



Aston St. Mary's Newsletter

Our value this half term is **Wisdom and Understanding**

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4th October 2019

Diary Dates

Monday 7 October - 6pm PTFA
AGM

Tuesday 8 October - Parent
evening online appointment booking
system closes

Wednesday 9 October - 3.30-6pm
Parent Evening

Thursday 10 October - 3.30-
7.30pm Parent Evening

Tuesday 15 October - 1-2pm Happy
Bags collection

PTFA

On Monday evening at 6pm we will be holding the PTFA AGM in school. Please try and come along to support us. We are seeking a new Chair, plus some other roles. The PTFA do a fantastic job at raising us money so all your children can have the little extras. For example, recent fundraising has provided us with new iPads and laptops, paid for all of our year 5 and 6 pupils to become Young First Aiders and pays for a pantomime to come into school for the whole school. Your children will miss out if we do not have a successful PTFA. I hope to see you at the meeting on Monday evening.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

On Tuesday we held our Harvest Festival in church. Thank you for all of the thoughtful gifts. These will be given to our local food shed. It was lovely to see the church full - thank you for attending and supporting our school.

QUIZ NIGHT

Thank you to Mr Preston for holding another quiz night for us. He raised £253 this time. Thanks to everyone who came along - a good time was had by all!

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

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Our after-school clubs are up and running now. Some still have vacancies, so please ask in the office if your child would like to join a club.

BREAKFAST CLUB

It is great to see our breakfast club being used so well. The children have lots of fun and play games before school. There are still vacancies, so please see Christine if your child would like to join.



Shining Stars were awarded to:

Blake, Ella and Jack F.



Merits were awarded to:

Poppy C, Jessica D, Connor, Ethan H, Jessica J Isla L, Juan, Sebastian, Astrid, Harlee, Jack Cosham, Blake, Mia C, Tallulah, Harrison T-S, Finlay W, Cameron, Logan, Valentina, Joshua, Aiden, Ellie, Danny, Amelia, Mika, Poppy, Leyla, Phoebe and LJ.

A Thought to Share:

'Wisdom can make things better...' Amelia (Danes Class)

Notices



PET BLESSING SERVICE

Where? St Mary's Aston.....

When? Sunday 13th Oct 11am

Bring your **PETS (or cuddly toy animals)** to be blessed in our

All Age SERVICE outside if fine....

action songs, short talk, candle prayers.

The service lasts 30 minutes with
refreshments afterwards

EVERYONE welcome

Parent Teacher Consultations

- Wednesday 9th October 3:30 – 6pm and Thursday 10th October at 3:30 – 7:30pm
- These meetings are a very important opportunity to meet with your child's teacher and discuss how they have settled into the new school year.
- The booking system is now live. You will have received a paper copy explaining how to book your time. Contact the office if you have any problems.



The next collection date is 15th October so please take the opportunity to clear out unwanted clothes whilst also raising money for our school.

School Nurse Visits

Thursday 17 October – Year 6

Height, weight screening

Tuesday 22 October – Flu vaccinations

Reception – Year 6

Notices

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



Class News

Shackadell Class

This week in Shackadell we have had our first forest school session with Miss Skull! We all bought in lots of natural things that we had found out in our gardens and in the woods, to put towards building our very own bug hotel in our outdoor classroom! We can't wait for the bugs to move in so we can get our magnifying glasses out to watch them!



Peartree Class



We have been using our brand new i-pads in our computing lesson. We learned how to take a photo and import it into a 'Pic Collage' App. We took 'selfies' and using the App then we added stickers and text. It was great fun.

Orchard Class



In Science, Orchard have been looking at what changes as humans get older. We decided to investigate 'Is the oldest person always the tallest?'. They also made predictions about whether they thought this would be true. The children measured everyone in their group and recorded this along with their ages in a table. Some of the children discussed how we could make our findings more accurate next time.

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Haffydown Class



In Year Three science, we have been learning about different animal diets. Here we are sorting animals into carnivores, omnivores and herbivores.

In Year Four science, we have been learning about how animals have different digestive systems. To help us understand the reason for this, we investigated different types of animal scat! Don't worry, it wasn't real poo!



Despite the rain, Danes class had a wonderful day at Duxford RAF museum to support our learning about World War 2 and in particular The Battle of Britain. Later in the term, we will focus on the First World War.

We started our day by visiting the Battle of Britain hangar where we saw some of the British and German planes as well as experiencing what it would have been like inside an Anderson shelter. Later, we visited the Land Warfare exhibition where we learnt about the D-Day landings and much more. We also enjoyed the American Air museum and we even got to climb aboard Concorde and learned that it could fly to New York in just two hours!

Danes class were once again a pleasure to take out – they were polite, well-behaved and showed a real interest in all the exhibits.



Danes Class

