



ALLSCOTT MEADS PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER

HEADTEACHER MESSAGE FROM MISS PARKINSON

Welcome to February's Newsletter, and the start of another half term. The year is whizzing by, and I can hardly believe that we're already halfway through this academic year. As we see the first signs of Spring appearing in Allscott Meads, we are very much looking forward to the second half of the term celebrating the children's achievements whilst also looking forward to some exciting adventures! Thank you to everyone for their fantastic support of the school, we feel so lucky to be in the heart of this lovely community.



VALENTINES BAKE SALE- SCHOOL FUNDRAISER



Thank you so much for your incredible support of the Valentines Bake Sale! The children absolutely love these fun events particularly when they celebrate a special occasion or mark the beginning of a holiday and in this case we did both! The children did a brilliant job of making cakes and treats to sell and we are course extremely grateful to parents/ carers for their generosity in bringing in such lovely home made and bought cakes to help us. This also provided a great opportunity for some of our children help advertise, set up the stall and sell cakes on the day. These real-life experiences give our children such ownership of the event and help them develop higher levels of confidence that benefits them greatly. I really do thank you most sincerely for your support not only for bringing in cakes but also for buying them too. Thank you so much 😊





SCHOOL VALUE - SPRING 2- SUCCESS

This half term we will be emphasising and celebrating the key value of 'Success'. This will be shared in our celebration Assembly each week and via children featured within our celebratory 'Book of Success'. All children are encouraged to enjoy their achievements as well as the achievements of their friends in support of our school values.

RESPECT AND SUCCESS BOOK WINNERS

Respect and success book winners since our last newsletter are: Emme, Jimi, Nancy, Zakariya, Aria, William G, Oliver, Alessia, Siya, Hattie, Olivia and Ethan.

In addition to featuring in our values book these children have been acknowledged with a Head Teachers Award to mark their special achievements.

Many congratulations, we are delighted with your special contribution to our happy school community!



SUPPORTING SEVERN HOSPICE- CHARITY CHEQUE

We were so proud to present our cheque for over £500 to Nicky Green Senior Fundraiser for The Severn Hospice. Nicky kindly joined us for our assembly about the importance of supporting local charities who need our help to continue their good work. This gave the children a real sense of empowerment seeing how their fundraising actions came together to make a big difference for so many people and their families.





POLICE VISIT - ASSEMBLY

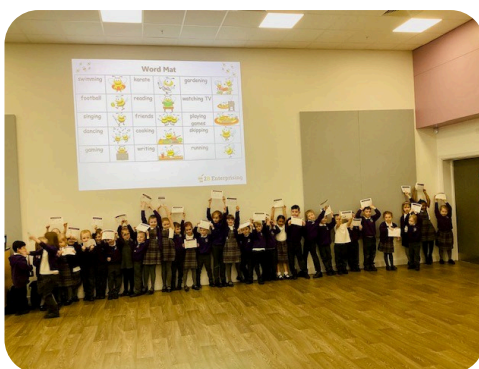


As ever, our number one priority is always the children's safety and with this in mind, they were made aware recently of Online Safety week which promotes the importance of children understanding some of the dangers that can be presented to them via the online world and how they can act responsibly when accessing technology, particularly gaming and social media. To support in this, we had a fantastic visit from our Local Community Police Officers, Lynn and Ivan to remind the children regarding 'Stranger Danger' both on and offline. As two local Police Officers, they can share messages with the children in a way that makes the children understand the seriousness of talking to people online and the importance of knowing who you are speaking to and the need for parents and carers to know who they are meeting online. The children also loved and open questions aspect to our assembly in which they could the Police Officers any questions. They were fascinated with the Walkie Talkies and had a live demonstration of how they were used!



BUMBLES OF HONEYWOOD VISIT

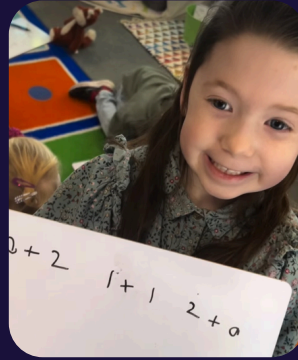
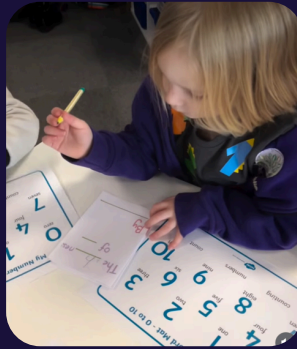
January saw the return of Bumbles of Honeywood; these are interactive and engaging workshops for the children to find out more about sustainability. This is kindly sponsored by S.J. Roberts, local builders. The children love these opportunities as they find out more about the environment and ways in which we can care for it for future generations. It is lovely to see the children working together across the Key Stages as a whole school community and the feedback we received about the children's high levels of engagement was wonderful!



NSPCC NUMBER DAY - FUNDRAISER



Everyone thoroughly enjoyed our recent Number Day which raised the profile of all things number related! The staff and children had a fantastic time and played lots of games using their number knowledge. We also had great fun problem solving across the different year groups using our maths abilities. We celebrated our love of number as part of our Friday whole school assembly.




KS2 VICTORIAN CLASS ASSEMBLY

It was lovely to end the half term with a lovely assembly opportunity from Mrs Cowan's class. Over the course of this half term, they have been finding out all about the Victorians and have learned so much. A range of Victorian style games and genuine resources really brought this theme to life and as a result the children have completed some excellent writing using some most convincing persuasive techniques. It is lovely to see the children perform and to share their work in front of parents/ carers and I am really proud of the progress they are making as develop their knowledge and skills. Thank you to Mrs Cowan for encouraging the children to contribute. The work completed encouraging a modern day audience to invest in a Victorian bed warmer and a stone hot water bottle was most engaging and the children clearly enjoyed learning about this unique period in history.



ATTENDANCE WEEK-10TH-14TH MARCH

Attendance week provides an opportunity to encourage all children to be in school everyday whenever possible. Everyday really does count and during Attendance Week we will be engaging the children in more discussions about the importance of attendance to their future life chances. Lost school days have a huge impact on future opportunity for children and so if children can make it into school, it is so important that they do. Thank you so much for your support in this matter, your support in encouraging children to come everyday makes a hugely positive impact and as a result benefits them greatly. In the coming weeks we will be holding competitions and using incentives to raise the profile of the importance of being in school. It will be a real team effort!



ATTENDANCE WEEK
10TH-14TH MARCH

★ CLASS PRIZE FOR THE WINNING CLASS WHO RECEIVE THE MOST GOLDEN TICKETS

★ LCT PRIZE FOR THE BEST PRIMARY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AND MOST IMPROVED PRIMARY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

✓ EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS! BE HERE, BE ONTIME WHEREVER POSSIBLE

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Learning Community Trust

The poster features a yellow star with a face in the top right corner and a 'GOLDEN TICKET' graphic. It lists prizes for the winning class and the best primary school attendance, and encourages daily attendance.



HEALTHY SCHOOLS



Please support us in raising the profile of healthy eating across the school. We intend to celebrate healthy choices and are doing everything we can to ensure children understand the health benefits of making good choices with regards to their snacks and lunches. The School Council are working so hard to promote this and we would really appreciate parents/ carers getting behind them and helping them make our lovely school a healthier one. Thank you!





ROAD SAFETY



The School Governors continue to be proactive in their concerns regarding road safety near to school. Representatives from Allscott Meads have attended local meetings regarding the traffic calming on the road through Allscott which has not been reduced to 30mph permanently. We would like to see the traffic calming to include a further speed restriction in the hour immediately before and after school to at least 20mph. Unfortunately, we have also had Parent's/ Carer's express concerns about speeding traffic and cars mounting the curbs near to the children on the pavements. I am also aware that the shops are scheduled to open next door to school in March and that this could further exasperate the dangers of traffic particularly at busy times. Please could all Parents/ Carers be aware of the potential higher risk at the start and end of the school day. Thank you to all Parents/ Carers who have supported moves towards more traffic calming measures through Allscott Meads, it is greatly appreciated.



SCHOOL UNIFORM DONATIONS - REUSE AND RECYCLE



Thank you so much for all your support in sharing and recycling school uniform that no longer fits your children. It is so important that we give these items a longer life with another happy recipient! I really do believe in the common-sense approach of reducing waste and reusing uniform where possible, particularly some of the items that are bespoke to Allscott Meads and more costly as a result. We gratefully receive items that are no longer of use and re re-purpose these with other families very quickly. Please let us know if there is a particular piece you are looking for before you go shopping for a new one. Our pre loved pop up stall will also be available, once we have a build up of stock.



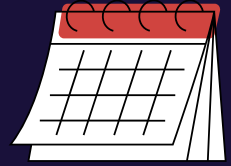
AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB OFFER- SPRING 2



This half term we are delighted to be sharing Mini Medics with KS2 children held by Edufit for Schools and Crossbar Multisports for KS1 children organised by Mr Ward. I look forward to seeing the children engage with these two clubs that promote the importance of Healthy Lifestyles. I'm sure they will really enjoy them and will benefit greatly from these opportunities.

Places are available for both clubs and are available to book up until Monday 3rd March.

UP AND COMING EVENTS



Save the Dates: Important Events and Reminders

- Tuesday 4th March- KS2 Visit to 'We Will Rock You,' Theatre Severn - Letters have been sent
- Thursday 6th March - World Book Day - Letters have been sent
- W/c Monday 10th March - Attendance Week
- Monday 17th March - Reception and KS1 Parents Evening 3.30-6.30 - Letters have been sent
- Tuesday, 18th March - Nursery Stay and Play Session - 3.15-4.00pm - Letters have been sent
- Thursday 27th March - ELSA Type 1 diabetes screening - Letters to follow
- Friday, 4th April - KS1 Celebration Class Assembly -KS1 Parents/ Carers welcome to attend - 2.40pm - Letters to follow
- Friday, 11th April - Breakup for Easter Holidays
- Monday 28th April - Return to school for the summer term
- Monday 5th May - Bank Holiday Monday - school closed
- Friday 23rd May - Break up for Half Term
- Monday 2nd June - Return to school
- Thursday 17th July - Children break up for summer, last day of term.

Thank you again for everything you do to support us, it is all greatly appreciated!



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