



*Resilient Aspirational Courageous*

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## Weekly Newsletter

Friday 09<sup>th</sup> December 2022

### Message from Mrs Wright

It has been lovely to see so many of you in school this week whether it has been at our Nativity performances or at our Parent/carer workshops. School has been busy with visitors, and it has been great to see.

#### Playground update:

Our exciting new playground equipment is very nearly finished. Next week we are hoping that the children will have an opportunity to try it out before we open it properly next term. The children will only ever be able to use this during the school day and must not use it in the morning or at home time.

#### Staffing update:

At the end of term, we say goodbye to Mrs Long, Mrs Travers, Mrs Bendell and Mrs Rouse. Mrs Travers has taught many children across the school and we wish her luck. Miss Hughes will continue in year 3 and will be joined by Miss Evans. As you know, Mrs Long hasn't been in school for some time, and we wish her lots of luck on her next adventure. Mrs Harrison will take on the Year 1 leader role and take over her class. Mrs Bendell has worked at the school for 17 years and we thank her for all her hard work. She has supported so many children and families over the years. Miss Tipton will be SENCO for the whole school. Mrs Rouse has been Deputy Head here at Alder Moor Farm for a number of years and we thank her for her dedication to the children and families at Alder Moor Farm. Mrs Deeley will become Deputy Head from January.

This week at Alder Moor Farm



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### **Nursery**

We are very proud of the children in Nursery this week as they performed in their first play in front of an audience. They were all very brave getting up on the stage and singing. They were fantastic!

It has been becoming frostier this week. In our outdoor play we have been talking to the children about freezing and melting.

The children have also been working hard to prepare some special surprises for their families to bring home for the holidays. We can't tell you too much about that as it's a surprise!

### **Reception**

We are very proud of the children in Reception this week as they performed in their Nativity play in front of an audience. They were all very brave getting up to speak and sing. They were fantastic!

It has been becoming frostier this week. Can you please ensure that your child comes to school with appropriate clothing as lots of our learning in EYFS takes place outdoors.

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### **Year 1**

In maths this week, we have started learning about 2-D and 3-D shapes. We have been really impressed with what the children already know about shapes, so we have been applying what we know to solve problems. In English, we have created a story map and used it to help us write our own stories based on 'The Three Billy Goats Fluff'. We thoroughly enjoyed our visit to the church earlier this week to learning about Christingle. We've also been very busy rehearsing for our Nativity performance – we can't wait to show you!

### **Year 2**

We have had a very busy week in year 2! The children have continued practising for our Nativity performance, visited the church where we learned about Christingle and have made some Christmas crafts. As well as this, the children have worked hard in maths, learning about the properties of 3D shapes. They have also written some excellent narratives based on our book *The Way Back Home*.

### **Year 3**

This week has been full of interesting activities. We did lots of interesting lessons and visited church for the Christingle service. In Science we explored lots of different types of magnets and wrote our observations.



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What a busy week it has been! The children have been rehearsing their class songs for the concert and it was wonderful to see them enjoying their singing. We can't wait to share our class pieces with you at the Christmas Concert! We have also visited the Christingle service and learnt about the meaning of a Christingle. The children behaved impeccably and made use proud. In maths, we have been exploring multiplication of 3 numbers and commutativity. The children practised identifying efficient methods of multiplication. In English, we have been learning about features of instructions in preparation for independent writing. Everyone had great fun using imperative verbs to give commands to their friends!

### **Year 5**

We have had an exciting week in Year 5. Coming to the end of a tough unit in maths, the children have shown extraordinary resilience when working with mixed numbers when adding and subtracting. We enjoyed the Christingle service at the church on Tuesday, especially Mrs Taylor's singing! We are also working very hard to complete our diary entries based on the class text of Skellig.

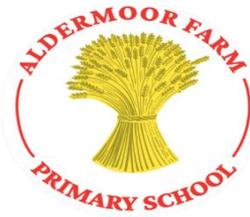
### **Year 6**

The children attended the Christingle service on Tuesday and had a very enjoyable morning. On the afternoon of the same day, we learned the story of Anne Frank. After learning of that brave little girl's life, the children produced some excellent biographies. Maths has been a continuation of fractions and how to use the inverse to find the amount in a fraction question. It was a little difficult, but all worked hard to understand it and the progress across the lesson was most impressive.

### **AIM High Maths Day**

Yesterday, six children from Years 5 and 6 went to Spon Gate Primary for an AIM (Achieve, Inspire, Master) High Maths Day. In the morning, we used different shapes to create tangram squares. We then found the angles of a variety of polygons. After a break, we learnt different methods for how to solve a 'magic square'.

The day was run by Liz, from Authors Abroad, who said she was impressed with our school's work ethic. It was challenging but very enjoyable.



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## Reading at Alder Moor

### Accelerated Reader:

Well done to our Key Stage 2 Readers, who have been working hard reading at home and passing tests using Accelerated Reader.

**Our total word count, up to today: 39,813,955. This is an amazing figure – well done!  
Thank you for your support with reading at home.**

### Exciting News:

We are very proud to announce that we have our **5<sup>th</sup> Word Millionaire – Mohammed**. Well done!

**This week's Accelerated Reader stars are –**

**Ready Readers:** Stefan C, Kira N, Nadra S, Lilly G, Zarang O, Imran S, Harley Y



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**Independent Readers:** Ikhlas A, Fahim A, Hulaymatou T J

**Rising Readers:** Yahya A, Maksims N

**Advanced Readers:** Sejal G, Maeli S, Desmond S-E

**Super Readers:** Qoyum A-S, Ruqayya U

**Star Reader:** Samir M

**Classic Reader:** Arushan M

#### OUR TOP READERS THIS WEEK

NAME	CLASS	WORD COUNT*
Arushan	6JC	558,460
Kanivily	6RH	330,032
Mohammed	6KJ	144,804
Sejal	4CP	129,680
Fatmah	6JC	126,947

\*These figures are for 01/12/22 - 08/12/22

#### OUR TOP READERS FOR THE YEAR SO FAR

NAME	CLASS	WORD COUNT
Arushan	6JC	3,513,481
Fatmah	6JC	2,345,626
Frances	6JC	2,082,685
Kanivily	6RH	2,047,978
Mohammed	6KJ	1,028,136

We are also proud of how many words have been read this week by each of our Key Stage 2 classes, as well as a group of Year 2 children.

CLASS	WEEKLY WORD COUNT*
Year 2	18,426
3TG	56,644
3RC	39,745
3PTSH	40,542
4NLJN	116,461
4CP	175,250



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4OI	165,792
5TF	92,582
5KF	256,826
5SCNS	184,830
6KJ	448,080
6JC	1,175,214
6RH	765,405

\*These figures are for 01/12/22 - 08/12/22

## Safeguarding and Well Being

As ever, we are here to help and support you and your children. Please contact one of the team if you have a safeguarding concern or query or if we can help you in any other way.

Please can you make sure that your contact details (phone numbers/emails etc) are up to date with the school office.

### Family hub

The family hub (Aspire) will be carrying out a Christmas session on the 21/12/22. If you would like to attend this session, please call 02476 978100. Limited spaces available.

In addition to the above some family hubs are offering a 'Warm space programme'. For more information around please see the Coventry Rocks website.

### St Catherine's church

St Catherine's are running 2 Christmas Activity mornings in December for families and children. During this session families can have a hot meal and, some festive fun.

**Date:** Dec 20th and 21st

**Time** 10-1pm

**At** St Catherine's Church Acorn St Cv3 1DP



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For children with an adult carer over 18.

**BOOKING:** email [officestcaths@gmail.com](mailto:officestcaths@gmail.com)

### **Smart watches**

We have noticed that some children are wearing smart watches to school. Please can we ask that children do not wear these watches as they are not appropriate for school. If we see that your child is wearing one of these, they will be asked to remove it and hand to the teacher as they would a mobile phone. The child will then be given it back at the end of the school day.

Mrs Rouse (Designated Safeguarding Lead)

Pastoral Team: Miss Sutton & Mr O'Keefe

Alternatively, you can call the **NSPCC helpline 0808 800 5000**. Children and young people can call **Childline on 0800 1111**.

## **Scarlet Fever and Strep A**

I am sure you will have seen in the media about the rise in cases of scarlet fever and Strep A. There is some information listed below. Please remind your children of good hand hygiene.

### **What is scarlet fever and Strep A?**

Scarlet fever is caused by bacteria called Group A streptococci (Strep A). The bacteria usually cause a mild infection that can be easily treated with antibiotics.

In very rare occasions, the bacteria can get into the bloodstream and cause an illness called invasive Group A strep (iGAS).

### **What are the symptoms of Strep A/scarlet fever?**

Strep A infections can cause a range of symptoms that parents should be aware of, including:



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- › Sore throat
- › Headache
- › Fever
- › A fine, pinkish or red body rash with a sandpapery feel
- › On darker skin the rash can be more difficult to detect visually but will have a sandpapery feel

**If a child becomes unwell with these symptoms, please advise parents to contact their GP practice or contact NHS 111 (which operates a 24/7 service) to seek advice.**

If a child has scarlet fever, children need to stay at home until at least 24 hours after the start of antibiotic treatment to avoid spreading the infection to others.

Parents/carers trust your own judgement and if their child seems seriously unwell call 999 or go to A&E if

- › a child is having difficulty breathing – you may notice grunting noises or their tummy sucking under their ribs
- › there are pauses when a child breathes
- › a child's [skin, tongue or lips are blue](#)
- › a child is floppy and will not wake up or stay awake.

#### **How to help prevent Strep A?**

To prevent the spread of Strep A, UKHSA advises children, young people and staff to implement good [hand and respiratory hygiene](#) practices.

## **Attendance**

**Our Attendance Target: 97%**  
**Our Attendance this week: 90.96%**



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**Our Attendance to date: 94.22%**

This week we have 2 'Golden Classes' with attendance at or above our target:

Mrs Williams -Year 2 97.3%

Miss Joshi – Year 6 97 %

## Celebrations

Each week class teachers will choose a child in their class that consistently follows our rules of Ready, Respectful and Safe. Those chosen will have Hot Chocolate with Mrs Wright on Friday afternoon.

**Hot chocolate Friday winners for this week are -**

**Reception: Hanvika, Samara and Ellie-Louise**

**Year 1: Noumaan, Nithilaa and Safiya**

**Year 2: Lakkith, Shakil and Isla**

**Year 3: Lilly, Jeeya and Cheneniah**

**Year 4: Fredda, Temi and Samara**

**Year 5: Tawseef, Dragos and Aradhyan**

**Year 6: Yahya, Lola-Jayne and Desmond**

Each week a child will also be chosen to be presented with a certificate. This week our focus was 'Aspirational'

**Certificate winners for this week are -**

**Year 1: Cristian, Theo and Obay**

**Year 2: Patrisia, Joshua and Maanvi**

**Year 3: Bella, Lucy and Abdulmateen**

**Year 4: Abdullatif, Livia and Wiktor**

**Year 5: Lukasz, Shaylan and Paris**

**Year 6: DJ, Navreet and Sammoya**



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## Events

### Reception Dates:

15<sup>th</sup> December – Stickman at Warwick Arts Centre 12.30pm

### KS1 Dates:

12<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 Nativity 2.15pm

13<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 Nativity 9.30am

### KS1 Dates:

13<sup>th</sup> December – Year 3 and 4 Christmas Concert 2pm

14<sup>th</sup> December – Non Uniform – Christmas/Winter jumper day

14<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dinner Day

15<sup>th</sup> December – PM class parties

16<sup>th</sup> December – Last day in School – break up for half term holiday

## Diary Dates

### **Spring Term 1**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023

### **Half Term**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Inset day Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February – children return to school Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February

### **Spring Term 2**

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

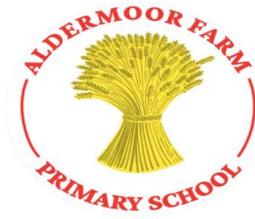
### **Summer Term 1**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023

### **Summer Term 2**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June – Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2023

**Summer holidays start Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2023**



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