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HEAD TEACHER'S HIGHLIGHTS

Dear Parents,

We have been out and about to Ancient High House. A very interesting and informative day which the children and staff fully enjoyed. The children found out lots of interesting facts about how houses were built and were particularly keen to join in with the Wattle and Daub activity-very messy!

The children also had an exciting afternoon trying out their tennis skills during the tennis roadshow. Tennis is a great way for them to practice their hand and eye coordination as well as keeping fit.

Mrs Powell and I attended a very interesting maths conference focussing on maths mastery. It was full of lots of practical ideas to help children deepen their mathematical knowledge. Also, our Mathletics program is up and running, so please encourage and support your child to access this at home. The passwords for the programme can be located in the front of your child's school diary. Children will receive their certificates in celebration assembly when they reach their target number of points. Any problems logging on, please let us know.

Have fun with maths.

Enjoy your Weekend

Jenny Griffiths

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Congratulations to all the children that have received an award this week.



The winning team is **GREEN** for this week!

TENNIS ROADSHOW

Children enjoyed participating in the Tennis Roadshow in school.





CLASS 1

Our trip to the Ancient High House helped us to imagine life at the time of the Great Fire of London. We enjoyed dressing up as rich and poor people and laying the table for each group. We have written some excellent recounts of our visit. An exciting addition was one of our pupils bringing in an article about the Great Fire of Newport in 1665! We will find out more next week.

PLEASE CAN CLASS 1 BRING THEIR FAVOURITE SOFT TOY TO SCHOOL NEXT WEDNESDAY. THANK YOU.



CLASS 2

We really enjoyed our trip to Stafford Ancient High House. We found out how a Tudor house was built and everyone had the opportunity to try and build a wattle and daub wall. We also found out how the fire spread in the Great Fire of London and got to dress up as rich and poor people. In English we have been writing a recount of our trip.



MAYOR'S ART COMPETITION

Please can we remind you that the Mayor's Art Competition entries need to be in school no later than **Thursday 18th October**, Please send in £1 with your child's artwork as soon as possible.

REMINDER

We are currently one of the organisations being supported by the Waitrose Community Matters scheme in the Newport branch. If you shop there, please ask for a green token at the till and pop it in to our collection pot! Every month £1000 is donated by Waitrose and shared between the three organisations that are part of the scheme that month, the more tokens we have the bigger share of the donation we'll receive. Please let your family and friends know too! Thank you.

WAITROSE TOKEN COLLECTION

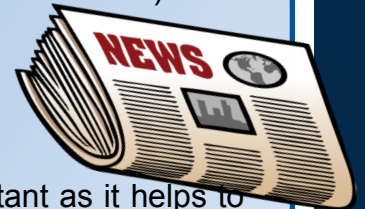


SCHOOL CALENDAR DATES

Just to keep
you posted!

- Thursday 18th October—Mayor Art Competition Entries returned to school.
- **Thursday 18th October—Harvest Menu in school**
- Wednesday 24th/Thursday 25th—Friends of School Autumn Cake Sale in school
- Wednesday 24th October –Harvest Festival. Parents welcome, **further details in this Newsletter**
- Thursday 25th October—Friends of School Meeting
- Friday 26th October—PD Day (School Closed to Pupils)
- Monday 29th—Friday 2nd November—Half Term
- **Thursday 8th November—James Tennant photographer in school**
- Monday 12th November -Usborne Books
- Tuesday 13th November- Author visit
- Saturday 17th November - Gin Tasting Evening (**please see the attached poster**)
- Friday 30th November—Bags2School Collection Day (more details to follow)

LATEST NEWS AND EVENTS



DATA CHECKING SHEETS

We will be sending data checking sheets home next week, this is important as it helps to ensure that we have accurate contact and medical information for your child. As a result of GDPR legislation we will be sending home blank sheets for you to complete to ensure that we maintain data security as much as possible. We would be grateful if you could complete the sheet and return it to school by 19th October, thank you.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

We are holding our Harvest Festival Service in St Andrews Church at 2.15pm on Wednesday 24th October and you are welcome to come along. If you are able to join us please arrive at the Church a few minutes before the service, please note we would be grateful if you could keep the front four pews free for the children and staff, thank you. We are expecting the service to end in time for the end of the normal school day and children can be collected from school, or attend clubs, at 3pm as normal.

St Andrews Church is now a Newport Foodbank collection point and we would be very grateful if children could bring something with them to school on 24th October which can be taken to the Foodbank. A list of suitable items is attached to this Newsletter (please no glass), thank you.

FRIENDS OF SCHOOL

Friends of School have recently signed up with PTA Events which gives us our own webpage and through this we are able to notify of events and fundraisers we are going to run. It also enable us to sell events tickets, fundraising items, pre-loved school uniform etc. online. We can now accept PayPal payments for items we are selling which reduces the burden on the school office.

Parents/grandparents/carers are able to sign up to our page and this will ensure that any events we are running are notified via email and will also enable you to purchase items form us. To sign up please go to www.pta-events.co.uk/focas and click the register icon in the top right corner. This way we will be able to keep everybody up to date with events.

Thank you for your continued support. Friends of School Committee



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PHOTOGRAPHER IN SCHOOL

James Tennant will be in school from 8:30am on 8th November, further information regarding this will be sent home early next week. If you would like to, it will be possible to have younger siblings photographed with your child, please bring them along between 8:30am and 9:00am and we will try to have them photographed as early as possible. Once the photographs have been taken we will send samples home to you as soon as possible so that you can order copies, the photographer will aim to have the photographs ready for Christmas.

LEE'S COFFEE MORNING

On Saturday 13th October from 10:30am to 12:00pm St Andrews Church are holding a coffee morning to remember and celebrate the much loved Revd Lee Wheeler. This is an opportunity to share memories of Lee and during the morning there will be a singalong of her favourite hymns.

CHANGE OF MENU—THURSDAY 18th OCTOBER

Our kitchen are doing a special Harvest lunch on 18th October. The menu will be Cottage pie with potatoes and autumnal vegetables served with individual bread rolls. The pudding will be shaped cookies.

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS DEADLINE REMINDERS

Just a reminder of the following deadlines:

- Applying for primary school places to start in September 2019 (starting school for the first time) - **closing date 15 January 2019**
- Applying for infant to junior school places to start in September 2019 (current Year 2 pupils) - **closing date 15 January 2019**

OPEN DAYS FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS

Look out for our open days for when you are welcome to visit Church Aston and see us in action. Please ring the school office to let us know when you will be visiting. Telephone 01952 386390. Please see the attached poster for details.

SCHOOL FUND

Audited School Fund Accounts 2017/18 were presented to Governors on 3rd July 2018. An Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet are attached for your information. The full accounts are held in the School Office and can be inspected on request.

INVOICES

Invoices have been sent home for September's Breakfast Club and 4 O'clock Club, we would be grateful for prompt payment, thank you.

**HAVE AN
AMAZING
AUTUMN TERM**

