



Resilient Aspirational Courageous

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Weekly Newsletter

Friday 06th January 2023

Message from Mrs Wright

Welcome back and happy new year! We hope that you all had a lovely break, and it has been great to see the children back in school this week. The children have come back refreshed, ready to learn and raring to go. It has been amazing to see all of the exciting things happening this week already. Please remember that full school uniform or PE kit (on PE days) is expected at all times.

Please remember that any holidays taken during term time will be unauthorised and you may face fines from the Local Authority.

Today we have said goodbye to Miss Stapleton who has been with us for many years. She is moving into work in a secondary school to continue her dream of working with SEND children. We wish her lots of luck in her new adventure.

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) for the school is now myself. However, as ever, please contact any member of the Safeguarding team if you have any queries, question or concerns. Have a lovely weekend and we will see you on Monday.

Applying for Reception places for September 2023

If you would like your child to attend our wonderful Reception in September 2023, then please make sure you apply by the deadline – **15th January 2023**.

We are more than happy to help you apply! Please come to the school office and Miss Sutton will be there to help you with this. It does not take long and will ensure your child has a place for September!

We have some spaces still available so please spread the word as we are always excited to welcome new families to Alder Moor Farm!

This week at Alder Moor Farm

Nursery

Welcome back to school to all our children and families, it is lovely to see you all and we hope you had a lovely and relaxing holiday! This week we have started looking at our Theme topic `Winter Wonderland`. We have also enjoyed going back to Forest School and exploring our environment. PLEASE remember to read with your child daily and for them to bring their reading books every day to school

Reception



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Year 1

It's been so lovely to welcome the children back after the holidays and see so many children with smiles on their faces. We have started lots of new units of work including our new theme 'Bright Lights, Big City' where we have begun learning all about our monarch. Our English lessons have linked to this, and we have started our new book 'Katie in London' and have been writing descriptions of London. We have started our forest school sessions this week too; Mrs Sheehan's class thoroughly enjoy having the opportunity to explore outside.

Year 2

It has been lovely to welcome all the children back after the holidays. They have come back to school ready to learn! We have started looking at the book 'Journey' in our English lessons. The children have been very excited about this book and predicting what they think might happen. In maths, we have started to look at money and the children have worked hard to carefully count coins and notes. We have also started our new termly topic called 'Magnificent Monarchs' and the children have looked closely at portraits of monarchs to see what we can learn about them.

Year 3

Happy New Year Everyone!

In Year 3 children came back with lots of enthusiasm and energy. They looked so ready to learn and enjoy. In English we started a genre 'Instructions' and continued learning multiplication and division in Maths. We also began to read a new book called 'The Witches' by Roald Dahl. One of the year 3 classes got a chance to visit a local library to see a Magical Maths show with Dr Matt Pritchard. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning new tricks.

Year 4.

The children returned to school with a renewed energy and enthusiasm for learning, which is excellent considering we have a rather busy term ahead. In Theme, we began exploring our new topic Misty Mountain, Winding River, learning about geographical features of landscapes. In Science, we investigated why electricity is important and discussed advantages and disadvantages of different ways of powering modern appliances. We are looking forward to practical experiments with electric circuits later in the term! In maths, we have been learning how to identify factors of a number, working systematically. Miss Lapworth and Mrs Narga's class have also experienced a Magical Maths show in a local library. The children had a great week and even managed to do a baseline assessment on TTRS as part of their preparation for the Multiplication Tables Check.



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Year 5

In Year 5, we have started to explore our new Whole Class Reading text, *The Fastest Boy in The World*. We have explored the country of Ethiopia, where it is set, and carefully examined the front cover for clues to the story. We have also begun to read a Greek myth, the story of Prometheus, and are writing a diary as the king of the gods, Zeus. This also links with our new Theme, *Groundbreaking Greeks*, and this week we constructed a timeline of that ancient civilization. We are looking forward to finding out more about the ancient Greeks in the coming weeks.

Year 6

We have begun our new topic of *Frozen Kingdom*. In English, we looked at a very well-known scene from *Narnia* and wrote a narrative based on that scene. In science, we have started *Living Things and Their Habitats* and reviewed classification of animals and then related that to polar animals.

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.

Exciting News:

We are very proud to announce that we have our **6th and 7th Word Millionaires – Emma-Caylin and Chinenye**. Well done!

This week's Accelerated Reader stars are –

Ready Readers: Artur S, Ronaldo D

Independent Readers: Sofia G, Olivia C, Wisam A

Rising Readers: Chenaniah S-E, Safiatou B K, Samuel A, Omar M, Shaylan L, Sohaila A, Fahim A, Rutvi B, Tyler R

Advanced Reader: Qoyum A-S, Millie B, Gerald K, Ruqayya U, Moriah A

Super Readers: Ayesha I, Kourtney S

Star Readers: Fatima H, Tegan A

OUR TOP READERS THIS WEEK

NAME	CLASS	WORD COUNT*
Arushan	6JC	291,180
Fatmah	6JC	256,799
Tegan	6JC	127,534
Alfie	6JC	126,737
Millie	6JC	123,047

*These figures are for 16/12/22 - 05/01/23



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OUR TOP READERS FOR THE YEAR SO FAR

NAME	CLASS	WORD COUNT
Arushan	6JC	4,127,389
Fatmah	6JC	2,883,368
Kanivily	6RH	2,364,985
Frances	6JC	2,215,847
Mohammed	6KJ	1,178,875

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	12,965
3TG	89,683
3RC	60,086
3PTSH	40,052
4NLJN	62,489
4CP	109,815
4OI	171,034
5TF	135,718
5KF	61,571
5SCNS	227,960
6KJ	329,093
6JC	2,125,462
6RH	548,360

*These figures are for 16/12/22 - 05/01/23

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.



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INTERNET SAFETY WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS & CARERS

FREE ONLINE workshop for parents and carers to help keep their **children safe online**. Hosted by West Midlands Police in partnership with Coventry City Council's Prevent Team.

We will share **guidance and strategies** on how to make the internet a safer experience for children.

The following topics will be explored:

- *Apps and appropriate ages*
- *Safety settings*
- *Grooming, sexting, bullying, radicalisation and extremism*
- *Gaming*
- *Introducing house rules*
- *How to approach conversations and what to do if your child is a victim*



To view dates and times and to book a place, please [click here](#) or scan the QR code above.



Mrs Wright (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**.

Attendance

Our Attendance Target: 97%
Our Attendance this week: 88.52%
Our Attendance to date: 92.89%

Please help us to reach our target by ensuring that your child is in school every day they are well enough. Next week we will share our attendance reward for this half term – watch this space!

Celebrations



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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: Huda, Keelan

Year 1: Dia, Lilly

Year 2: Fatima

Year 3: Layla

Year 4: Amelia, Freeda

Year 5: Jayden, Ekjot

Year 6: Gerald, Mikaela

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

Certificate winners for this week are -

Year 1: Ella-Rae, Fedora

Year 2: Aadhya

Year 3: Sameer

Year 4: Cory, Nafisa

Year 5: Divine, Jonny

Year 6: Alfie, Catarina

Diary Dates

Whole School Events

3rd February – Number Day

7th and 8th February – Parents Evening

2nd March – World Book Day (children will not be dressing up for this but we will be celebrating within school with lots of exciting activities)

Week of 13th March – British Science Week



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31st March – Easter Bonnet Parade for EYFS and KS1. Decorating Egg competition for KS2 – more details to follow.

Term dates:

Spring Term 1 ends Friday 17th February 2023

Half Term

Monday 20th February – Friday 24th February 2023

Inset day Monday 27th February – children return to school Tuesday 28th February

Spring Term 2

Tuesday 28th February – Friday 31st March 2023

Summer Term 1

Monday 17th April – Friday 26th May 2023

Summer Term 2

Monday 5th June – Tuesday 25th July 2023

Summer holidays start Wednesday 26th July 2023

Vacancies

We currently have vacancies for Dining Room Assistant – Lunchtime staff. The role will involve cleaning in the hall and supervising the children on the playground.

The hours of work are 12:15 – 13:30 Monday to Fridays.

If you are interested in this role please come to the main office for an application form, the closing date for applications is Friday 27th January