



**ADDERLEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**ADDMORE FEDERATION – 'TOGETHER WE ADD MORE'**

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# NEWSLETTER



**Christian Value for September: Respect**

Valuing our differences; being polite; using kind words, kind hearts & kind actions; treating others (& things) as you would like to be treated.



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**Message from the Head:**

Welcome back one and all. We are delighted to have all the children all back with us for the start of this new school year.

As you can imagine teaching staff have been working especially hard over the holidays preparing for this new academic year. It has been a challenging time preparing and I know, as a parent myself, it has been a troubling few months. I am anticipating that we are not out of the woods yet as far as disruption to our lives goes. It has, however, been joyous having children in school again. We are all delighted have them back with us. I hope your children have enjoyed their first week and a bit of school and we look forward to supporting them to achieve their best and enjoy their learning over the coming term.

There are many areas of school life where we will be seeking further guidance over this term – and I am expecting some of the guidance to change as the term goes on depending on the national picture. We are seeking further advice, for example, about educational visits including, Arthog.

What is most important is that now that children are back, we give them the best chance possible to continue their learning. With that in mind, it is important that to keep staff safe and well we minimise their contact with other adults.

Thank you for your support in the car park. We appreciate you keeping your distance, although it feels unnatural to us too. We are also looking at ways we can continue to hold meetings virtually rather than in person. We are managing to meet 'virtually' for Worship, which is a novelty for the children seeing themselves on the screen alongside their friends in other classes.

Mrs Biddulph will be joining us once again during this academic year. She will be taking Chestnut Class on a Friday while Mrs Rawsthorne attends further training. For those of you who don't know her, Mrs Biddulph is a very experienced and much-loved Nursery and Early Years teacher who used to lead our Early Years department until recently. She keeps trying to retire but we keep inviting her back!! Mrs Rawsthorne is pleased to be working with Mrs Biddulph again.

**Curriculum grids**, detailing what the children will be learning this half term, will be coming out this week, so look out for them in your child's bag.

**Homework grids** will also be coming out this week, so again look out for these in your child's bag. As well as our nine-grid project homework, which is homework to complete over a half term, your child will also be given maths skills and phonics or spelling homework. Children in year 1-6 have been given their Mathletics online login. This IT package was generously subsidised by the PTA. We will be using it in school as well as for setting homework. Your child can access this resource for maths practise at any time and do not have to wait to be set homework. It is an excellent resource which helps practice key skills and improves mental recall and calculation speeds.

If you have not received this information via your child's book bag, please let the office know and they can send an electronic copy to you.

**Reading**

The most important thing you can do to help your child at home is to **read with them every night**. Make sure you sign their Reading Diary so that your child receives their Reading Rewards stickers towards a free book.



Can we please remind parents that reading books, book bags need to be in every day and that homework books need to come back in every Friday for new spellings to be put in.

**Church News**

I was delighted to be asked to take part in the Licensing Service for the interim vicar for the AMICA Benefice this week and formally welcome him into his role. Everyone at AddMore Federation warmly welcomes you, Revd Gary, and we look forward to getting to know you and work with you.



**Mrs Stokes**



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FOREST SCHOOL





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## Willow Class

Welcome to our new group of nursery children. Thanks to Mrs Barber and the other nursery staff, nursery children have settled really well, despite not having the usual transition time with us. Mrs Barber, one of our experienced nursery staff, has kindly agreed to work on a Friday as well as her usual Monday and Tuesday so that nursery children will have continuity right through the week.

Nursery children have enjoyed exploring the new home area with its fantastic kitchen and ice cream sundaes. They have also enjoyed exploring the forest. On their mini beast hunt, the children were much braver than Mrs Barber when it came to picking up the wildlife! The children have started to use the Numberblocks programme to learn about how we make different numbers and the children are really enjoying the songs.

## Chestnut Class

Chestnut Class have made a fantastic start to the term; they have taken the changes to routine in their stride and have come back after the summer ready to learn. The children have been enjoying the story 'The Colour Monster'. We have used this book to help children understand their feelings and worries during this difficult time. We have been using this book as inspiration for story writing in literacy and have been experimenting with colour mixing in art to paint our own calm colour monsters. We have also enjoyed our first Forest School session, exploring the changes in the forest and discovering which wildlife has made its home in the forest over the quiet summer.

## Oak Class

I am incredibly proud of how well Oak Class have settled back into school life. They have adapted brilliantly to our new rules and routines! We started the new term off by exploring the story 'The Colour Monster', where we spent time discussing different emotions, finding alternative words for these and even painting our own monsters. This PHSE work will continue throughout the term. We have also started exploring our new topic survival and have looked at different environments and Biomes around the world. Well done for a fab first week back everyone!

## Learning Outside

All classes have been up to the forest since we have been back. We are lucky that we have this fabulous outside space. We will be learning outside s much as possible, so please make sure your child has warm clothing every day as the weather gets colder.



## Sports News

We are delighted to announce that Adderley have been awarded The School Games Mark Gold Award for the third year running. Thanks to Mrs Tomlinson who co-ordinates our submission file.



All children take part in the 'Daily Mile' each day – 15 minutes of daily running or walking to support a healthy lifestyle.

## Attendance and Absence

We are required to record all absences daily and report them to the DfE with reasons for absence so that the government can try to accurately track the spread of infections including flu. so please make sure you telephone the office promptly if your child is absent for any reason. Your child should not come to school if any of your family has and of the three key coronavirus symptoms, namely:

- A temperature
- A new continuous cough
- Loss of taste or smell

Advice about what to do in the event your child is ill or in the event you come in to contact with someone that might have coronavirus is changing all the time, so please don't hesitate to call us for advice if you need it.



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