips and all the fun times we will all have. The Reception class went to Delamere for a school trip; this was their first trip and they had lots of fun. We are currently preparing for our upcoming services such as remembrance service, nativity and Carol service.

Competitions

We enjoy going to school competitions such as football, sports hall athletics, maths, art and reading. As students we enjoy taking part in these activities and having the opportunities to shine. The choir is rehearsing for the Singfest festival and will sing with other schools. This year the choir is made up of year 5 and 6. The Choir leader is Mrs Mckinlay. The teachers are organising lots more clubs for us to attend, which we are looking forward to.

Green

We have our own group in the garden called the eco warriors.

They look after plants and help keep the garden clean. We are getting a giant iron giraffe that is made out of metal, stands eight foot tall and we will fill it with bottle tops to raise awareness of reducing plastic. Mrs Weston is collecting it in a horse box as it is so big!

We are very proud of our school.

Written by Andrew and Freya.

Upcoming dates:

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| Monday 15 th November | Anti-Bullying week- Wear your odd socks! |
| Friday 19 th November | Children in Need day- |
| Tuesday 6 th December | Nativity for EYFS parents 9.30am St Mary's Church |
| Wednesday 7 th December | Nativity for Year 1 parents 1.30pm St Mary's Church |
| Thursday 8 th December | Nativity for Year 2 parents 1.30om St Mary's Church |
| Friday 10 th December | Christmas Jumper Day |
| Thursday 16 th December | KS2 Carol service. 2 shows. |
| Friday 17 th December | Christmas Falconry Day and last day. |

As always, if you have any concerns or queries regarding your child's education, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

Rachael McKinlay
Head Teacher

