



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

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NEWSLETTER



Christian Value for October: Thankfulness

Being polite & saying thank you; appreciating others; appreciating the world around us, even the small things



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Message from the Head:

Lots has been going on in school since I last wrote, both in the classes in terms of learning and in the background, developing our new way of working within this pandemic.

I have several important things to tell you about this week which in summary are about:

- Microsoft Teams
- Celebration Worship: Friday mornings at 10:30am
- Parents' Evenings
- Our new website
- Permission for website video inclusion
- School meals after half term
- Non-uniform Days: merit rewards
- Celebrations: Harvest, Remembrance, Christmas
- Evidence Me for Nursery and Reception parents

Microsoft Teams

We are now using Microsoft Teams regularly in school for virtual meetings. We are conducting weekly Federation Worship via Teams, which the children are loving as they can see themselves on the big screen in their classroom. It is allowing them to have more contact with other 'bubbles'.

Going forward we would like to use this tool more with parents to conduct video calls, including review meetings and parents' evenings. If you are familiar with using FaceTime or WhatsApp video calls it is not much different, but Teams advantage is that it allows us to connect via the internet rather than a phone. If parents would like to use this method of communication, **we would be grateful if parents could download the Microsoft Teams App**. I am happy to send parents who would like to try it out a link so you can get to know how to use it.

Celebration Worship: Friday mornings at 10:30am

Each week we celebrate 'Star of the Week' in our Friday Worship on Teams. From after half term we would like to invite parents of our 'Stars' for that week to join us virtually on Teams. This means you will be contacted to let you know that your child has been awarded the prize the week before (you will need to keep this secret until Friday when you join us). We realise that this may not be possible for all parents as they may be working. There is a record facility on Teams that will allow us to record the session and share a link later which we can do for those parents who cannot make it. You will need the Teams App to take part in this new initiative.

Parents' Evening

We will be conducting **Parents' Evenings** in the first few weeks straight after half term either via a Microsoft Teams video call or via a telephone call depending on your preference. Appointment times will be offered to you shortly.

Website

We are delighted to announce that our new website is now live on the internet.

<https://www.adderley.shropshire.sch.uk/>

Content is being added all the time and we will alert you to new features as they come online. We are hoping that by the end of the week we can offer a Parents' Evening booking service via the website but will send out our usual paper booking options too if necessary.

Newsletters and general letters which have been sent out from school are also downloadable from the new website, as are common forms e.g. medical forms, leave of absence forms etc. If you think there is something else useful we could add to the site, please let us know.

The site will gradually look more vibrant as we are able to add photos to each page.

Please return your video permission for the website as soon as possible if you haven't done so already, as we plan to shoot videos and take photos after half term. Any pupils whose permission we do not have will not be able to be included.

School Meals

We have worked hard this term to find a way to offer hot meals again after half term. Due to logistical restrictions related to Covid, we will only be offering one hot option each day or a packed lunch with two sandwich choices. **The menu is attached to the newsletter email** and is also downloadable from our new website.

Non-uniform Days: merit rewards

As part of our behaviour rewards system children are awarded merits for good learning and good behaviour, which shows they are adhering to our Golden Rules and setting a good example to others. Each child is in a team. The merits for each team are collated each half term and



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as part of our rewards system the winning team is rewarded with a non-uniform day. You will be notified by text if your child is in the winning team.

Celebrations: Harvest, Remembrance, Christmas

We are working hard to make school as familiar and consistent for the children as possible. To this end, we have been working on ways to continue to celebrate annual events such as Harvest, Remembrance and Christmas.

We have experimented with videos for Harvest, which we hope to share with you shortly. The videos have been made and we have identified a way of making a secure link for you to view them. Unfortunately, at the moment the videos are not copying successfully to the link. We will keep working on this and will hopefully be able to share these with you soon.

Once we can get the technology to work, we are hoping to do something similar for Remembrance and Christmas. We look forward to being able to share more of what is going on in school as soon as we can.

Evidence Me for Nursery and Reception Parents

On the PD day in October (Friday this week – don't forget!) Early Years staff will be having training on the use of the Evidence Me assessment and recording programme for Nursery and Reception children. Once the software is set up and staff fully trained, we will be able to share photos and work with nursery and reception parents. This will be sent to you via email links so please make sure that your email address is up to date on our system.

And finally...

Our number one concern is to ensure that children are attending school and are happy and eager to learn and that staff and children alike are safe during this challenging time.

Thank you to all those parents who have taken the time to write emails of thanks and appreciation to the staff, who have done such a wonderful job of settling pupils back into this challenging school year. I am sure you will join with me in wishing them a well-earned rest over the coming half term.

Wishing all our families a happy and healthy half term,

Mrs Stokes

Willow Class

Nursery have had a great time learning about the Three Little Pigs. We have enjoyed making houses from different materials and creating wooden spoon pigs.

We have also been practising our maths by playing 'What's the time Mr Wolf'.

Mrs Barber

Chestnut

Chestnut class have been enjoying some non-fiction books, we have been looking at the features of non-chronological reports and are getting ready to write our own fact files. Year one and two have decided to write fact files on animals after discovering about food chains in science.

We have been artists this week and been creating some observational art of Adderley School, we have enjoyed experimenting with sketching, watercolour paint, ICT and stamping. We have been working really hard on pencil control to make our drawings as accurate as possible as well as using shading to add detail and depth.

Reception have been looking at seasonal changes and exploring the signs of autumn. We have been using the book 'Charlie Crow in the snow' to look at hibernation. We have been thinking about why animals hibernate during winter and what they need. We are looking forward to building hedgehog homes during forest school.

Mrs Rawsthorne

Oak

Oak Class have been creating presentations based around the different biomes found around the world.

In Computing and PSHE we have been thinking carefully about internet safety and have created posters to show younger children how to stay safe online.

Year 5 and 6 have enjoyed talking part in Bikeability this week, where they have practised their bike riding skills as well as cycling on the roads safely.

This week we are planning a Forest Learning day, which will be based around our 'Survival' topic. Children will take part in activities such as shelter building, making our own compasses, tracing our footsteps, water purification and fire building.

Miss Archer

**PD Day Friday 23rd October.
School closed to pupils**



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