

Aston St. Mary's Newsletter

Our value this half term is understanding and wisdom

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20th September 2019

Diary Dates

Monday 23 Sept 3pm - Y2
spelling meeting in hall

Tuesday 24 Sept - No
Celebration Assembly

Wednesday 25 Sept - Danes
Trip Duxford

Thursday 26 Sept 9am -
Buddy Assembly

3.30 - PTFA Christmas Fayre
meeting in school

Friday 27 Sept - Non uniform
day £1 donation for
Christmas Fayre

7pm - Quiz Night school hall

Tuesday 1 Oct 9.30am -
Harvest Service at Church

See website for details

We have had an excellent start to the new academic year. The children have all settled in their classes and there has been lots of great learning going on throughout the school. Each class has something to show you included in this newsletter.

The new children in Shackadell Class have made an amazing start. They are coping really well and are enjoying the tremendous support from their buddies in Danes Class. It is hard to believe the new children have been with us for less than three school weeks!

Thank you to the parents and carers who attended our Meet the Teacher sessions. These meetings were really well attended. It is always good for you all to know what your child will be learning and specific things for your child's class.

Times Table Rock Stars are supporting the children, in and out of school. It is a great way for the children to learn their times tables. If you have not yet attended a meeting, please look out for the last one coming up soon. It is important you attend to enable you to support your child at home.

Finally, enjoy the weekend and we look forward to seeing you all back in school next week.

ACADEMIC YEAR 2019/2020

Autumn Term

Tuesday, 3 September 2019 to Friday, 20 December 2019

Half Term Break - Monday, 28 October 2019 to Friday, 1 November 2019

Occasional Day - Monday, 25 November 2019 - SCHOOL CLOSED

Spring Term

Tuesday, 7 January 2020 to Friday, 3 April 2020

Half Term - Monday, 17 February 2020 to Friday, 21 February 2020

Summer Term

Tuesday, 21 April 2020 to Friday, 17 July 2020

Bank Holiday - Monday, 4 May 2020 - SCHOOL CLOSED

Half Term Break - Monday, 25 May 2020 to Friday, 29 May 2020



Shining Stars were
awarded to:

George S

and

Jake



Merits were awarded to:

Benji, Anouska, Ella H, Joel,
Nathan F, Blake, Charlie,
Olivia, Annabella, Ray,
Isabelle, Isla L, Tate,
Isadora, Rosie, Harry C Ava
K and Muctarr.

A Thought to Share:

'Jesus used understanding and wisdom when helping people....' Jess (Danes)

Notices

Reminder – Year 2 Spelling Meeting: Monday 23rd September

Year 2 parents are invited to attend a short meeting to introduce the 'No Nonsense' spelling programme that we use in school from year 2 upwards. Attending the meeting will ensure that parents/carers know how best to work with the school to enable their child to make the best possible progress in spelling.

The meeting will take place at 3pm on Monday 23rd September in the school hall. We will finish at 3:15pm in time for the end of the school day.

Quiz Night – Friday 27th September

This is always a well-attended event and we hope to see as many people as possible at our first quiz of this academic year. Come along with some friends to enjoy a sociable, relaxed and entertaining evening. Teams are of up to eight people and please feel free bring along any refreshments that your team wish to enjoy. Many thanks to Mr Preston, our quiz master, who always manages to provide us with an entertaining range of mind-boggling questions!

Previous Winners



End of Key Stage Results 2019

Subject	Age related expectations
Reading	100%
Writing	100%
Maths	100%

We are delighted all the pupils that left us in July are working at expected standard for their age.

Notices

PTFA – new chair needed

The PTFA AGM will be held in school on Monday 7th October from 6pm. In this meeting we are hoping to elect a new chair. We hope to see as many of you as possible there.

Breakfast Club

We are delighted to have lots more children attending our Breakfast Club, which is ran by Miss Heritage. The children have lots of fun playing games and flying aeroplanes, after eating breakfast with their friends and some of the adults in school. Places are still available. If you would like to know more, please do not hesitate to speak to Christine in the office.

Daily Mile

From Peartree upwards, all children participate in the Daily Mile. Please ensure your child has trainers in school each day.

AUTUMN TERM DINNER MONEY FEES £2.60 per meal Please be advised that payments are due in advance

You can pay for meals online via the School Gateway or make cheques payable to Herts Catering Ltd (HCL). Cash payments are to be put in a clearly named, sealed envelope with the amount on the front. Receipts will be issued when being processed.

AUTUMN 1ST HALF TERM: 3.09.19 to 25.10.19 inclusive

All week	(40 meals)	£104.00
Wednesday only	(8 meals)	£20.80
Friday only	(8 meals)	£20.80
Wednesday & Friday	(16 meals)	£41.60

AUTUMN 2nd HALF TERM: 04.11.19 to 20.12.19 inclusive

All week	(34 meals)	£88.40
Wednesday only	(7 meals)	£18.20
Friday only	(7 meals)	£18.20
Wednesday & Friday	(14 meals)	£36.40

AUTUMN TERM: 17.04.18 to 20.07.18 inclusive

All week	(74 meals)	£192.40
Wednesday only	(15 meals)	£39.00
Friday only	(15 meals)	£39.00
Wednesday & Friday	(30 meals)	£78.00





Shackadell Class

In Shackadell this week, we have been painting our buddy pictures. We learnt how to put on an apron, to select the right colours for our picture and clean our paintbrushes in between colours so they don't all mix together. We also love playing in our outdoor classroom, especially climbing up the ladder!

Peartree Class

Our topic this term, in science, is 'Animals including Humans'.

We will be looking at different ways in which we can sort animals into groups depending on body parts, diet, habitat and species.

We looked at humans and the different body parts we knew. We had fun labelling our lovely model, Imogen.



Orchard Class

In RE we have been discussing what Christians believe God created. Thinking about what they believe He created, we went on a scavenger hunt to find objects from our natural environment. These were then used to create a collage and we used adjectives to describe how we felt when collecting the objects for the groups creation. We also spent time appreciating other groups hard work.



Haffydown Class

This term in Science, Year Four are learning about digestion. The other week, we recreated the process of our digestive system to help us understand. The plastic bag represented the stomach, the bananas and biscuits were the food, the orange juice was the acid, water represented saliva and the cup and tights were the intestines. We had great fun getting messy and learning the different functions. Leyla said it was, "weird and gross but an amazing and fun way to learn!"

Danes Class

On Tuesday 17th September, Danes class attended Crucial Crew at the Bowes Lyon Centre. During the morning, they took part in six different workshops to help keep themselves and others safe. These included: Road Safety, Cyber Bullying, First Aid and more.

As usual, we were very proud of how the children conducted themselves on the visit. They were polite, enthusiastic and keen to learn. Well done Danes class! Thank you to Barnwell School for lending us minibuses to transport the children to and from the event to avoid the cost of a coach.

