



Alsager Highfields Primary School

Mighty oaks from small acorns grow

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Newsletter Friday 20th October 2023



Dear Parents & Carers,

The end of the half-term hasn't been quite what I'd planned with the unexpected power cut today. Thank you for your understanding with this matter as I appreciate that having to find child-care with very little notice is challenging for many.

The Halloween activities planned for today, including the lunch, will now take place on Tuesday 31st of October. The children will therefore be in their own clothes on the first day back. A copy of the Halloween menu can be found below. The Halloween tombola will be conducted within the school day so that there is no disruption to the planned Reading meeting for Reception parents at 3.10.

This week has been jam packed with football competitions, Stone Age workshops, discos, Christmas card designing, poppy painting and harvest. Some of the work that is being completed in school at the moment is simply stunning and it has been wonderful to see older pupils supporting younger ones in some of these activities. We look forward to sharing examples of work with you after the October break during Parents' Evening.

After the break we will be having our new welcome and value signage installed and we hope our poppies will all be finished to create a wall of red ready for Remembrance day. Both projects will hopefully make the front of the school brighter and more welcoming, and soften the look of the fencing that we had installed last academic year.

Thank you for all your support so far this year. Have a great half-term break.

Rachel Woollam



Crucial Crew

Y6 had a fabulous morning at the Crucial Crew event where they learned new skills, experienced different scenarios and completed a number of hands-on activities. This event covers all aspects of safety, including online and the clear message from the Police to the adults was, please ensure you monitor your child's activity online. Platforms such as Tiktok may appeal to children of primary age, however much of the material and language is inappropriate for primary-aged children. Please do monitor your child's use of social media.

Read, Write Inc Meeting—(Reception parents)



Miss Hook is holding a meeting straight after school on Tuesday 31st of October at 3.10. The meeting will take place in the reception classroom and will be approximately half an hour. During this meeting you will learn how we teach your child to read at Highfields, and how you can support at home. We would love all parents and carers to attend and therefore childcare will be provided. If your child has an older sibling who also needs childcare, please let us know.



Smoking

Smoking outside of the school gates has once again been raised by parents with children at our school. Please refrain from smoking or vaping by the school, especially by the gates or park. Whilst smoking is a personal choice for adults, children currently do not have a choice when they have to walk through or past smoke or vapour from cigarettes and e-cigarettes.

Thank you for your anticipated co-operation on this matter.



Open mornings

We will be holding 2 open mornings for parents with children due to start school in September 2024. These will be on Wednesday the 8th and Thursday the 9th of November from 9.30-10am. If you know of any parents with a child due to start school next year, Please do encourage them to come along. Applications for school places for primary school close on the 15th of January 2024.

PFA

Thank you for supporting our various PFA events both last year and this year. Your generosity has allowed the PFA to raise close to £8,000, which in the current climate is truly amazing. At the recent AGM, the PFA kindly agreed to fund the purchase and installation of a new gym station within our grounds.

Mrs Harry has been working hard to find a local company who can meet our requirements and we are delighted to inform you that we have now agreed to the installation of a gym station with Sunshine Gym. Hopefully, if the weather starts to be kinder, you will be able to see this 'in-situ' before Christmas. We are going to locate the gym station next to the trim trail on the main playground.



Halloween Disco

Thank you to all who came and supported last night's disco, in particular the parents and staff who gave their time to run stalls, sell sweets and apply tattoos! It was fabulous to see the children enjoying themselves and all the wonderful outfits on display. The event raised a whopping £555.



Football Success

Our year 5 and 6 girls played in the Congleton Cup on Wednesday, and did incredibly well to achieve the runner up award. We competed well throughout every game and did not concede 1 goal. Mr Phelps was very impressed with the teamwork on display.

Also this week our year 3/4 mixed football team did themselves proud by also achieving runner up status. They won 3 out of the 4 games played and again impressed all who went to watch with their behaviour and attitude. Well done!



Proud!

Some pupils have managed to achieve their bronze award already for exceptional effort in their attitude and work.

Huge congratulations to:

Y1— Oscar N, Ellie-May S, Louie B, Indiana G and Skyler B,

Y2—Jude W

Y3—George S, Jenson C, Joey J, Dexter D, Demi F, Dina W, Irene L and George N

Y4— Charlie P, Elodie W, Rosie C, Sophie W, Fleur Y, Amber W, Evie R, Holly R,

Y6—Marlee P, Leo S, Rory H, Christopher S, Henry C, Erin S, James W and Erin Y



The effort by many of our pupils so far this academic year has been really impressive and it is so rewarding to see many pupils already well on their way to achieving their silver award. Huge well done to **Harrison H in year 4**, for achieving his silver certificate this week.

If your child receives any award of any kind outside of school, please do encourage them to share their achievements in our celebration assembly on Fridays. We love seeing what they get up to outside of school hours.

Good Luck Oliver

Oliver G in Y4 is taking part in a children's run in Chester on the 22nd of October. He has decided to raise money for more Dog Man books for school after finding his love of reading through these. What a lovely thing to do. The best of luck.

Harvest

On Wednesday morning the whole school came together to celebrate harvest and to reflect on how lucky we are to have food and shelter. Pete Howard, the pastor from Alsager Community Church led the assembly and spoke to the children about the power of sharing. The children listened really well, in particular our reception children, for whom it was their very first assembly.

After the assembly the school council took the food donations with Miss Baggaley to the Alsager Food Bank. Your donations will make a huge difference to families in need. Thank you for generosity.

