



Alsager Highfields Primary School

Mighty oaks from small acorns grow

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Newsletter Friday 27th September 2023



Dear Parents & Carers,

I continue to be amazed at how well our reception pupils are settling in to life 'at big school' and a huge thank you to parents who are supporting the staff as we establish new routines.



An EYFS expert visited reception this week and commented on how independent and comfortable the children were in their surroundings. This is testament to all the staff in reception who go the extra mile ensuring our youngest pupils are safe, happy and thriving.



All the other classes have also settled into the new academic year beautifully, especially the year one pupils who are now at the main school. It is lovely having them in the main school building and watching them interact with our older pupils.



Our reception pupils have already started our phonic scheme 'Read, Write Inc' and there will be a **meeting for reception parents at 5.30pm on Tuesday the 22nd of October in the main school hall.**

During this meeting, you will learn exactly how we teach our youngest pupils to read. Please do your best to attend this meeting as it will give you all the necessary information of how you can best support your child whilst they are learning to read. 79% of reception pupils met the Early Learning Goal in reading last year and 96% passed the phonics screening check in Year One. These figures are above the national average and could not have been achieved without parental support. As children get older and read more fluently, they are able to take far more responsibility for their own learning, particularly in reading. As reading for a minimum of four times a week is part of our homework policy, we do ask that you ensure that your child is fulfilling this part of their homework as currently we do have a number of children who are struggling to get back into this vital habit. Thank you for your anticipated support with this matter.

Rachel Woollam

Every Day Counts, Every Minute Matters

There are still quite a few children who are coming into school late each day. To reiterate lessons start at 8.45am at the main school and 8.50am at the annexe. Those pupils arriving late do have a negative impact on learning for their peers as well as their own. If your child is in years 1-6, please ensure they are at school for 8.40am unless there is a valid reason such as an appointment, why they are late. A good start to the day results in a good day all round.



New Stage

A huge thank you to our wonderful Parents & Friends Association for their latest PFA purchase—a stage.

After holding the Key Stage 2 production in school this summer, the decision was made to hold all future productions here rather than at the Civic.

Last year we borrowed a stage and when we voiced the desire to have our own stage, the PFA committee voted unanimously to fund £4,500 for this.

Having a stage has also elevated the status of receiving an award in Friday celebration Assemblies.

Reading Superstars

Last year our 'Word Millionaire' target was 30 and although we didn't quite make it, we did achieve a commendable 24. The pupils are confident we can make 30 millionaires this year, so that is our target for this academic year.

Here is a list of pupils who are already building up their word count and who have read the most words in their cohort:

Y2— Emilia C (13,277 words)

Y3— Benjamin B (120,282 words)

Y4— George S (468,883 words)

Y5— Grace B (278,250 words)

Y6— Noah L (301,649 words)



One World Festival

This year's One World Festival will take place at Alsager Civic Centre on Saturday 5th October from 9.30 — 1pm. As in the past, there will be many stalls and displays from all around the world and you can sample foods, try crafts or just enjoy the music.



Our choir will be performing at 11.45am, so please do come and support this event if you are able.

Fundraising Initiatives

Last year as a school, through donations or fundraising we raised almost £30,000. This money has allowed us to complete many projects. Asda are currently running the 'Cashpot for Schools' campaign, so please consider signing up to support our school using the Asda rewards App.

◀ We'd love your support. Simple sign up via the Asda app.

Cashpot for Schools
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Alsager Highfields Community Primary School
Fairview Avenue Alsager, Stoke-on-Trent, ST7 2NW

UK total raised
£105.51

All UK schools
Cashpot for Schools has raised a total of:
UK total raised
£577,077

Local Groups

There are a number of local groups that offer the community vital advice and services and for the second year running Age UK is hosting a series of free scam events on how to protect yourself from fraud. These are on:

- Tuesday 15th October, 14:30 - 16:30 at Sandbach Town Hall
- Wednesday 16th October, 14:00 – 16:00 at The Guild for Lifelong Learning, Wilmslow
- Thursday 17th October, 14:00 – 15:45 Online on Microsoft Teams

If you enjoy gardening, Hassall Green Nature Reserve is also looking to recruit some volunteers and are holding a volunteer morning on Tuesday 29th October from 10–1pm.

ASMSports
CRICKET MASTERCLASS

Cricket Cave (Unit B)
The Cricket Cave
Fraylings Business Park, Longport, ST6 4HS

October 29-31 | 09:00-15:30

Come and join us to experience the feeling of training like a professional Cricketer!

John Hancock, will lead an array of high quality sessions to improve your technique, decision making and match play in all areas. This camp is suitable for club players aged 7-14 years old.

High Class Environment & Facilities!
The Cave has 5 nets, BOLA bowling machines, Merlin spin machines and the latest PitchVision video analysis camera software. We will be utilising these state of the art facilities to improve every aspect of your game whether you are a batsman, bowler or wicket keeper.

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THE CRICKET CAVE

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MULTI SPORTS HOLIDAY CLUBS
BOOSTER SCHEDULE

St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School

Mon	INFLATABLES
Tue	BRING A BIKE AND SCOOT TABLES / MUSICAL MAYHEM
Wed	PUMPKIN CARVING / BUG CLUB
Thu	PUMPKIN CARVING / BUG CLUB
Fri	MUNSTER DASH (optional)

ASM Sports are running a number of holiday clubs over the October half term. Please look at the flyers below to see what's on offer. Clubs will be held at St. Gabriel's Primary School.

ASMSports
GABRIEL'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, ALSAGER
MULTI SPORTS HOLIDAY CLUBS

Come and join us for some sports, games and activities from **October 28 - November 01**. Our action-packed program gives children the chance to remain active, develop skills and make new friends within a safe and secure program. We provide an environment where everyone is challenged and enjoys themselves.

TEAM SPORTS	ALTERNATIVE SPORTS	MULTI SPORTS	ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES
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Abside our regular timetable we will be offering some fantastic additional **FREE** activities within our Booster program. Please see our schedule of events on our Instagram booking portal.

BUG CLUB
INFLATABLES
MUSICAL MAYHEM
PUMPKIN CARVING
MUNSTER DASH (optional)
BRING A BIKE & SCOOT SKILLS

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We accept payment of childcare vouchers from most schemes. Applies at selected venues.

From **£25.00** per day

Half-Day & Wrap-Around options available
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Alsager Community Support
Free help and advice for local people provided by local volunteers

Ways we can help you:

Free information and advice	Help to access local groups	Free benefits checks
Form filling and letter writing	Cost of living support	Lost and found property
Practical help for older people	Pre-owned school uniforms	Help finding a new job

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Get involved with the Green Angels...
VOLUNTEER MORNING!
TUESDAY 29TH OCTOBER 10 - 13:00PM
HASSALL GREEN NATURE RESERVE

Join our Hassall Green Nature Reserve Monthly Volunteer Group and Make a Difference to YOU and your Community!

- Help your local environment
- Learn new skills
- Make new friends
- Improve your physical and mental fitness

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