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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 Parent/ Carers,

Welcome to the is week's newsletter. I hope everyone had an enjoyable half term break. It is wonderful to see the first signs of spring emerging and the days getting just that little bit longer. Warmer and brighter days are ahead of us!

I hope that by now you have all had the opportunity to read our recently published SIAMS inspection report which I was delighted to be able to share with you all on Wednesday.

I am sure that you share my sense of enormous pride at how wonderfully our school has been depicted in the report. Our school, its staff and our families were all recognised for the contributions they make to the wider community also noted was our unique and exceptional location. We are truly fortunate to have access to our wonderful woodland area and outdoor classroom. In the coming months we are planning some exciting projects to further enhance our outdoor areas. I look forward to sharing details of these in the coming weeks!

Within this week's newsletter you will also see an update regarding Healthy Schools from our Head of School, Miss Archer. Please do not hesitate to contact her if you have any queries regarding healthy snacks or any other matter relating to this topic.

Thank you to all of those who continue to support our breakfast and wrap around care facility. We are overwhelmed by how well this initiative has taken off, with children in wrap around care either before or after school every day. Please can we request that all children are booked in and that sessions are paid for beforehand. We must ensure that we have correct staffing ratios for insurance purposes. Also, we will be unable to facilitate clubs, wrap around or sports, to individuals if payments for these facilities fall into arrears beyond 1 week. Your support in this is greatly appreciated.

In other news, also included with this week's newsletter is a letter of introduction from our recently appointed Chair of Governors, Helen Dutton. Following on from the exceptional and dedicated work of our previous chair, Jenny Nixon, Helen wishes to introduce herself and provide a brief overview of the important and strategic role of the Governing Board. I am sure there will be many future updates to come.

I will finish then, by wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

With all best wishes,

Mrs S. Henney

Executive Headteacher





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Important Dates
and INFORMATION

FEBRUARY

Monday 26 th	Music lessons for those that have booked with Mrs Newman
Tuesday 27 th	Gymnastics Club, 3.15pm – 4.15pm
Wednesday 28 th	Guitar lessons for those that have booked via School Spider
Thursday 29 th	Make Some Noize Club 8.15am – 8.45am Sports Hall Athletics for selected children PE for Oak and Chestnut Class Ultimate Frisbee Club, 3.15pm – 4.15pm

MARCH

Friday 1 st	Forest School for Willow and Chestnut Class
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Monday 4th – Friday 8th March - Science Fest!

Tuesday 5 th	Gymnastics Club, 3.15pm – 4.15pm
Wednesday 6 th	Guitar lessons for those that have booked via School Spider
Thursday 7 th	World Book Day Make Some Noize Club, 8.15am – 8.45am PE for Oak and Chestnut Class Ultimate Frisbee Club, 3.15pm – 4.15pm
Friday 8 th	Forest School for Willow and Chestnut Class

Future Dates:

Friday 15 th March	Bikeability for years 5 and 6
Monday 18 th March	School photos – individual and family Parents Evening – booking via School Spider
Tuesday 19 th	KS2 trip to Jodrell Bank
Thursday 21 st	Easter Church Service - TBC

Monday 25th March – Friday 5th April – Easter Holidays

Friday 12 th April	Swimming lessons begin – every Friday for 10 weeks
Tuesday 11 th June	Whole School photos
Monday 17 th – 19 th June	Arthog residential trip for years 5 and 6



Attendance



This week's winners are Chestnut Class! Well done!

<u>Class</u>	<u>This week ...</u>	<u>Previous week</u>
Chestnut	98.18%	N/A
Oak	94.55%	N/A
Whole School	96.71%	N/A

Stars of the Week

Chestnut Class Star of the Week: Martha- For super effort in writing this week.

Oak Class Star of the Week: Jessica Cope- for setting a great example for learning.

Class News...

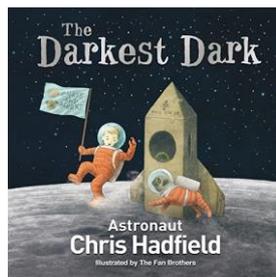
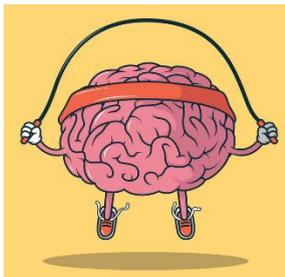
Oak Class

It is wonderful to be back and to begin the new term together. This week, we have started off our new topics of learning with space being the main theme across the curriculum.

This half term we will be really focusing on our own growth mindset and meta cognition.

In literacy, we have started our new book based on the astronaut Chris Hadfield. In Science, the children were fascinated to learn about life on the international space station and we used drama to act out the orbits of the Earth, sun and moon.

As Easter approaches, it is the perfect time to combine our RE learning with Art and Design. In readiness for the Easter Service, the children are going to plan and create their very own piece of art based on work of the Artist He Qi.



Chestnut Class

The Chestnuts have hit the grounds running this week and have been excited to start exploring all our new topics of learning.

In Literacy, we are focusing on poetry and this week the children have learnt a poem called 'At the Zoo' by William Makepeace Thackeray. We have learnt all about rhyming words and the children have even creating their own lines to add to the poem.



In Science, the children planned and took part in a science investigation to explore which materials would be best to make a raincoat for teddy. The children worked in two teams and had to make sure everybody in the team had a job. With their teammates, they then had to carry out the experiment independently. It was wonderful to see the children really working together and supporting each other when problems came up. The children are really starting to understand what it takes to plan a fair test and they are already excited doing it again.

In Art, we have started a unit focusing on drawing skills and mark making. This week we learnt all about the work of the artist Bridget Riley, who cleverly uses different types of lines to create optical illusions. The children experimented with lots of different types of lines and then created their own piece of line art using chalk pens.



Other News...

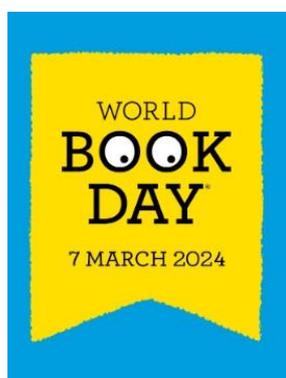
Friendly Friday – Please help!

We are looking for volunteers to help run Friendly Fridays. If you feel you can help, please call into the office, where there will be a list of Fridays needing volunteers.

It's wonderful to see everyone having a catch up and chat with other parents, but without volunteers we are unable to continue running this.

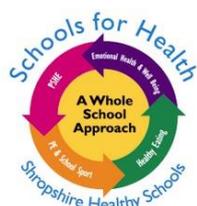
Any purchases made by parents will be reimbursed by the PTA (receipts will be needed).

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!





Healthy School

Over the next couple of weeks, we will be reviewing our Healthy School status and looking at ways that we can improve and support our children, staff and families to make healthy choices.

At playtime we encourage children to bring in healthy snacks that help contribute to their 5 daily portions of fruit and vegetables.

Children in EYFS and KS1 have a daily snack of fruit or veg provided for free by the government, but children are welcome to bring in their own healthy snack of their choice. Milk is free for Nursey and Reception.

Throughout the school day we also encourage our children to stay hydrated and so we would like to remind everyone to bring a water bottle into school daily.

Although we recognise that this cannot be guaranteed, Adderley School aims to be a Nut-Free school. We have introduced measures to reduce the risk to those children and adults who may suffer an anaphylactic reaction if exposed to nuts to which they are sensitive. We ask parents not to include nuts or nut products in school lunch boxes and snacks.



Parents Evening

On Monday 18th March we will be holding our termly parents evening. We would like to invite parents and carers to book an appointment to speak with their class teacher and to also have a look at some of the wonderful work the children have been doing. Parents can book a slot on school spider from 4.00pm today.

Science Week

Science Week is fast approaching, and excitement is building amongst children and staff. British Science Week is a ten-day celebration with events running throughout the whole of the UK, with the aim of celebrating everything to do with Science, Engineering, Technology and Maths.

As a federation, we will be celebrating British Science week from Monday 4th March to Friday 8th March.

This is a reminder that on Monday 4th March, to kick start the week, we are inviting children to dress up as a Scientist. This could be a decorated t-shirt with scientific vocabulary or diagrams, making a scientific badge to wear for the day or even dressing as a famous Scientist from history.

On Friday 8th March, to round off the week, we would like to invite pupils and their families to take part in science fair. Children are invited to work on a science project of their choice with





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their families at home and present this at our very own Science fair. We hope that children have been excited to start creating their science projects and we can't wait to see what they have come up with.

If you need some inspiration, here are some helpful websites that might give you some ideas:

<https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/life/parenting/g32176446/science-experiments-for-kids/>

<https://www.science-sparks.com/key-stage-2-science-experiments/>

<https://www.sciencefun.org/kidszone/experiments/top-science-experiments-for-kids/>

There will be a prize for the most interesting presentation from each class.

We would love to build on our links with parents and the wider community to further enhance our learning and give children a real context for learning. Do you have a science background? Do you work in a field of science? Do you know someone who does? If you have a background in any field of Science or STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) and would be willing to talk with our children about what a job in science entails, we would love to hear from you. Please contact the school office.

