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This Half Term's Value – Justice



**'Phrases of Faith**

**'So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them' - Matthew 7:12**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. As we reach the end of another busy week, I would like to take this opportunity to share some of the events that have taken place this week and to commend our students on their recent achievements.

Firstly, I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to all those who participated in the Athletics competition yesterday; Thank you also to **Mrs Ritchings / Mrs Nixon** who accompanied the children to the event. It was fantastic to see so many of our pupils taking part and representing our school so admirably against others in the area. This event not only showcased their sporting talents but also their ability to work as a team and support one another.

As we look ahead, I'd like to remind everyone that next week is the final week before we break for half term. It's bound to be a bustling week as we wrap up our current topics and prepare for the remainder of the term ahead.

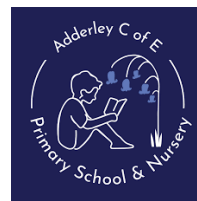
After half term all pupils, including Nursery, will be embarking on units of work, as part of their English Curriculum, which explore the theme of belonging and hope. Through inspiring texts our pupils will be encouraged to reflect on issues linked to spiritual, moral, social and cultural development (SMSC) and British values and engage with inspiring stories as part of their SMSC journey. If you would like to learn more about this topic or feel you would be able to contribute in any way, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

This leaves me only to wish you all a wonderful weekend filled with relaxation and family time. Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

With all best wishes,

Mrs S. Henney





# Important Dates and INFORMATION

## FEBRUARY

Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Coding Club with Miss Archer, 3.15pm – 4.15pm
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Guitar lessons with Mr Tomkins, Forest School for Oak Class
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	PE for Oak and Chestnut Class SATS Club with Mr Turner, 3.15pm – 4.15pm
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Forest school for Chestnut and Willow Class
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Break up for half term</b> <b>Children return to school</b> F1 in schools club – 3.15pm – 4.45pm
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Forest School for Oak Class Guitar lessons with Mr Tomkins, for those signed up
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Gardening Club with Miss Archer, 3.15pm – 4.15pm (limited places - 8 )
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	PE for Oak and Chestnut Class SATS Club with Mr Turner, 3.15pm – 4.15pm
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Forest school for Chestnut and Willow Class

## FUTURE DATES

March 6 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day
March 21 <sup>st</sup>	Red Nose Day
March 25 <sup>th</sup>	F1 Final – details to follow
March 31 <sup>st</sup> – April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Residential trip for years 5 and 6
April 12 <sup>th</sup>	Half Marathon in Shrewsbury
April 28 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming begins for KS2

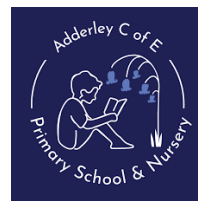
### This week's Star Pupils!

**Chestnut Class:** Theodora – for being sensible and enthusiastic

**Oak Class:** Kaylee - for her exceptional effort in all lessons. Well done Kaylee!

**Willow Class:** Howard - for doing some super tidying up over the last few weeks!





## **Class News:**

### **Oak Class**

This week in Oak, all year groups have been working hard in maths to develop their knowledge multiplication and division. For year 5 and 6 we even began to learn about long division! In PE we practiced some basic tennis skills, which we will try and apply to a game next week. In forest school this week, we developed our story telling skills, making up stories in pairs to share with the class, this not only practiced our story telling skills but was also an opportunity for development of listening to others' ideas and making compromises in a group to merge ideas. This week our star of the week is

### **Chestnut Class**

Well, it been another fantastic week in Chestnut Class and the children have once again filled their marble reward jar. Well done everyone for all your hard work! This time the reward we chose was a movie marathon which will take place next week.

In Literacy, the children have written diary entries in the role of George (our stories main character) and have also written exciting descriptions explaining where dragons live.

In Phonics, the Year 1s have been 'growing the code', exploring all the different ways making the same sound. In Spelling, the Year 2s have been focusing on adding the suffix -ful. The children were excited to start their D and T project where they will be designing and making windmills.

French lessons have been focusing on pronouncing the months of the year, days of the week and revisiting numbers. This will help the children to say the date.

In Music the children have been using instruments to explore volume and tempo.

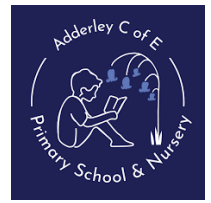
### **Willow Class**

This week in Willow Class, we've been having lots of fun while continuing our learning from the story *The Naughty Bus*! The mischievous bus has caused quite a mess in our classroom, so we decided to write an *angry letter* to let the bus know just how upset we are. The children put their writing skills to the test as they carefully thought about what they would say to the naughty bus.

In maths, we've been working on understanding *more* and *fewer*. The children had fun sorting objects and comparing groups, learning how to recognize which ones had more or fewer items. It's great to see how they use their new skills!

We also explored *mosques* this week. The children learned about the special buildings that are important to many people, and we discussed how different buildings are meaningful to different cultures. As part of this learning, we had a lovely mindfulness colouring activity, where





we coloured beautiful *mosaics*—the kind you might see inside a mosque. It was a calming and creative way to connect with our new learning.

Lastly, we've been talking about the importance of having rules to keep Willow Class a *safe* and *happy* place. The children shared their ideas for what rules we should have to make sure everyone feels comfortable and respected. It's wonderful to see how kind and thoughtful they are!

It's been another fantastic week of learning in Willow Class! ✨

### **Gardening Club**

After half term, Miss Archer will be running a gardening after school club every Wednesday. Due to using gardening tools, the club is limited to 8 children, if any parents would like to volunteer to help with this club, it would be very much appreciated and we would be able to increase the number of places. If you would like to help, please see Miss Archer or call into the school office and let Mrs Plant know.

You will be able to book a place on this club via school spider from Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February.

### **Add More Athletics Competition**

On Thursday, the children in Year 6 were invited to take part in an Athletics competition alongside their friends from Moreton Say, at Maurice Chandler.

Despite the early morning fresh temperatures, the children competed enthusiastically, showing great sportsmanship and comradery. They competed in javelin throws, long jump, chest throws and quick feet. They also came together to form an Addmore relay team, competing against other schools with great results.

We are incredibly proud of how beautifully our Year 6s represented our special school. Well done all!

### **Little Samaritans Club**

Every Friday our pupils are invited to attend a Little Samaritans club led by Mrs Willson. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to explore faith, in a relaxed and peaceful environment. This half term, the children attending the club have been exploring 'Who Jesus really is?', each week looking at an aspect of Jesus through arts and craft. They have appreciated Jesus as a King, A healer and a friend.

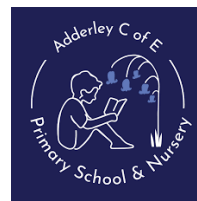
This club has been wonderfully attended and children are always welcome to join if they wish.

### **Uniform reminder**

We have started to see children wearing football shirts for PE lessons. Please can we remind our families that our school PE uniform consists of a pale blue T-shirt, A navy or pale blue hoody, leggings, joggers or shorts and trainers or pumps.

**Oak Class - Forest School** – The woodland area is very wet and muddy at the moment. Please could we ask that your child brings waterproofs on Forest School days. Thank you!





### Mental health week

On Tuesday, we were joined by the Mental Health Support Team who spoke to us about what mental health is, how we can look after ours, what to do if feelings/emotions get too big and how they can help. They explained that we all have feelings that come and go every day. Most of these are small feelings, such as feeling excited about a present you have been given, or nervous about a test. Small feelings can feel very strong at times, but these are feelings that don't become a problem to us, like big feelings do. Big feelings can change how we behave, how we see the world and how we get on with other people. These big feelings can affect our mental health. Some of us might never experience these big feelings but for other people these big feelings can be really serious. They can be caused by lots of different reasons which can be quite complicated. It can be difficult to understand how we are feeling and to tell the difference between our big and small feelings. The MHST then explained that the best thing we can do when we have these big feelings is talk. We spoke about who we could talk to and how to start conversations about mental health.



If any parents are able to make a donation of a "sweet treat" for the sale, it would be greatly appreciated.

Please see Mrs Porter.

