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This Half Term's Value – Respect



'Phrases of Faith

'Luke 6:31: And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.'

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well and that you have enjoyed a restful festive period. As we embark on a new year, I would like to extend my warmest wishes to you and your families for a Happy New Year. We are excited to share our first newsletter of the Spring term, which includes important information regarding your child's learning, our curriculum, and their timetable for the week.

In alignment with the 2014 National Curriculum, our curriculum this term has a strong focus on developing critical thinking and creativity across various subjects. You will find detailed curriculum overviews attached to this letter, which outline the topics and learning objectives your child will be exploring. We believe that a well-rounded education is key to fostering a love of learning, and we are committed to providing a stimulating and inclusive environment for all students.

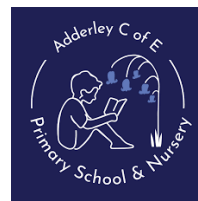
Furthermore, I would like to remind you of our club offerings. Following your valuable feedback, we have diversified our clubs to cater to a wider range of interests and activities. However, it has come to our attention that there has been a notably low take-up of these clubs and other school events such as Bikeability, Musical Instrument Tuition and Sports Activities. We are keen to understand your views and would greatly appreciate any feedback regarding the reasons behind this. Your insights will help us further address any barriers and improve our extracurricular offerings to better suit the needs and interests of our students. All comments are welcome and can be submitted via the school office.

A very warm welcome to our new Nursery arrivals; Cameron and Kathryn. I am also delighted to welcome our new staff members, Mrs Katie Hilling and Mrs Katy Nixon. They have settled in wonderfully and have quickly become integral parts of our school family. We are excited about the skills and enthusiasm they bring to our team.

I would like to wish everyone a wonderful weekend ahead.

With all best wishes,
Mrs S. Henney





Important Dates and INFORMATION

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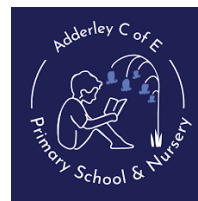
Monday 13 th	Coding Club with Miss Archer, 3.15pm – 4.15pm
Tuesday 14 th	Forest School for Oak Class Guitar lessons with Mr Tomkins,
Thursday 16 th	Make some noise/Young Voices Choir, at lunchtime PE for Oak and Chestnut Class SATS Club with Mr Turner, 3.15pm – 4.15pm
Friday 17 th	Forest school for Chestnut and Willow Class
Monday 20 th	Coding Club with Miss Archer, 3.15pm – 4.15pm
Tuesday 21 st	Guitar lessons with Mr Tomkins, Forest School for Oak Class
Thursday 23 rd	Make some noise/Young Voices Choir, lunchtime PE for Oak and Chestnut Class SATS Club with Mr Turner, 3.15pm – 4.15pm
Friday 24 th	Forest school for Chestnut and Willow Class Bikeability for children in years 5 and 6 that have signed up to take part
Monday 27 th	Coding Club with Miss Archer, 3.15pm – 4.15pm
Tuesday 28 th	Forest School for Oak Class
Thursday 30 th	Young Voices – details to follow PE for Oak and Chestnut Class SATS Club with Mr Turner, 3.15pm – 4.15pm
Friday 31 st	Forest school for Chestnut and Willow Class

This week's Star Pupils!

Chestnut Class: Whole class – for an exceptional return to school. Very proud of you all!

Oak Class: Harley - completing some fantastic independent pieces of work in English and Maths.





Music This Half Term for Oak and Chestnut Class

Chestnuts - In Music we will be exploring music from China and listening to some new sounds created by Chinese instruments. We'll be identifying whether music is fast or slow and moving to match the speed. We'll be creating our own 'Dragon Dance' and singing lots of seasonal songs too.

Oak - Music for this half term is based around the pentatonic scale and we shall be listening to music based on five notes. We will be learning to play a piece of pentatonic music on the recorder and creating our own piece of pentatonic music with a simple accompaniment. We're going to start work on a two-part singing piece and have some fun learning some new songs.

After School Clubs This Half Term

After school clubs are available for children to join. You can book your child's place through school spider.

Mondays- Coding Club- Miss Archer

Coding Club will allow children time to explore the world of coding using programs such as Scratch Jr, Scratch and BBC Micro: bit. This club is open to children in KS2 in the first instance. If there are places remaining, this may be opened up to KS1. There is a limit of 10 places for this club. The cost for this club is £4.50 per child, per session. Please book via school spider.

Tuesdays – Guitar lessons with Mr Tomkins

If any children are interested in learning guitar, please book via school spider. £52.02 for 6 weeks.

Thursday- SATS Booster Club - Mr Turner

SATS club is available to children in Year 6 only. This club will allow the children time to explore any concepts and ideas that they find tricky. There is no charge for this club, but we ask that parents register their child's attendance via school spider.

