



Alsager Highfields Primary School

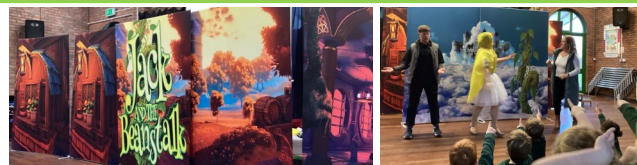
Mighty oaks from small acorns grow

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Dear Parents & Carers,

The school is in full festive swing and a huge thank you to our Parent, Teacher and Friends Association for supporting our theatre trip to the New Vic to watch The 3 Musketeers. They also paid for our visiting Panto company 'Footlights' who performed Jack and the Beanstalk to our key stage one classes. All pupils had a drink and a snack, also provided by the PFA and I know that without their support, opportunities such as these would be unable to happen. Staff and pupils all thoroughly enjoyed the performances and we do try and facilitate our pupils watching as many live performances as possible.



In the new year, we will start our new play initiative Opal Play. This scheme is well-known for transforming school playtimes into more inclusive and imaginative experiences. By offering zones for activities like den-building, creative play, and water exploration, we will hopefully give our children more opportunities to develop essential skills such as teamwork, problem-solving, and creativity. The research behind this initiative also shows a reduction in lunchtime conflicts, especially over competitive sports like football. Our Opal Team will consist of Mrs Harry, Mr Hocknell, Mr Stancliffe, Mrs Neal and myself and we are looking forward to sharing more about this project with you once the initial audit of the school grounds has taken place. Much of the resources needed for Opal Play come through donations, so if you do have access to pallets, plastic guttering or other 'construction type' materials, please do let us know.

Rachel Woollam



HMM Donation

Mr Holland owner and director of HMM Mechanical & Building Services has kindly donated £1,000 to Highfields after seeing the impact that recent business donations had made to our school. At the moment we are devising a shortlist of what to spend the money on and Mr Holland has agreed to have an input in our final decision. Watch this space!



Carparking Charges

A reminder that charges on the Fairview Carpark started on the 2nd of December. The Council have listened to our concerns about parents dropping off and picking up pupils and charges only apply between the hours of 9am and 3pm during term time. The information on the notices is a little ambiguous, however it clearly states on the Cheshire East website that;



'parking is free after 3pm on Fairview car park.'

Keeping Safe

Last week our Year 6 children went to the Crewe Alex Stadium to participate in a number of interactive safety workshops. The workshops covered personal safety, staying safe online, substance abuse, the danger near railways and much more. If you are worried about keeping your child safe online then the NSPCC website has lots of guides for parents. <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>



Charity

We have once again been bowled over by the generosity of our parents for our 'Reverse Advent' Initiative. Our year 6 class have been taking weekly donations over to the food bank and these have been gratefully received.



We have also started receiving sponsor money for our St Luke's Elf Run and we know without support from the public, St Luke's would be unable to operate. This special place gives so much to so many—thank you..



Punctuality

School day

We continue to have a number of pupils coming late to school on a regular basis. Please ensure that you leave enough time to arrive at the main school for 8.40 and the annexe for 8.45. The school day starts at 8.45 and 8.50 respectively and latecomers do disrupt the learning of their peers.



Breakfast Club

A polite reminder that pupil premium children attending our breakfast club need to be at the main gate (off the Asda carpark) at 8.20am. As this club is run through the goodwill of Teaching Assistants, it is impossible to 'man the gate' before or after this time. As staff running breakfast club have to be in class for 8.45 to support learning, it is not possible to provide breakfast for latecomers without disrupting the learning of others. Thank you for your anticipated support with this matter.

End of School Day

We are having more and more occasions where children are being picked up late at the end of the school day. We know that sometimes delays cannot be predicted and ask when that is the case, for you to ring school with an estimated time of arrival.

Going forward, parents who are more than 10 minutes late collecting their child/ren, will be billed through Parentpay. This is something we really have tried to avoid, however Miss Eden's contracted hours finish at 3.30 and therefore as a school we are incurring costs when parents are late.

Jewellery Club Sale

From Thursday the 14th of December, pupils who have attended Mrs Harrison's jewellery club will be selling their wares during break and lunch times. Beaded bracelets and earrings will be priced at £1 and loom band bracelets at 50p. Sales will continue until all the stock has sold. Profits will be shared between a charity of their choice and on purchasing further resources and activities for future clubs.

Huge thanks to the Hannah, Sophie and Ruby, year 13 students at Alsager school, for their help throughout the term in running this club.



Bronze Awards

Well done to the following pupils:

Y1—Lenny C and Vaughn S

Y2—Ali A, Skyler B, Jenson F, Brodie W and Hendrix W

Y3—Jude W and Amelie R

Y4—Jenson C and Frankie G

Y5—Rosie C, Naomi L, Harmonie S and Harrison H

Y6—George F, Bella K, Ben M, Thomas W

Word Millionaire

With almost a third of the school year gone already, we have our third word millionaire! Congratulations to Grace B in year 5.

Noah in Year 6 has also recently earned his double word millionaire badge—we are fast running out of books!



LoveReading4Kids

Thank you to our latest 'mystery buyers' who have purchased books off our Love Reading 4 Kids wish-list. The books arrived this week and we already have a long queue of pupils wanting to read our latest arrivals. Mrs Harrison and I are both on the waiting list for the Jennifer Killick book!



Crewe Alex Tickets

I have 3 complimentary vouchers for tickets for Crewe Alex v Bromley on the 5th of January. Each ticket admits one adult and one child under 11 in the family stand. Vouchers have to be redeemed at the Alex Club Store at least 48 hours before kick-off. Anyone interested in going to the match, please email:

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If interest is high, names will be drawn out of a hat.

