



# High Ash C of E School Weekly Newsletter Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018



*Grow Together Shine Forever*

*'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16*

To all our families,

Here we are at the end of half term already! Where does the time go?! We have really enjoyed our first weeks with the children and are already looking forward to the next eight weeks of this term. That said, our children are ready for a rest after working so hard! We hope all our families have a good week off and we shall see the children back in school on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October. For a full reminder of our term dates, please refer to our website.

### Parents' Evenings...

Thank you to all our families who attended Parents' Evenings this week, it was great to see the amount of proud faces around the school from parents and children alike. You will now have received information on your child's current assessment stages for Reading, Writing and Maths and had a chance to meet the class teacher. You will have a chance to meet your child's English and Maths teacher in the Spring Term. Please do remember that you can make an appointment to see your child's teachers whenever you feel you wish to talk something through as we are keen to keep up our strong home/school partnership.

### Highlights this week...

Foundation- I did a learning walk this week with some members of the Junior Leadership Team (JLT) and they were all really impressed with the learning they saw from their younger school members. We have had a vet in school as part of 'People Who Help Us', so thank you to Clara's Mum and her colleague for coming in to do this as the children learnt so much. The classroom has also got its own Bus Station this week and thank you to Myles for helping to show me how to buy a ticket!

### Reminders:-

Phonics sessions for parents at 9.00am - Red Group, Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November and Blue Group, Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November - please remember to book your attendance, 1 adult per child, via our website by **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November.**

Bonfire Party, Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November - Please remember to return your consent form to the school office by **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November.**

Year One and Two- The children have been finishing off their super writing about Dinosaurs and Miss Little has been getting her group to also think about the mood and atmosphere they are trying to create in their writing. Well done to Ben L and Harvey S for doing this so well! Jamie N, Harry B and Cerys B have wowed Miss Akram with their writing progress and so had Edward H- keep up the hard work! Mrs Burrows' English Group were able to also explain to me all about conjunctions they were adding into their writing to make it more interesting. Thank you to Phoebe and Sophie who were commended for helping other children on the playground.

Year Three and Four- I do enjoy seeing the children bring their great learning to me and this week Molly S had two pieces to show me! She had worked hard in Guided Reading coming up with inference questions and in her playscript she has really thought about using as many effective features as possible. There were quite a few Gold Stars for home learning (also linked to playscripts) for Alex H, Shreyan, Ethan J and Jake C. Archie and Lucy have worked hard to crack their times table target this week and Lola has impressed Mrs Brakefield with her grasp of the written method for short multiplication. Also deserving of a special mention is Isaac P who has shown a fantastic positive attitude to his learning in English lessons.

Year Five and Six- The children have been learning about prime numbers and factors as well as multiplication and division methods in their Maths lessons. Well done to Erin and HariAnna for being able to show me their understanding of this. Caleb shared with me his reasoning skills in looking at fractions of amounts in the context of some quite tricky problems and Miss Beech has been working on challenging all of her Maths groups with reasoning questions. Year Five and Six completed their learning on 'Alchemy Island' this week with a 'Dragon's Den' style activity where the children had to pitch their 'Alchemy Island' based product to potential investors. The overall winners were Fleur and Kiera for their novel 'The Murder of Stormhand' based on Alchemy Island.



### ***Piano Recital...***

We had a real treat on Wednesday afternoon when 22 of our pianists, taught by Mrs Maher, performed a recital to Key Stage Two and their parents. From children who had only been playing for about four weeks to the more experienced players, we heard a range of tunes played with pride and enjoyment. Well done to everyone who took part!

### ***Football Team news....***

Our winning streak continued with our Year Six football team with another 2-0 win against Swanbourne. This result sees us through to the second round of the cup. Once again, a great team effort from our squad of Mason, Tristan, Cameron, Matthew, George, Aaron, Charlie, Caleb, Connor and Jason.

### ***Hook Days...***

Our children start new topics after half term and Years 1-6 have their Hook Days planned in order to inspire and engage the children in their learning.

As a reminder of Hook Days (there were separate emails sent home this week, yet I always find a reminder useful!) please note the following:

- Year One and Two- On Monday 29th October, Year One and Two will be walking down to the local woods for their 'Hook Day' linked to the 'Enchanted Woodland'. Please could you send all children in with a waterproof coat and appropriate footwear for the trip. They will be returning at lunch time, so children will then need to change back into their school shoes. Thank you for your support.
- Year Three and Four- Their Hook Day is on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October and they will need to come to school dressed in Saxon clothing for their 'Traders and Raiders' topic launch. Please see email sent home for ideas of simple and inexpensive outfit ideas for the children.
- Year Five and Six- Children should have received their letters and tickets to board the Titanic on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October! We encourage children to come dressed for the occasion if they would like to!

### ***Assemblies this week....***

Our theme this week was based on 'How good a friend are you?', which we have linked to how well our light can shine on others if we are being a good friend. We used the messages from the Good Samaritan, The Lost Sheep as well as the story of 'Ruby's Worry' to help us list what we look for in a friend. The children have written friendship prayers and recipes to show their understanding. Our 'Open The Book' assembly told the children the story of Joseph the Dreamer and how forgiveness is also an important part of making friendships last.

### ***Local Church Services and links....***

#### ***St Mary's Little Brickhill***

Having been to the churches in Great Brickhill and Stoke Hammond, I am looking forward to attending the family Harvest Festival Service at the church at Little Brickhill this Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 11am so I may see some of you there. They have their next family service on the 18<sup>th</sup> October at 11am and in December I shall also be going to the family Carol Service on 16<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm and am delighted to have been asked to do a reading. I understand that the regular Family Service is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month at 11am.

#### ***St Mary's Great Brickhill***

On Remembrance Sunday 11th November, we have been asked to send three school children to lay a wreath as part of the Centenary Anniversary of Armistice Day and Remembrance Service. I shall be there to represent the school. The church service starts at 10:50am and there is a minutes silence at 11am, a short service and then the wreath laying.

On Christmas Eve, we shall also be attending the Christmas Eve Church Service which I know from last year is a popular and traditional village event.

#### ***St Luke's Stoke Hammond...***

As you can see from the photos below, the children's art work for Harvest Festival is making its way round the local churches and has been much admired and appreciated at St Luke's.



We are also taking part in decorating a Christmas Tree for display in St Luke's following the theme of 'All Things Bright and Beautiful'. Busy times!

### *Christmas Cards...*

For those children who chose to design their own Christmas card at School during Golden Time, their original artwork should have come home with them this week as you will need this to order your Christmas cards. To place your order, simply go to the website: [www.apfsorders.co.uk](http://www.apfsorders.co.uk) and enter the unique order code (found on the back of the artwork). You have until **Thursday 1 November** to place your orders and completed orders are due to be delivered to School by *Friday 16 November*. Remember every sale raises funds for our School!

### *Lunch Menu...*

The new menu for after half term is now live. Please see menu and allergen information attached to this email. You can also find this on our website. You can book your meals up to 9am the same day.

### *Charity Support...*

As part of demonstrating how our light shines on others we are keen to support local charities and next half term we will be supporting the Winter Night Shelter MK project which one of our parents is involved with. If you wish to help, we will have a box in the school reception after half term for donations of warm clothes (especially men's clothing), toiletries, hats, scarves, gloves and blankets. Many thanks for your support in helping those less fortunate than ourselves.

### *Spring Term Wraparound Care...*

Please ensure you have returned or emailed your completed wraparound care booking spreadsheet to the office by **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October**. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Thank you.

### *Spring 2019 Clubs ...*

If you are interested in Cookery club next term, Tuesday's or Thursday's run by SmartRaspberry extended to Years 1 - 6 children or Dodgeball (Monday's), Netball (Monday's), Badminton (Friday's) run by Clubs for Schools, please ensure you book and pay for your child's place direct. Places are limited to 20 children.

Multi-Sports Clubs run by Gareth Anderson, Tuesday's to Years 4 - 6 children and Thursday's to Years 1 - 3 children, places are limited to 20 children. There are spaces currently available. If you are interested in your child participating in this club, **please inform the office by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November**. Places are limited and will be allocated first come, first served.

Clubs run by teachers are as follows: -

Art and Board Games - Wednesday's (FULL)

Choir - Thursday's (spaces available) - Years 3 to 6 children

Gardening - Friday's (spaces available) - Years 1 to 6 children

### *Diary dates coming up next half term...*

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October - Back to School gates open at 8.45am

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October - Years 1 & 2 Hook Day (Stockgrove Park) and Years 5 & 6 Hook Day (Board the Titanic)

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October - Years 3 & 4 Hook Day (Saxon's, Traiders and Raiders)

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October - Star Assembly, doors open at 2.30pm. All welcome!

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November - Foundation Bonfire Party

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November - Foundation to Year 5 Flu nasal spray (School Nurse Team)

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November - Star Assembly, doors open at 2.30pm. All welcome!

Have a great weekend and see you back in school on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October.

Best wishes

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