



# **Acton CE Primary Academy**

## **Parents' Newsletter 2**

**Tuesday 12th October 2021**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Firstly, I wish to thank you all for the lovely comments and support that you have shown the staff over that last few weeks. Can I also express my gratitude for the emails and support I have personally received in regards to my leadership position. It has meant a great deal to me.

### **Harvest Service**

Sadly, due to the rise in covid in the school community, our Harvest service will take place virtually Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm. All our welcome to come and join us. A link has been sent via email.

### **Wear Yellow for MIND**

Acton children enjoyed wearing yellow to raise money for MIND. We raised an amazing £87.15. The children found the wellbeing and mindfulness activities really helpful and allowed us to raise awareness of mental health across the school. Watch out for us in the local newspaper very soon!

### **Leadership roles for Year 6**

In order to develop and support children's leadership skills, we have enhanced some of the roles for Year 6. We are now offering a variety of leadership roles, including Head Boy and Girl, House captains, lead Well-being Warriors, Playground Leaders, Collective Worship Ambassadors, Eco warriors, Junior Safety Officers and School Council. The Year 6 children will be the leaders in their roles and will be given opportunities to arrange events and plan activities for the school. We will keep you updated with exciting news and events going forward.

### **Open days.**

You may notice our wonderful open day banners around Nantwich. If you know anyone who is looking for a place either in reception class for next academic year or other year groups, our open events are: 20<sup>th</sup> October 4pm and 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 4pm.

### **Lost Property**

Even though we are only in our 1<sup>st</sup> half term, I am surprised with the amount of lost property that we seem to have in the school. Please remind children to look after their own items and ensure EVERYTHING is labelled. If your child has lost an item, could you ask them to check the lost property boxes around school.

### **PE Kits**

If you wish for your child's PE kit to come home for a wash, please use the communication diary to let the class teacher know. The children are being very sensible at the moment and are taking their kits home when they feel they are a little 'smelly'; however, a child's 'smelly' may not be the same as a parents view of 'smelly'!

### **Reading books**

Our library is looking a little bare at the moment. If you have any school reading books that your child is not reading, please can I ask that they are returned to school. This includes RWI books (our blue RWI books have run dry!)

### **School Dinners:**

The cost for next half term is £83.30. Please can all monies for the half term be paid by Friday 19th November at the latest. Please note if payment is not made, your entitlement to dinners will be stopped. If it is necessary for you to pay weekly, please arrange this with Mrs Curry. All weekly monies must be paid for in advance of the meals being taken. You can make payments for dinner money using the 'School Money' online system. The link for the website is provided below and your passwords will be sent by text message. If you have not received your password, please contact the school office.

[https://sm1.schoolmoney.co.uk/public/school\\_money/login.html.nc](https://sm1.schoolmoney.co.uk/public/school_money/login.html.nc)

If your child is in Key Stage 1, they are entitled to Universal Free School Meals.

### **Class highlights**

#### **Reception**

Wow What a fantastic first few weeks we've had in reception! The children have managed to pack so many amazing adventures in already. We've explored the woods, looking for animals that live underground, experiments with creating shapes in glitter, mud and shredded paper and created our perfect pets, learning about the importance of how to look after them. We're so excited to see what the next few weeks have in store.

#### **Year 1**

Year one has continued to learn about our topic. Where is Acton? We have learnt about the church, school and canal. The Children particularly enjoyed learning about school in the olden days from ex pupils of the school and were surprised to learn that the toilets used to be our PE shed! In English we are writing a letter to Mia from our paper planes story and in maths we have learnt about counting within 10 and number bonds. In science we are currently working on making Mrs McKinlay a new waterproof coat. We have been learning about different materials and their properties to find out which one will be the best material to use.

## Year 2

In Year 2 we have been very busy with our topic on the British Isles and learning a bit about each of the counties, including exploring national anthems. In English we have really enjoyed our story The Night Gardener and have been working on our descriptive vocabulary. In maths Mrs McKinlay was so impressed with our presentation she almost promoted us to Year 5! We have also had fun observing living things around school and have planned an investigation to learn more about the habitats of woodlice.

## Year 3

In year 3 we have been enjoying writing about the Iron Man and we are currently writing all about how we can trap him. We have also been looking at work from Michael Morpurgo and will be reading some of his books that he has written. Year 3 have also been designing their own bridges to make out of recyclable materials and will start building these over the next few weeks. In PE we have also been playing tag rugby and learning all of the rules, we were even able to show year 4 how to play tag rugby. In geography we have been learning all about Europe and even got to draw our favourite landmark from around Europe, we could not believe how tall some of the landmarks were.

## Year 4

Year 4 are enjoying learning their musical instruments. They can all now blast out a "C" with confidence and are sounding fantastic. Watch out! The Royal Philharmonic you are going to have serious competition ahead. Year 4 are also really looking forward to creating their Philip Treacy hats next week having produced some amazing, weird, wacky and flamboyant designs. Our Hello Yellow day was fabulous and we had great fun designing and creating our own masks. On Friday I was able to give our first four reading certificates, excellent start Year 4, keep it up.

## Year 5

In Year 5, we have been studying the causes of the Spanish Armada and have been finding out about Sir Francis Drake. Was he a pirate or was he a hero? Our amazing children has shared some thoughts on this. We also sketched the ship Sir Francis Drake used to navigate the globe- The Golden Hind. In English, we have continued to find out more about Henry Brown and his quest to escape slavery. The children have written some amazing sentences and are beginning to structure their work to form a biography about Henry himself.

In science, we have continued to learn about Earth and Space and enjoyed being outside when we learnt about night and day and the rotation of the Earth. We are continuing to study the moon and are looking at the shape of the moon that we can see each night!

We are also focusing on friendships- our Christian value of the term. We have discussed what makes a great friend- whether it be a dollop of kindness, a sprinkle of joy or a pinch of trust!

## Year 6

Y6 are really enjoying their topic of Law and Disorder! We are currently learning our own Viking rock song and composing our own rock anthems whilst singing in canon. We are also creating our own stencil/graffiti art in the style of Banksy- even using some special spray cans to create our own graffiti work. We are spending time with our buddies in reception, helping them settle into Acton school life and being good role models to them. We are very excited to all have our own roles and responsibilities now such as Eco-Warriors, Librarians and Wellbeing Warriors. We will be leading these across the school- Look out for our new roles being put onto the school website (with our shiny new badges). Y6 had a fantastic time at Crucial Crew last week where we learnt lots of real-life skills and knowledge, which we hope to pass onto the rest of the school in our new roles! We are also creating our own poetry about Rosa Parks for Black History Month and researching our own influential figures as part of our homework. In science we have been looking at classification, and this week will be hunting our school environment to see what animals and plants we can identify!

**Upcoming dates are as follows:**

11 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evening
12 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evening
13 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evening
13 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest service St Mary's Church 2pm
14 <sup>th</sup> October	Fire Service talk to Pupils- Bonfires
15 <sup>th</sup> October	Head Boy/Girl Foodbank visit
19 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent council 7pm (virtual)
19 <sup>th</sup> October	Football maths Yr5/6 against Delamere Primary academy
20 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 5 Tudor day
20 <sup>th</sup> October	Open day for new families for 2022-23
21 <sup>st</sup> October	Governing Body meeting- 5.30pm
22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Year 6 Growing up Talk
1 <sup>st</sup> November	INSET
2 <sup>nd</sup> November	back to school
5 <sup>th</sup> November	Reception trip to Delamere
8 <sup>th</sup> November	Reception Engage and create session- 1.45pm
9 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 1 Engage and create session- 1.45pm
10 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 2 Engage and create session- 1.45pm
11 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 4 Engage and create session- 1.45pm
12 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 3 Engage and create session- 1.45pm
15 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Service
16 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 Engage and create session- 1.45pm
17 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 Engage and create session- 1.45pm

If you would like to keep updated about Acton CE Academy Primary school, please check out our website and Facebook page.

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

Yours faithfully,

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