



Alsager Highfields Primary School

Mighty oaks from small acorns grow

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Rehearsals for the Key Stage 2 production 'Pirates of the Currybean' have already started and the school is already full of art, music, dance and drama. All Key Stage 2 pupils will contribute to this production, whether that be behind the scenes, on centre stage, helping with scenery; or singing in the chorus; it will be a team effort where all pupils get the opportunity to shine. Productions are always a highlight in my school calendar as I love getting to see pupils' 'hidden talents' and I know it is memories such as these that children will look back on fondly.

Your children have all made me immensely proud over the past few weeks in a number of ways. Pupils in Years 2 and 6 coped brilliantly with their Standard Assessment Tests, Year 1 pupils tackled the Phonics Screening Check confidently and the Year 4 pupils completed the times table check with minimum fuss. Also the behaviour of the children in school during the extremely hot weather has been great .

Finally, apologies for not responding to emails as quickly or being on the gate as much as usual over the past two weeks. I was asked once again to be part of the Cheshire East moderation team for key Stage 1. This role not only brings much needed funds into the school budget but also allows me to see where other schools are at in terms of standards in reading, writing and maths. I always come away from moderation feeling extremely proud of the standards we are now achieving at Alsager Highfields.

Enjoy the carnival—*Rachel Woollam*

Change to school day

Our School Day

Change of timings
for September



In line with DfE guidance stating that schools should deliver a school week of at least 32.5 hours by September 2023, we will be changing the length of the school day in September. This change will increase the length of the school day by 15 minutes in the main school (years 2-6) and by 5 minutes in the annexe (reception and year 1). Therefore our new school day will be as follows:

Years 2-6 - 8.45—3.15

Reception and year 1 - 8.50—3.10

School Governors

I am delighted to announce that the Parent Governor elections resulted in two parents putting themselves forward for the role. As we had two vacancies this has enabled us to appoint:

Mrs Kerry Beale (mum to Emily in Y2 and Joseph in Y6) and Mr John Whittington (dad to Thomas in Y4) .

As both candidates have a background in working with young people in education, they are both well placed to be a 'supportive, critical friend' as we move forward on our journey of sustaining improvement.

No Outsiders

On Wednesday, we were visited by Andy Moffat, who has written the 'No Outsider' programme for primary aged children. Andy delivers his message of acceptance and no one feeling left out through age-appropriate picture books and every class had the opportunity to work with him. Andy was incredibly impressed by the behaviour and attitudes of all of our pupils and he said it had been a privilege to visit our school.

The No Outsiders logo will feature on the cover of our reading diaries next year as a visible reminder of our commitment to being inclusive and accepting.



Alsager Carnival

A huge thank you to Mrs Lindblad, Mrs Nowak and the PFA for ensuring that the school was represented at this year's carnival. Thanks also to all the staff and the children who attend art club who have done a brilliant job of making the props. Look out for our float tomorrow in the parade. Any children wishing to join our school need to be dressed in Toy Story themed clothes and be on the Asda carpark for 11.15am.



Trips

We have a number of trips planned for the end of term and several that have already taken place.

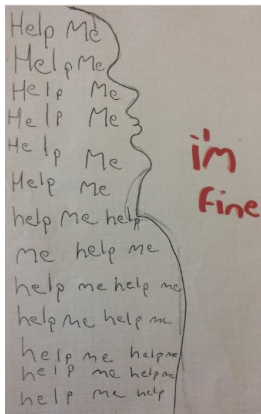
A polite reminder that any outstanding balances need to be settled as soon as possible. We appreciate that for many there are financial pressures in the current climate and do not expect large balances to be paid in one lump sum. Regular small instalments are absolutely fine.

Please contact Miss Eden or myself if you are struggling to pay any outstanding balances so that we can work together in order to put help in place.

Thank you for your anticipated support.

Mental Health

This thoughtful piece of art work was created by one of our children in year 4, we talk a lot about mental health and asking for help and we thought it was an amazing representation of how we sometimes say we are okay when we are not.



Community Links

Last week we welcomed Pete Howard from the Community Church to our assembly, he talked to the children about loneliness and changes and how we can help each other, the children all agreed to look after each other. The children were respectful and thoughtful and listened



Silver Awards

Congratulations to the following pupils who have earned their silver award in the past fortnight:



EYFS— Arthur B, Jenson F, Eliza G, Bronson H, Bobby M, Elijah W, Edward C, Skyler B and Oscar N

Y3— Naomi L, Jago J and Albert R

Y5—Erin S

Y6— Harry E-B, Phoebe A, Marley F, Freddie W, Archie L



Gold Award

We have a few more gold certificate recipients who have clearly been working their socks off!

Y1— Thea B, Tilly P, Effie G, Quinn H, Riley H, Nicole V, Jessica L, Lowen R, Nora O, Elizabeth T, Briana C, Mia B, Shalom A, Benjamin B and Amelie R

Y2—George S, Evie R, Emily B, Jenson C

Y3—Charlie P, Emily T, Fleur Y and Ellie P

Y5—Callie C,

Y6— George B



Diamond Award

Children who have earned 40 stars this academic year for their amazing work and super attitude are as follows:

Y1—Jude W,

Y5—Erin Y, Elise C

Y6—Matilda G, Ethan B



Word Millionaire

Huge congratulations to our latest word millionaires. We are now up to 16 and on track to equal our school record of 23 this year, so big shout out to:

Amber W in Y2

George W in Y5 and

Archie L in Y6

Congratulations to our wonderful award winners who this week have shone with their determination and great attitudes - well done!



Remember, if your child has achieved anything outside of school, we would love to celebrate their success in our celebration assembly on Friday.