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This Half Term's Value: Justice



### 'Phrases of Faith'

**'So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them' - Matthew 7:12**

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to this week's newsletter. This week has seen many children off school with bugs and viruses. Amongst the absences have been several members of staff so please accept our apologies if we have not been able to respond to your queries as quickly as usual. We have however tried to go on with business-as-usual despite being a little thin on the ground.

I am sure that the half term break will be just what the Doctor ordered and provide everyone with the opportunity to rest and recuperate.

Before talking about the term ahead I would like to take this opportunity to remind Nursery parents that sessions begin at 9am and depending on your booking finish at 12pm or 3pm. This is to ensure correct adult to pupil ratios are in place.

In terms of the broader school, I would like to remind parents that late drop offs have an impact on learning and late pick-ups mean either staff need to be pulled from other areas of the school, which can lead to operational disruption, or are required to stay beyond their contracted hours.

Children who are not collected at their allocated pick-up time will wait with Mrs Plant in the office and additional charges may be invoiced.

The next half term proves to be busy and full of fun and we also look forward to welcoming back Mrs Jones after her short placement at Moreton Say School. Details of upcoming events are listed below.

Included in our extended schools offer next half term we have Make Some Noize Club 8.15 – 8.45 on Thursday mornings (Free of charge!!) and sports clubs (please book via school spider) on Tuesday and Thursday after school 3.15 – 4.15.

Wishing everyone a wonderful half term break,

With all best wishes,

**Mrs S. Henney**

**Executive Headteacher**





# Important Dates and INFORMATION

## **FEBRUARY**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Children return to school**

Music lessons for those that have booked with Mrs Newman

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>

Gymnastics Club, 3.15pm – 4.15pm

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>

Guitar lessons for those that have booked via School Spider

Dance Festival for selected children

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>

Make Some Noize Club 8.15 – 8.45

PE for Oak and Chestnut Class

Ultimate Frisbee Club, 3.15pm – 4.15pm

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Forest School for Willow and Chestnut Class

## **Future Dates:**

4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> March

Science Fest!

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March

Bikeability for years 5 and 6

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March

School photos – individual and family

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April

Swimming lessons begin – every Friday for 10 weeks

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June

Whole School photos

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> June

Arthog residential trip for years 5 and 6



## Oak Class

**This week ....** We have had a lovely final week before our much-deserved half-term break. Oak Class have worked very hard this week on a Diary write where they put themselves in Floella Benjamin's shoes and wrote about her journey from Trinidad to the disappointingly cold and grey London. They have been trying to bring together their last few weeks of learning by using parenthesis, modal verbs and adverbs.

Sadly, we have had our final Reading the Game session which gave us an opportunity to show off all our new football skills after considering and debating which is the most important role in Shrewsbury Town Football Club. Three final 'Players of the Week' were selected so well done to Penny, Matilda and Harley. Our two lucky winners of the much-coveted tickets to a Shrewsbury match were also picked at random and Alfie and Darcie will be looking forward to using their freebies.

I would like to say what a pleasure it has been getting to know such a lovely group of children. You have all worked tremendously hard over these last few weeks and have done Mrs Jones proud. It is a shame that we only had four weeks, and I would like to thank you for making it such a special experience.

Finally, I would like to name our star of the week as Penny. In all of her subjects (but especially maths), Penny has shown dedication and a passion to learn and achieve her best. I have loved watching her grow in confidence as the weeks have progressed. Well done to Penny!!

Thank you again Oak Class.  
Mrs Whittingham

## Willow Class

**This week ....** We have had lots of colourful fun making monsters this week. After half term we will be exploring vehicles and journeys, so we are really looking forward to chatting about days out and trips enjoyed over the holiday.





## Other News...

### Children's Mental health week

Launched by Place2Be in 2015, the week exists to empower, equip and give a voice to every child in the UK. This year's theme was My Voice Matters.

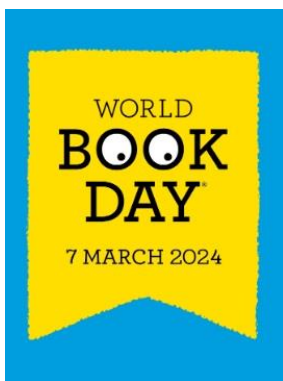
We were excited to see our children to come into school on Monday to kick start our mental health week wearing something that 'expresses themselves', there was a huge range of different sporting kits and lots of sparkle!

Our aim for the week was to help our children know they have the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views considered and taken seriously. To ensure that our children feel listened to and know that they're not alone. During assembly we played a 'last to sing' game and realised how hard it is to be the only voice speaking up but that it can become easier when others around us are speak up too.



Lucy, our mental health support worker was in school on Thursday. She spoke to us about using our voice to create the change we want to see. Sometimes our voice can make a big difference in the world, but equally important is the way we use our voice to make a difference in small, everyday ways. She shared some stories about children who have used their voice for change around the world.

### World Book Day



Our school will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March 2023. We have planned some special reading activities to promote reading, share with children what a joy reading can be and remind them how reading can open up new worlds to them.

We feel that the purpose of the day is celebrating the pleasure of reading- so we are asking that children 'come in reading clothes'. This means you can come in school uniform, own clothes, sports gear, pyjamas – or fancy dress if you wish-any clothes will do- as we can read anytime, anywhere!

### Safer Internet Day

As a school we celebrated Safer Internet Day on February 6<sup>th</sup> with learning and activities based around this year's theme of 'Inspiring changes? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online'. Focusing on:





- Young people's perspective on new and emerging technology
- The changes young people want to see online
- The things that can influence and change the way young people think, feel and act online.

With the online world being such a big part of children's and young people's lives and the ever changing minefield of parental controls we have linked with the NSPCC to access their online safety workshops for families and carers. This is a fantastic workshop is full of practical tips for keeping children and young people safe when online, gaming and using different apps.

### **Reading Challenge Rewards**

Well done to these children for moving through our reading challenge awards! This half terms winner of our book token award is Martha who has read 215,659 words. What a fantastic achievement Martha!!

#### **Ready Reader (1000 words +)**

Olivia

#### **Rising Reader (10,000 words +)**

Reece

#### **Advanced Reader (100,000 +)**

Jess

Martha

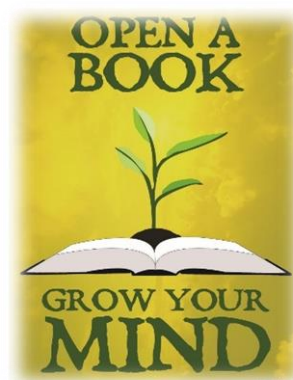
#### **Mrs Baillie (English Lead)**

### **Music Matters**

What a busy term! The young musicians at Adderley have been enjoying their music lessons, singing in Worship, learning to play instruments with our visiting music tutors, coming to Music Clubs and attending Young Voices in Birmingham.

Oak class have been learning some new notes on the recorder and getting really good at writing down rhythms and reading music. They've also been exploring Viking folk songs and using one of their favourites called 'My Mother Told Me' to help them create, rehearse, and perform their own Viking Song. Using a drone on the keyboard, a pulse on the tom tom drum, a repeated rhythm (ostinato) on percussion instruments and finally memorising the lyrics, everyone joined together to perform the song.

Chestnut class have been exploring music and dance from Africa. Listening to a talking drum helped them to use instruments to have rhythmical conversations. They loved exploring tempo by singing 'A Ram Sam Sam' which keeps on speeding up and is very energetic. The famous Thula Baba lullaby from South Africa made us all feel calm whilst the energy of an





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Afro Beat band made us all jump up and dance. We have also started to read music by following a score to add body percussion to 'Twinkle Twinkle Little Star.'

Some children have been coming to Young Voices Choir Club and we had such a great time in Birmingham at the Young Voices concert.

Next Term we are offering a free drop in club up to Easter. It's called **'Make some Noize'** It will be a before school club from 8.15 to 8.45 on Thursday mornings. We will sing, play instruments, and play musical games. Come along, wake up and give yourselves a great start to the day.



**Mrs Karen Vaughan**

