



Alsager Highfields Primary School

Mighty oaks from small acorns grow

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Newsletter Friday 8th November 2024

Dear Parents & Carers,

Last half term felt like a very long eight weeks, but I am so pleased with how well all children have settled into their new classes, especially our reception class who are unrecognisable from September. They have learnt so much already!

With the arrival of dark nights, older children who are allowed to walk home from clubs unaccompanied at the moment will need a letter addressed to the club leader, stating that they are still allowed to walk home now that the nights have drawn in. We would advise all children who do walk home alone carry a mobile phone so that parents can check on their whereabouts.

We still have a number of pupils who are not reading the minimum four times a week at home. As this is part of our homework policy, any pupils who do not read at home will be asked to read at break time. Obviously play times are vital for all pupils and keeping pupils in at breaks is a last resort. Therefore we ask that all parents check that children are reading at least four times a week at home and recording this reading in their diary. Many thanks for your anticipated support with this.

The diary for this half term looks pretty busy with Parents' Evenings, class trips, pantomime and theatre visits, Christmas productions, Church visits and the usual Christmas festivities. After the success of the Elf Run last December, we have decided once again to support St Luke's Hospice by taking part in this initiative. We were blown away by the money raised last year and know that this local hospice means so much to so many. This should also be so much easier on the feet now that we have our own running track!

Pupils from art club and some from year 6 have had their 'Animals in War' work displayed in Cheshire Military Museum. The exhibition is open on Saturday 16th November from 12pm and there will be various animals and re-enactments taking place. An invitation will go out shortly if you would like to attend this event.

Rachel Woollam

Reverse Advent Calendar



In support of our amazing local food bank, we will be hosting a reverse Advent throughout November. The idea is simple: have a look at the theme for the week and donate what you can so that the wonderful team can put together some fantastic food parcels to make Christmas that bit easier for those who need a little support during the festive season. All we ask is that the donations have a shelf life that lasts beyond Christmas and of course, no alcohol! Donations can be dropped off at the external door to the Y6 classroom at either drop off or collection and our wonderful Y6 children will take charge of organising the donations.

The themes are as follows:

w/c 4/11	Everyday foods, eg tins and jars, tea, coffee and UHT milk; cereal.
w/c 11/11	Toiletries and sanitary products
w/c 18/11	Festive food (think Christmas lunch and teatime treats)
w/c 25/11	Sweet treats

Many thanks in advance to Mrs Harrison for organising and promoting this initiative as well as those who are a position to support this community effort.

Keeping Safe

We have many older children playing before school on the donkey path at the front of school and some are venturing to the far end of the path at the back of Asda. I know from morning perimeter checks and from past experience, that this area is used for anti-social behaviour and there is often evidence of drug taking and drinking. Before half term I conducted an assembly about the importance of keeping to well-lit paths and what to do if they come across unattended bags or belongings.



World War II

Year 6 have been learning about World War II in history and Mrs Harrison, myself and Mrs Matthew (history lead) have been amazed by how this topic has captured the hearts of the class. As well as taking part in a World War II workshop day, the class have also completed a homework project on the war and the standard and quality of work has been really impressive. Projects have ranged from Anderson shelters to versions of Anne Frank's diary and we have loved how collaborative this project has been with many parents and siblings helping too.



Curriculum & Assessment Review

The government are calling for evidence on potential improvements to the curriculum and assessment system for all of our children. They are asking for the views of both education staff and parents. The questionnaire is quite lengthy but you can answer as many or as little questions as you would like to. Being able to give your opinion (or that of your child's), doesn't happen very often so please do consider filling in this questionnaire.

Please find the QR code for this survey here :



SPACE

Supporting Parents and Children
Emotionally

The SPACE course is a programme designed for all parents with the aim of providing information and awareness about children's and adult's emotional well-being.

We discuss some of the factors which might account for challenging behaviour in children, and we look at how our adult behaviours can have an impact on children.

The course aims:

- To develop strategies for building your resilience and that of your children
- To gain a better understanding of the impact that early life experiences have had on you and your children.

Highly recommended by the parents who attended the course so far with Cheshire East.



Monks Coppenhall Family Hub
Remer Street, Crewe, CW1 4LY

1pm-3pm

12th/19th/26th November and 3rd/10th December

Referrals should be made via

startforlivesouth@cheshireeast.gov.uk



Well done to Rowan F-S in Year 1 for achieving his bronze award



before half term. Mrs Lindblad said he officially 'worked his socks off!'

Word Matter, Words Count

Year 2 pupils who have read more than 15,000 words:

Ali A, Skyler B, Emilia C, Indiana G, Gregory M, Oscar N, Ellie-May S and Mabel W.

Year 3 pupils who have read more than 25,000 words:

Thea B, Alfie D, Benjamin B, Freya B, Mia B, Lily D, Max G, Quinn H, Amelia H, Riley H, Nora O, Jude W and Elizabeth T

Year 4 pupils who have read more than 40,000 words:

Cleo A, Abdullah A, Emily B, Jack B, Jenson C, Reginald D, Frankie G, Lola HH, George H, Joseph J, Clara L, Jessica M, George N, Bronte P, Evie R, George S and Olivia T

Year 5 pupils who have read more than 70,000 words:

Grace B, Rosie C, Dexter D, Jakob D, Oliver G, Harrison H, Jago J, Naomi L, Henry M, Heidi P,

Charlie P, Holly R, Evie R, Harmonie S, Sophie S, Sophie W, Amber W, Elodie W and Fleur Y

Year 6 pupils who have read more than 100,000 words:

Shadrach A, Alexander A, Molly C, Willow D, Sophia EB, Lachlan F, Heidi F, Tom G, Lyla H, Evie J, Sebastian K, Holly S, Thomas W and Grace W.

Plus Dane Housing

East Cheshire Work Hub

FREE employment and careers advice for all adults age 19+ living in Cheshire East

Enrol on fully funded training courses and qualifications

- Vocational Training
- Digital Skills courses
- Functional Skills Maths & English

Support with job applications



10am to 12pm
Wednesday 13th
November
Alsager Library

Springboard
Skills to succeed
by Cheshire Learning Partnership

01260 290 682
info@springboard.me.uk
www.springboard.me.uk

There are many, many current initiatives in Alsager and the surrounding areas being coordinated by Lucie Ferneyhough from Cheshire East Council. Lucie can signpost anyone needing help with issues such as; IT support, dementia, diabetes, stroke survivors, head injuries, getting fit or wellbeing. The list really is endless. For anyone needing support in any area, it would be worth getting in touch with:

Lucie.ferneyhough@cheshireeast.gov.uk



Alsager Christmas Toy Appeal 2024



Registered Charity 1000131

Can you donate a toy or gift this Christmas?

Help bring joy to a local child (ages 0-16) whose family is going through a difficult time.

Drop off your unwrapped gift at one of the following locations:

Alsager Community Support

19-21 Crewe Road Alsager ST7 2EW

Drop off times: Weekdays 9:30am - 12:30pm

Monday 18th November to Thursday 5th December

Cedar Medical Centre - Sandbach Rd South ST7 2LU

Monday 18th November to Thursday 5th December

Alsager Guide Hall - (Cedar Avenue, ST7 2PQ)

Friday 6th December 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Or scan the QR code below to donate via our Amazon Wish List.

Phone 01270 884461 or email alsagerchristmastoyappeal@gmail.com to make alternative arrangements

Donations of wrapping paper, tape, and cash (or online donations) also appreciated!

Alsager Community Support 08-92-99 A/C 67267446 Ref: Toy Appeal 24



If you wish to gift aid your donation, please contact
Alsager Community Support 01270 876605