



# Alsager Highfields Primary School

*Mighty oaks from small acorns grow*

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year!

The start to the spring term wasn't quite what I had hoped for with the forced school closure and cold weather, however, the children were incredibly sensible when out at breaks; you would be proud. Ensuring the school grounds are safe in extreme weather is a enormous task and I have to acknowledge the work completed by the Trust site team in ensuring the school grounds on both sites, were gritted and safe.

As usual, the spring term is one of our busiest and we have already had a Saxon workshop in year 4 and DT workshops at Alsager school for some year 5 and 6 pupils. This term, year 6 will also be trying their hand at speech writing for our public speaking competition titled 'My Big Ambition.' Following the format of last year, we will select 3 pupils to take to the Trust final, which will be held at Brine Leas High School. Whilst we would dearly love to retain the victory cup, we now have 2 more primary schools in the Trust, Pear Tree and Stapeley Broad Lane, so the competition will be even harder.

Have a great weekend—hopefully the weather will be a little warmer!

*Rachel Woollam*

## Opal Play



Over the next two weeks, we will be visited by our Opal Play Mentor who will come and assess our school grounds and the way that pupils are utilising them during breaks. I have invested in this programme as it is proven to improve the quality of play if implemented comprehensively. Research also shows that children are happier and socially and emotionally more regulated, thus improving mental health for all. If you are curious to see what playtimes may look like, please click the link.

## SeeSaw

I have recently received a few messages from parents via Seesaw. As I do not routinely check Seesaw for messages, I have only been alerted to these messages by staff. If you do wish to contact me with a matter that is urgent or requires a response, please email the office where messages will be passed on. Thank you



## When to stay off School

At this time of year, we know there are many viruses and colds going around and it can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school. The NHS webpage can offer and guide parents, but ultimately, if you send your child to school and we feel they are too unwell to stay, we will contact you and ask you to collect them.

With common colds, most children and adults feel worse in the morning and Calpol can be administered in school if children are feeling 'under the weather.'

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Every day really does matter with regards to attendance, so if you are unsure whether or not your child is well enough to attend, please speak to me.

## **Super Bodies – what to do when your child has a common illness**



Attendance Ladder



## Reading Superstars

Often the milestone of reaching word millionaire is huge, especially for our youngest pupils. Therefore for the past couple of years we have celebrated other important milestones. Here is the roll call:

### Y2—50,000+ words

Ali A, Skyler B, Indiana G, Oscar N, Ellie-May S, Jessica S and Mabel W

### 100,000 words

Emilia C (Y2!), Shalom A, Freya B, Mia B, Alfie D, Lily D, Quinn H, Elizabeth T (Y3), Jack B, Oliver B, Reggie D, Lola H-H, George H, Joey J, Jessica M, Olivia T (Y4), Ivy C, William E, Benjamin M, Archie M, Violet N, Ellie P, Emily T, Sophie W (Y5), Isla B, Henry C, George F, Amelia T, Charlie T (Y6) Mrs Woollam

### 250,000 words

Thea B, Nora O (Y3), Cleo A, Emily B, Clara L, Evie R (Y4), Dexter D, Jacob D, Oliver G, Harrison H, Jago J, Henry M, Holly R, Albert R, Evie R (Y5), Thomas B, Freddie C, Willow D, Sophia E-B, Heidi F, Bella K, Sebastian K, Owen M, Ben M, Lilylee P-J, Holly S, Abe W (Y6) Mrs Harry

### 500,000 words

Benjamin B, Max G (Y3) Abdullah A (Y4), Naomi L, Charlie P, Harmonie S, Sophia S (Y5), Shadrach A, Xander A, Mollie C, Lyla H, Evie J,

### 750,000 words

Jenson C (Y4), Amber W (Y5), Lachlan F, Mrs Harrison

### Millionaires

George S (Y4), Grace B, Heidi P (Y5), Tom G, Noah L, Thomas W (Y6), Mrs Dyde

## Bronze Awards



### Well done to the following pupils:

Y1—Henry S, Kasey T, Rebecca M, Grace R, Zackery H, Leo G,

Y3—Freya, Martha R, Mia B, Quinn H, Tilly P, Elizabeth T, Amelia H, Effie G,

Y4—Charles H, Irene L, Ben V, Amber T, Ethan C, Olivia T, Jacob S, Lola H-H, Clara L, Dina W, Bonnie G, Oliver B, Cleo A, Martha K, Emily B, George N, Jack B, Jessica M, Evie R, George S

Y5—Holly R, Fleur Y, Oliver G, Grace B, Emily T, Ben M, Violet N, Albert R, Evie R, Henry M, Sophie W, Sophia S, Ellie P, Amber W, Iyla G

Y6—Holly S

### Word Millionaire

With a third of the school year gone we have our sixth word millionaire! Huge congratulations to George S in year 4. His certificate and book token will be awarded in next week's celebration assembly.



## Community Project

This morning, Y6 had a visit from Alex, owner of Home on the high street. He is also an architect and is working with the Manchester School of Architecture on a project linked to Alsager and has asked us for some help. He has tasked the children with a project to help the students understand what makes Alsager, Alsager - what's here, what the community is like, snippets of history, real events, how it could be improved (less pot-holes and no car parking charges, I know!) to support the community, and the like. We will be working on this in class and then feeding back to the students in a couple of weeks. Hopefully, we will then help to design an installation which could, funding allowing, become a real feature of Alsager! We loved Alex's visit, and of course, a number of the class would now like to become an architect...!



## **Alsager Community Support**

### **EXCITING NEWS!**

### **WE'RE EXTENDING OUR OPENING HOURS!**

**MONDAY 9.30AM-12.30PM**  
**TUESDAY 9.30AM-12.30PM & 1PM-4PM**  
**WEDNESDAY 9.30AM-12.30PM**  
**THURSDAY 9.30AM-12.30PM & 1PM-4PM**  
**FRIDAY 9.30AM-12.30PM**



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