



Resilient Aspirational Courageous

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Weekly Newsletter

Friday 08th September 2023

Message from Mrs Wright

What an amazing first week back we have had here at Alder Moor Farm! I am so proud of how the children have settled into their new classes and the children look so smart in their school uniform. It was lovely to see so many of you at our year group meetings this week and we have Year 6 on Monday.



Hopefully you have had opportunity to read our Ofsted report that we sent out yesterday. We are so proud that Alder Moor Farm is now a **GOOD** school!

This week at Alder Moor Farm



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Nursery

This week we have welcomed our new friends into school. They have all settling well and it is lovely to see them. Mrs Sly and Miss Galvin are very proud of them all.

Reception

Well done to all the children who have amazed us all by settling in so well. The children have had lots of fun accessing their inside and outside learning environments, making new friends and getting to know their grown-ups. Please can parents/carers ensure that all children are in their correct uniforms for the start of their first full week and all jumper and cardigans are labelled. Please send in a labelled water bottle for your child and have a restful weekend!



Year 1

Our Year 1 children have returned to school with such a positive attitude to life and learning. We have loved seeing them reconnect with friends and begin to build new friendships within their classes. Our English text, 'Old Bear' has inspired lots of writing and play. The children have described the feelings of characters at different parts of the story and been planning and building ways that Old Bear's friends can rescue him from the attic. We've been impressed with their knowledge of how to make numbers up to 10; they have enjoyed working in pairs with different resources to show us their skills. We have begun our theme of childhood by trying to imagine what it was like for children in the past. Perhaps over the weekend the children might like to ask different family members about the games they played when they were five. Enjoy the sunshine!

Year 2

The children in Year 2 have amazed their new teachers with their positive attitudes and how courageous they have been – always having a go, even when they are unsure. We have loved getting to know them this week and starting some of our learning. In maths, the children have used a range of resources to show their understanding of 2-digit numbers. They have worked carefully with their peers and explained their answers well using 'because'. In English, we have looked at some illustrations from our new book and wrote some descriptive sentences and questions. We also started our new history topic and thought about significance, why some people are historically significant and who is significant to us. Enjoy the sunshine and have a lovely weekend!

Year 3



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It has been wonderful to welcome all the children back into class this week. They have come back into school with such a positive attitude and appear happy to be back in class. Children are settling back into school routines. We have begun to read a new book 'The Accidental Prime Minister' and children seem to be enjoying it. Their favourite lesson this week has been PE. They were thrilled to have a PE lesson for the whole afternoon. Please can parents ensure that children come to school with their reading book and a planner every day. It is also very important that children's clothes and lunch boxes are labelled as it helps us to find them quickly if it goes missing. Enjoy the weekend!

Year 4

Year 4 have had a fantastic, positive start to the year. All children have come in with a very good attitude to learning and have really impressed their teachers. In our Whole Class Reading lessons this week, we have started our new book 'Pippi Longstocking' and have really enjoyed the funny and interesting stories of the main character 'Pippi'. We look forward to reading more next week. In English, we have also enjoyed making inferences around our new book 'The Whale'. We have looked at pictures from the text to help us make predictions. We have also used calligrams to draw out the meaning of words and help us to understand some of the new vocabulary we are learning.

In Maths lessons, we have shown our school value of 'resilience' by completing some challenging work on place value.

Year 5

It was so lovely to welcome children back to school! They came back well-presented and ready to learn, eager to start conquering the Year 5 curriculum. In Maths, we began working with 5-digit numbers, learning how to say them, identify correct place values and round them. In English, we focused on uplevelled vocabulary and expanded noun phrases linked to our text. The children began reading our WCR book, The Firework Maker's Daughter, and found it rather fascinating. We can't wait to see what happens to Lila next! Thank you to those parents/carers who attended our first workshop of the year. We hope you will find the resources useful.



Year 6

The new Year 6 children have returned to school, and have demonstrated the school's values of Resilient, Aspirational and Courageous. As a year group, we are proud of the attitude the children have displayed after so much time off, and in such a hot week too! In maths, we have looked at rounding and how to round to the nearest 100, 1000, 10000 and 1000000. We have begun our theme of Britain at War and looked at the vocabulary associated with war. In English, we began our book- Rose Blanche- and read about the little girl's life in Germany, at the beginning of the war.



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Please ensure all children have a water bottle. Other than that, enjoy the rest of the sunshine and a well-earned weekend!

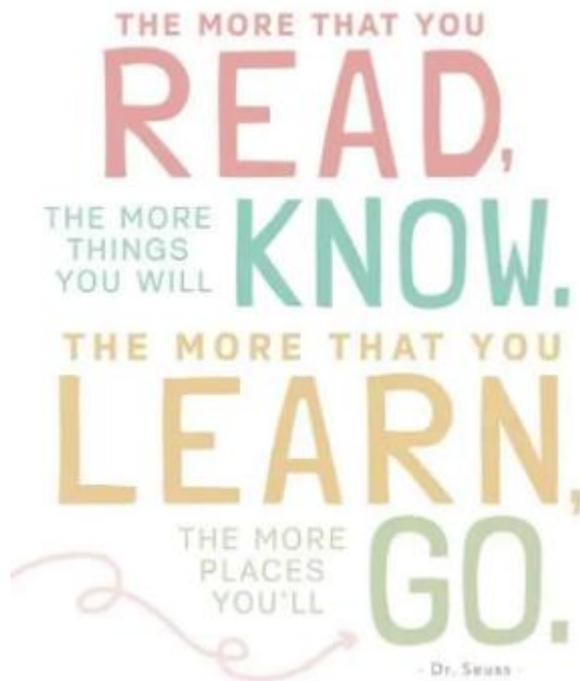
Riley Class

Riley class have had a fantastic return to school. We have settled straight back into our routines and have really enjoyed having a new area to extend our learning. This week we have been learning about place value and two-digit numbers in Maths. Some of us have even managed to have a visit to our Mainstream classes and even joined in for a short while.

Reading at Alder Moor

Our children have made a fantastic start to the new school year. All children, who can access the school library, received their chosen book on Tuesday, beginning their reading journey for this year.

We are so grateful for your support with encouraging our children to read. Please keep it up!



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.

Contact details



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

Online Safety

Skips Safety Net Keeping children safe online

Parent Guides to Online Safety

- A Parent's Guide to Social Media
- A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures
- A Parent's Guide to Gaming
- A Parent's Guide to Online Grooming
- A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming
- A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers
- A Parent's Guide to Fake News
- A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

Skips Educational Email: info@skips.com Tel: +44 121 227 1941

Developed in partnership with:

- Home Office
- West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner
- West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner

Skips www.skipssafetynet.org

Wellbeing Calendar



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Self-Care September 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
 4 Plan a fun or relaxing activity and make time for it.	 5 Forgive yourself when things go wrong. Everyone makes mistakes.	 6 Focus on the basics: eat, well, exercise and go to bed on time.	 7 Give yourself permission to say 'no'.	1 Find time for self-care. It's not selfish, it's essential.	2 Notice the things you do well, however small.	3 Let go of self-criticism and speak to yourself kindly.
11 Make time to do something you really enjoy.	12 Get active outside and give your mind and body a natural boost.	13 Be as kind to yourself as you would to a loved one.	14 If you're busy, allow yourself to pause and take a break.	15 Find a caring, calming phrase to use when you feel low.	16 Leave positive messages for yourself to see regularly.	17 No plans day. Make time to slow down and be kind to yourself.
18 Ask a trusted friend to tell you what strengths they see in you.	19 Notice what you are feeling, without any judgement.	20 Enjoy photos from a time with happy memories.	21 Don't compare how you feel inside to how others appear outside.	22 Take your time. Make space to just breathe and be still.	23 Let go of other people's expectations of you.	24 Accept yourself and remember that you are worthy of love.
25 Avoid saying 'I should' and make time to do nothing.	26 Find a new way to use one of your strengths or talents.	27 Free up time by cancelling any unnecessary plans.	28 Choose to see your mistakes as steps to help you learn.	29 Write down three things you appreciate about yourself.	30 Remind yourself that you are enough, just as you are.	

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS **Happier - Kinder - Together**

Mrs Wright (Designated Safeguarding Lead)

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 and Punctuality

Our Attendance Target: 95%
Our Attendance this week: 88.2%
Our Attendance to date: 88.2%

Please do all that you can to ensure that your child misses no more than 5 days of school for any reason.

We have an attendance workshop on Tuesday 12th September at 9am. Come along for biscuits and a hot drink!

School Values

We are continuing with our school values of **aspirational, resilient and courageous**.

At the end of every half term, children will be nominated by their class teacher who have shown one of the values excellently for the whole half term. If your child is nominated, you will be notified to join a celebration assembly to see your child receive their certificate and badge.

The value for this half term is **resilient**.



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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 -

Year 1: Ava, Arif, Nafas

Year 2: Shreya, Daniel, Lilly

Year 3: Sofia, Chinonso, Isla

Year 4: Fatma, Mikel, Eknoor

Year 5: Isla, Fredda, Zara

Year 6: Henry, Hummam, Alisa

Riley Class: Elysa

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

Certificate winners for this week are -

Year 1: George, Omar, Lee

Year 2: Gabriel, Younis, Lilly

Year 3: Adam, Sisi, Joshua

Year 4: Jason, Logan, Jacob

Year 5: Nevaeh, Ali, Harrison

Year 6: John, Denniss, Sasha

Riley Class: Jobanjeet

Events



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Diary Dates

Monday 11th September, 9am – Year 6 Parent/carer workshop
Tuesday 12th September, 9am – Attendance workshop (hot drink and biscuits provided!)
Thursday 14th September, 2:30pm – Year 6 Residential Meeting for parents/carers
Friday 15th September- TT Rock Stars launch day
Thursday 21st September, 9am – Reception parent/carer workshop
Friday 22nd September – Jeans for Genes day
Monday 25th September, 9am – Reception Phonics Parent/carer Workshop
Tuesday 26th September, 9am – Behaviour Parent Workshop
Wednesday 27th September, 2:30pm – Year 1 Parent/carer Phonics Workshop
Thursday 28th September, 9am – Online Safety Workshop for families
Monday 2nd – Friday 6th October – Early Bird Week
Wednesday 4th October- Year 4 local area visit
Monday 9th October – Black History Day
Tuesday 10th October – World Mental Health Day
2:30pm Year 6 parents SATs workshop
Monday 16th – Friday 20th October – Recycle Week
Monday 16th October, 2:30pm – Year 1 Parent/carer Reading Workshop
Tuesday 17th October, 2:30pm – Year 2 Parent/carer Reading Workshop
Wednesday 18th October, 2:30pm – Year 3 Parent/carer Reading Workshop
Thursday 19th October, 2:30pm – Year 4 Parent/carer Reading Workshop
Friday 20th October, 2:30pm – Year 5 Parent/carer Reading Workshop
Monday 23rd October, 2:30pm – Nursery Parent/carer Reading Workshop

Times Table Rock Stars and Numbots Day



Next Friday (15th September), we are inviting all children to dress up as 'Rock

Stars and Robots' as we relaunch Times Table Rock Stars and Numbots for the year. We cannot wait to see what you come up with to look like a Rock

Star or Robot!



The children will enjoy some time on the day getting used to the websites and playing against their friends. Logins will then come home so they can practise their number facts regularly.