

# Aldermaston CE Primary School Newsletter

Autumn Term 2 2021 No. 5



Dear Parents and Carers

## Foodbank donations

We've received a lovely note of thanks from the West Berkshire Foodbank. The items collected for Harvest Festival have been weighed and they totalled 39.0kgs. That will provide 82 meals! This is a brilliant example of our school values in action. Thank you everyone.

## Armistice Day and remembrance

This week we have been focusing on acts of remembrance with the children through our collective worships and learning in the classrooms. We have been able to revisit the history and draw clear links with our current school value of 'Hope' as we reflect on our hope for a peaceful future.



*Our librarians have ensured we have a good selection of inspiring themed reads available.*



*Over the last couple of weeks, our House and Deputy House Captains have been busy fundraising for the poppy appeal.*



*Wreaths have been laid at St Mary's lychgate on behalf of our school.*

Today, all of our classes observed the two minutes silence. On behalf of the whole school, Year 6 have laid poppy wreaths at the lychgate of St Mary's Church. We read out the names of the fallen and shared poetry and prayers as our act of remembrance.

Best wishes to all in our community who will be attending parades and services of remembrance this Sunday.

## Glass fusion workshops

What a joy it has been to see the children creating their glass decorations this week! Working in small groups of six meant that every child really benefitted from the knowledge and experience of Jason Legget who was leading the workshops. It was great to hear children making links between science topics and the materials and processes used to create the decorations. I wonder if any can remember how hot the kiln needs to be?

We are still working hard to identify and address any gaps in learning or experiences that have affected our children during the pandemic. Certain subjects were more difficult for children during remote learning – particularly those which required specialist materials or equipment. Art and D&T fell into this category which is why we have prioritised holding and subsidising these workshops for the children this term.

See also Mrs McGourty's article in school news.

## A musical treat

A real highlight of the week was hearing our junior orchestra perform in front of the school this morning. Thursday mornings are our whole school music assembly and the children's singing today was really elevated by the violins, flutes and clarinets accompanying them. Thank you William, Katherine, Grace L, Kalisia, Jasmine, Evelyn and Sam for sharing your talents.

### **Work for Covid 19 absences**

Please remember that we are committed to providing work for children to complete at home if they are unable to attend school due to Covid 19. We don't want any of our children to miss out on their learning. When you call in to let us know about your child's absence, we will ask if they are well enough to complete some work. There is no expectation for poorly children to do anything else other than resting and getting better as quickly as possible. However, if your child tests positive for Covid but does not have any symptoms or feels generally well, we will set them work through their Google Classroom.

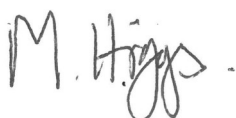
### **Reading together**

Just to make you smile ...



A picture from our weekly Year 6 and Wrens reading session.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.



**Mrs M Higgs**  
**Headteacher**



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# School News

## PANTOMIME – FRIDAY 26TH NOVEMBER ALL YEAR GROUPS

We have organised a trip to see “The Jungle Book” at the Watermill Theatre in Newbury. The children will leave school soon after registration in the morning and then return to school in time for a later lunch.



For the Panto, we would like all children to attend and would therefore advise that unless we receive an email in [enquiries@aldermaston.wberks.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@aldermaston.wberks.sch.uk) to advise that you **DO NOT** wish your child to attend, we will assume that permission is granted for ALL CHILDREN to attend. Thank you.

For this trip, we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £11.50 towards the cost of the theatre ticket. Please make your contribution towards this popular event asap.

The PTA have kindly agreed to contribute for the cost of the coach to take the children to the theatre and back and also for an ice cream for each child during the interval. Thank you very much.

Cheques should be made payable to “Aldermaston School Fund”. We have the facility for parents to pay by BACS. If you would prefer to use this option, please make sure you quote your child’s name and “Panto” in the reference.

Our account details are as follows:-

Account Name: Aldermaston C E School Fund  
Account Number: 00164740  
Sort Code: 30-18-45

## REMINDERS

### Car Park

Please be considerate when parking in our school grounds to drop off and collect your child. The spaces on the left hand side of the drive are meant to be used for people who can drop off or pick their child/children up quickly, rather than for those needing to wait for a long time. If you need to wait, please park in the spaces to the right of the main drive or in the spaces in front of the field to the left of the main school building as you come into the entrance gate. Thank you.

### Use of Playground Equipment

We would ask that **NO CHILDREN** are allowed to play on the school equipment in and around the playground. These areas are for use by the children during school time only and should **NOT BE USED** by children before school or after school. Our insurance only covers the use of this equipment with supervision by staff, who are trained in the correct use of the play equipment and we would not want any harm to come to the children without the correct supervision. Thank you.



## Regular Activities in School

### Morning Active Clubs before school

Every Tuesday 8am—Tech Club (Larks)  
Every Wednesday 8am—Gymnastics Club  
Every Thursday 8am—Judo Club  
Every Friday 8am—Street Dance Club

### After School Active Clubs

Every Tuesday—Football (Years 3 to 6)  
Every Friday—Multi Skills (Years 1 and 2)

### Music Lessons during school time

Every Monday—Guitar  
Every Tuesday—Violin/Piano  
Every Wednesday—Percussion/Drums  
Every Thursday—Woodwind/Piano

## KEY DATES

### Wednesday 17th November

8.30am—Sibling Photos—please bring preschool children along for a photo with their older siblings

AM—Individual Photos—all children in school

### Thursday 18th November

Whole School Nasal Flu Vaccinations

### Friday 26th November

AM—Whole School Pantomime—The Jungle Book at the Watermill Theatre

### Monday 6th December

1.30pm—FS/KS1 Nativity—parents invited

### Tuesday 7th December

1.30pm—FS/KS1 Nativity—parents invited

### Wednesday 15th December

WEAR A CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY

### Friday 17th December

3.20pm—END OF PUPIL TERM

### Mon 20th December to Mon 3rd January—

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS—SCHOOL CLOSED

### Tuesday 4th January

Inset Day—School closed to pupils

### Wednesday 5th January

9am—ALL PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL

## Your local church services

### Sunday 14th November

Remembrance Day Service at Aldermaston St Mary’s at 10.45am

### Sunday 21st November

Holy Communion at Aldermaston St Mary’s at 10.45am



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## GLASS FUSION WORKSHOPS

Local glass fusion artist Jason Legget came into school this week and everyone in school was given the opportunity to make a glass decoration while learning about the properties of glass and how it is such a useful, adaptive material.

Jason commented that the children were really polite, well behaved and interested in the activity.

Everyone in school enjoyed the workshops which provided a notably calm and peaceful time out from the usual busy school routine. Some of the staff were just as excited as the children to bring out their creative side!

Please look out for your child's work coming home with them in the next 2 weeks after each piece has been fired (800 degrees!) to fuse the glass creations.

*Mrs McGourty  
Art Co-ordinator*

