



Aston St. Mary's Newsletter

Our value this half term is Generosity

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8th November 2019

Diary Dates

Monday 11th Nov

Remembrance Service at
the church - 10.45

Thursday 14th Nov

Photographer (individuals
and siblings)

Friday 15th Nov

Non uniform day for
Children in Need

Monday 25th Nov

Occasional day

Friday 29th Nov

Decoration Day and
'Wear a Christmas
jumper day'

Sunday 1st Dec

Christmas Fayre

12-3pm

We have had a lovely first week back after our half-term break. The children have been very busy learning. You will be able to see some of this on the class pages in this newsletter.

With only six more school weeks before Christmas, your children are going to be kept very busy. Next week, we will be going to church for our remembrance service. We will hold two minutes silence at 11am as we pay our respects and remember the loss of people gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country and freedom. It will be lovely to see lots of parents and grandparents at the service.

The photographer will be in on Thursday to take individual photos. On Friday we are supporting the Children in Need charity by holding a come to school in pyjamas or onesie day. Please only send in a donation if you would like to support this charity.

Don't forget school will be closed on Monday 25th November for our occasional day!

On Friday 29th November, we will be holding our annual Christmas Decoration Day, as we prepare our school for the Christmas Fayre. This is not a non-uniform day, but children can wear a Christmas jumper day, or a Christmas outfit.

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

Winter is coming!

As the weather is getting colder, please ensure your child has a winter PE kit in school every day. This should be plain navy jogging bottoms and a plain navy sweatshirt (no labels). All children should be bringing a winter coat into school every day. To avoid loss, please label all clothes. You would not believe how many winter coats etc get left here and end up in the charity shop.



Shining Stars were awarded to:

Vinnie, Oscar C,
Liam H and Mika



Merits were awarded to:

Paris, Logan, Jack M-B, Harry H,
Jack G, Blake, Benji, Reggie,
Phoebie, Mika, Cassie, Ray, Muctarr,
Vinnie, Ella, Oscar W, Valentina,
Cameron C, Gabriella, Rosie, Jessica
D, George, Joshua, Nathaniel K,
Poppy-Belle, Leon, Isabelle H,
Favian, Harry M, Hettie, Ava K,
Hanna, Harry C, Mia A, Aidan S,
Max H, Isadora, Ruby, Lily-Anne,
Jack M-B and Nyah

Thoughts to Share about our value Generosity:

'Jesus shared bread and fish to the hungry people...' Harry and Aiden (Orchard Class)

'Jesus also gave love to everyone...' Rosie and Mia (Orchard Class)

'Jesus shared everything with us...' Aidan (Orchard Class)

Notices

Remembrance Service

You are invited to join us for our service of remembrance at the church on Monday 11th November.

We hope to see lots of you in church.



Opening Doors to a Richer English Curriculum

We are delighted that Aston St. Mary's School has recently been mentioned in the acknowledgements of two new publications. The Opening Doors series by Bob Cox provides teaching ideas to enhance children's engagement with challenging texts and in turn develop their writing skills. Several children from Danes class have previously had their writing published on the 'Searching For Excellence' website (<https://www.crownhouse.co.uk/publications/opening-doors-to-famous-poetry-and-prose>). We have, of course, purchased the two new books and are looking forward to using some of the texts with years 2-6. Perhaps this will lead to further examples of our children's excellent writing being published on the website.



Non-Uniform Day – Friday 8th November



Thank you for your generous donations

'of something chocolate'

for our Christmas Fayre which will

be held on Sunday 1st December 12 – 3pm



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Next Friday the 15th will be Children in Need day.

To support the charity, we will be holding a come to school in your pyjamas or onesie day. If your child would like to donate, please send it into school.

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 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: 03.09.19 to 20.12.19 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

Shackadell have been learning a lot about fireworks. We have been doing firework dances, painting fireworks, drawing chalk fireworks on the floor and making firework inspired transient art. We love



fireworks!



Peartree Class

We have been doing some activities to raise awareness of mental health and keeping a healthy mind.

We looked at different emotions and how we could deal with them.

We loved colouring the mindfulness sheets as it was calming and relaxing. Even Miss Heritage joined in.

We also had a session of yoga which we loved so much we want to do it every Friday afternoon.



Orchard Class

On the last two days of our first half term in Orchard, we had a very exciting task! For our design technology this term we were looking at levers, linkages and moving mechanisms. First, we explored a variety of books that used different mechanisms and evaluated how effective they were. We then looked at our design brief and made a plan of what we were going to make - a third class cabin for Samson with at least one moving mechanism. We carefully chose the materials we would need and spent a long time making our plans come together. Finally, we worked with a partner to assess our work against the design brief. We were all delighted with the result!



Class News

Haffydown Class

Just before half term, Haffydown completed our Art unit which focused on drawing and sculptures around the theme "Bodies". We explored how different artists draw bodies firstly using the tracing technique and felt pens then explored the different techniques when working with charcoal. Next, we explored abstract sculptures of bodies by the sculptor Giacometti. We created our own sculptures firstly with tin foil and then with wire. They look really impressive!



Danes Class

On Wednesday 23rd October, we enjoyed at DT day. This linked our learning in science, history and design technology. We had to design and make a plane based upon a Second World War design. In science, we have been learning about electrical circuits. We learnt that the direction of spin of a motor depends upon which way round the battery is connected; a complete circuit is needed and a circuit can be controlled using a simple switch. To make our planes we needed to ensure that the propeller spun the correct way; the plane was balanced by finding its centre of gravity and the tail was large enough to enable the plane to fly properly. We had great fun making our planes and were very excited when they were able to fly successfully!

