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## Weekly Newsletter

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022

### Message from Mrs Wright

What an amazing Autumn term we have had here at Alder Moor Farm. I am so proud of every child and the progress that they have made. Also, a huge thank you to all the families that have supported us and made me feel so welcome. Team Alder Moor have achieved many amazing things this term. Take a look at our reading score... 45 million words have been read this term; this is phenomenal!

We look forward to many more exciting things happening next term. We hope that you all have a lovely break and Merry Christmas to those of you that are celebrating. We look forward to seeing you back in school in January.

The children have all been given the gift of a book today from school. Happy reading!

**Children return to school on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023**

### This week at Alder Moor Farm

#### Reception

This week we have continued to learn about Christmas and celebrating the run up to our holidays. On Thursday, the children attended the performance of Stickman at Warwick Arts Centre, all the children were a credit to us at Alder Moor Farm and we are proud of each and every one of them.

As we break up for the holidays as a Reception Team, we would just like to say how proud we are of the children, the progress that they have made since September and the way they have grown, their attitude to learning and the kindness they show to others is amazing to have watched develop. Thank you for all your support as parents and carers in settling your children into their school journey. Have a lovely and safe holiday and see you in 2023.

#### Year 1

We've had a great week in school this week. We started off by performing our Nativity play to parents/carers and then to the children in KS2. The children have worked so hard (particularly those with lines to learn) and should be very proud of themselves. Also, the singing was just amazing! We've also been making sure we finish each of our units of work in English, maths, science and theme. We've been doing lots of quizzes to see what we can remember and show what we have learnt. We also really enjoyed finishing off the term with our class



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parties – what a great way celebrate how hard we've worked this term. Have a restful holiday and we look forward to seeing the children again in January.

### **Year 2**

We are so proud of how hard the children have worked on their Nativity performance. We are sure you will agree that it was fantastic! Thank you all for your support in the run up to these performances. We finished our learning about shapes in maths this week and the children showed us everything they have learned. Also, the children used paint and twisted tissue paper to make beautiful calendars and we enjoyed dancing and singing in our class parties. Have a lovely, restful holiday and we look forward to welcoming the children back in January.

### **Year 3**

This week has been full of festive fun and learning. Children did incredibly well in performing in the Christmas Concert. It was overwhelming to see so many parents/carers attending the concert. We also had Christmas dinner and on the same day children enjoyed wearing their winter jumpers and opening their Christmas crackers. We ended the week with the end of term class party. We finished reading 'Charlotte's Web' and finished writing our information text. Year 3 teachers are incredibly proud of all the children's hard work this half term. Have a restful and safe holiday.





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#### **Year 4**

This week in English, the children have enjoyed writing instructions on how to become an outstanding Elf on the Shelf. They have come up with very creative ideas for Elf jokes.



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We have also been practising our Christmas songs and tremendously enjoyed singing them at our concert. Thank you to everyone who came to share the festive joy and support the children's performance. In Theme, we have used our analytical thinking to compare the Vikings and the Anglo-Saxons. And of course, we have been following the adventures of Podkin One Ear in our reading sessions. The children are becoming very skilled in predicting what will happen next in the story. We would like to wish all Year 4 families a happy, joyous and safe holiday season. We are looking forward to seeing you in the New Year!

### Year 5

Year 5 have been working very hard this week, editing and improving diary entries based on what we have read in our class book, Skellig. Well done to everyone! We have completed our Science topic of 'Forces' with another scientific investigation: this one was finding out about water resistance. We are really looking forward to playing the maths games the children have created themselves that show all the skills they have acquired this year. Have a safe and happy holiday.

### Year 6

This week, year 6 have undertaken a DT project. We have been learning about 'Make Do and Mend' which was a WWII campaign that encouraged people to repair and reimagine existing clothes. We have not only learned three different methods of sewing (running, whip and blanket stitch), but also repaired a piece of clothing. A special thank you to all those who kindly donated clothes.

## 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: 45,185,004.**

**This is an amazing figure – well done! Thank you for your support with reading at home.**

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

**Ready Readers:** Eknoor, Sophia-Rose, David, Araoluwa, Amelia W-McA, Tawseef, Lexi-Jai

**Independent Readers:** Barakat, Sofia, Imran M, Sammoya, Antony, Jaidon-Robert

**Rising Readers:** Jana, Amelia F, Glossy, Shahabudin, Mohammed D, Muhamodoun, Angeza

**Advanced Readers:** Madalina, Aliyah H

**Super Readers:** Yahya A, Millie

**Star Readers:** Aleksandrs, Chinenye



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#### OUR TOP READERS THIS WEEK

NAME	CLASS	WORD COUNT*
Arushan	6JC	322,728
Fatmah	6JC	280,943
Chinenye	6JC	237,578
Kanivily	6RH	219,925
Aleksandrs	6KJ	158,057

\*These figures are for 09/12/22 - 15/12/22

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

NAME	CLASS	WORD COUNT
Arushan	6JC	3,836,209
Fatmah	6JC	2,626,569
Kanivily	6RH	2,267,903
Frances	6JC	2,146,035
Mohammed	6KJ	1,152,964

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	3,373
3TG	114,963
3RC	25,390
3PTSH	26,045
4NLJN	73,332
4CP	46,157
4OI	149,158
5TF	115,464
5KF	195,393
5SCNS	87,409
6KJ	1,472,433
6JC	1,704,229
6RH	1,306,796

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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.

### Ice Dangers

Many aren't aware of the dangers of frozen water; it may look solid from the surface but will not hold your weight and could crack when stood on meaning that you become trapped under the ice. The Royal Life Saving Society UK has devised these safety tips about the dangers of frozen waters.



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When water is frozen and the cold weather sets in these are a few safety tips to take note of:

1. Teach children not to go on to frozen lakes, ponds, canals and reservoirs under any circumstances. Children and pets are particularly at risk when tempted to play on the ice formed on open water during cold weather.
2. Pets should be kept on leads when near frozen water and owners should refrain from throwing objects onto ice for them to retrieve.
3. Bystanders should shout reassurance to casualties without endangering themselves. Make sure help is on the way by phoning the emergency services (call 999 or 112).
4. Do not walk or climb onto the ice to attempt a rescue and certainly don't get into the water, you may become the next casualty.
5. If someone can't climb out of the water, it is not advisable, as many people think, to move about in the water to keep warm while waiting for help. Instead, they should conserve their energy by keeping as still as possible.

If you see someone fall through the ice:

6. Shout for assistance; get help also by phoning the emergency services (call 999 or 112).
7. Do not walk or climb onto the ice to attempt a rescue.
8. Shout to the casualty to 'keep still' and offer reassurance to keep them calm.
9. Try and reach them from the bank using a rope, pole, tree branch, clothing tied together or anything else which can extend your reach.
10. When reaching from the bank, lie down to avoid being pulled onto the ice – this spreads your weight more evenly.
11. If you cannot reach them, slide something which floats, such as a plastic bottle or football, across the ice for them to hold onto to stay afloat whilst help is on the way.



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12. If the casualty is too far away, do not attempt to rescue them. Wait for the emergency services while calming and reassuring the casualty.

#### **Parent courses**

Free parent courses –information around these have been sent via parent comms. Any questions you have regarding the courses please come to the school office and we will look to support/advice you.

#### **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.

Pastoral Team: Miss Sutton & Mr O'Keefe

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

## **Attendance**

**Our Attendance Target: 97%**  
**Our Attendance this week: 86.47%**  
**Our Attendance to date: 93.61%**

This week we have 0 'Golden Classes' with attendance at or above our target.

There has been lots of illness this week and last, but we are hoping that when we return in January, then we can get back on track for our attendance target. We will also share what our attendance reward for the end of Spring term 1 will be...

## **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: Moneeb, Abrar and Maryam**

**Year 1: Shreya, Max and Rayyan**

**Year 2: Ashley, Mukthadir and Maanvi**

**Year 3: Nabil, Jacob and Logan**



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**Year 4: Malaz, Sofian and AJ**

**Year 5: Alicia, Ling and Arad**

**Year 6: Rutvi, Antony and Lilly-Mae**

Each week a child will also be chosen to be presented with a certificate.

As it is the end of term teachers chose someone in their class that has been 'most improved' this term.

**Certificate winners for this week are -**

**Year 1: Ella-Rae, Reeti and Noumaan**

**Year 2: Ioan, Emily and Hamza**

**Year 3: Stanley, Sameer and Mohammed**

**Year 4: Samuel, Alivia-May and Isla**

**Year 5: Lucy, Charley and Gloria**

**Year 6: Karina, Jaidon and Jenson**

## Uniform

Please remember that **footwear for school uniform** should be **black shoes or plain black trainers**.

**PE kits** should be **plain black leggings or jogging bottoms**

We do have a selection of pre-loved uniform if you would like to donate any unwanted items or look for any you need. Please speak to the office.

## Diary Dates

### Spring Term 1

Children return - 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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