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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 message finds you well. This week's newsletter is jam packed with lots of information and some exciting updates.

Firstly, this week pupils in Years 5 and 6 took part in Bikeability sessions. This fantastic initiative aims to activate and encourage young cyclists, ensuring that every child gains the confidence to enjoy cycling as an important life skill. Not only does it promote independence, but it also allows our children to experience the fun and freedom that comes with cycling. We are very proud of all our pupils, of all levels, who have developed and improved their cycling skills and road safety awareness. Well done! Thank you also to the course facilitators who have supported our children in their learning and in encouraging them to keep going as the week has gone on!

Looking ahead to next week there is much excitement mounting surrounding Young Voices 2025, which promises to be one of the highlights of our school year. The experience of participating in such a grand event is truly unforgettable and provides our children with the chance to showcase their musical talents on a larger platform; I am very much looking forward to taking pupils from across the Federation to attend this fantastic event! More to follow next week.

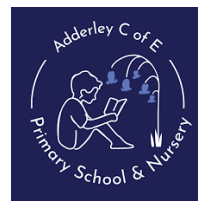
So as we look forward to these engaging activities, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a wonderful weekend.

Thank you for your continued support.

With all best wishes,

Mrs S. Henney





Important Dates and INFORMATION

JANUARY

- Monday 27th Special lunch menu – please book via school spider
Coding Club with Miss Archer, 3.15pm – 4.15pm
- Tuesday 28th Guitar lessons with Mr Tomkins, for those signed up
Forest School for Oak Class
- Thursday 30th Young Voices for those attending
PE for Oak and Chestnut Class
SATs Club with Mr Turner, 3.15pm – 4.15pm
- Friday 31st Forest school for Chestnut and Willow Class

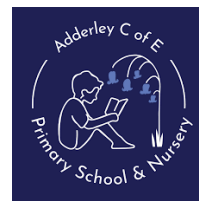
FEBRUARY

- 3rd to 7th** **Children's Mental Health Week – further details in the newsletter**
Monday 3rd **Non – Uniform Day**
F1 Club, 3.15pm – 4.45pm
Coding Club with Miss Archer, 3.15pm – 4.15pm
 - Tuesday 4th Forest School for Oak Class
Guitar lessons with Mr Tomkins, for those signed up
 - Thursday 6th PE for Oak and Chestnut Class
SATs Club with Mr Turner, 3.15pm – 4.15pm
 - Friday 7th Forest school for Chestnut and Willow Class
 - Monday 10th Coding Club with Miss Archer, 3.15pm – 4.15pm
 - Tuesday 11th Guitar lessons with Mr Tomkins,
Forest School for Oak Class
 - Thursday 13th PE for Oak and Chestnut Class
SATs Club with Mr Turner, 3.15pm – 4.15pm
 - Friday 14th Forest school for Chestnut and Willow Class
- Break up for half term**

FUTURE DATES

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





This week's Star Pupils!

Chestnut Class: Liam – for a fabulous effort in writing.

Oak Class: Elliot - for his amazing use of personification in literacy.

Willow Class: Cameron – for having such a settled week, gaining confidence, being generally kind and helpful, and engaging with all the great play and learning opportunities in Willow Class!

Class News:

Oak Class

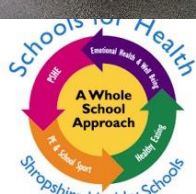
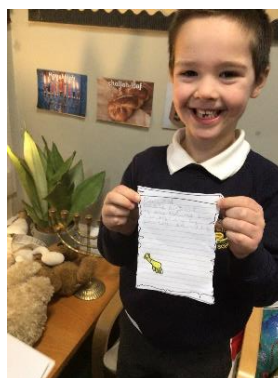
This week the children have completed some fantastic writing in literacy, where they have been developing their writing style, and the depth of their writing.

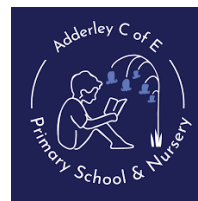
We have also taken part in our first cooking lesson, where we made a sweet pepper pasta, and years 5 and 6 have taken part in Bikeability, learning important skills to help keep themselves safe on their bikes.

This week in Oak we have also said goodbye to two of our classmates, we wish them all the best at the new school and in the future.

Chestnut Class

What a busy week we've had! In Literacy, the children dazzled us with their creativity, writing fantastic independent stories about meeting a dragon. We can't wait to embark on our new tale, 'The Dragon Machine'. In Maths, we built on our knowledge of number bonds to tackle both addition and subtraction problems. Our Computing session was a hit as the children crafted rhythmic patterns using counters and musical instruments, later transforming these ideas into catchy, repeating rhythms on Chrome Music Lab. In RE, they penned heartfelt prayers for their families while learning about why Jewish people cherish Mezuzahs. Lastly, we explored the outdoors for a Geography lesson, spotting human and physical features around our school. In PE, the excitement continued with basketball dribbling and ball control challenges. Here's to another great week ahead!





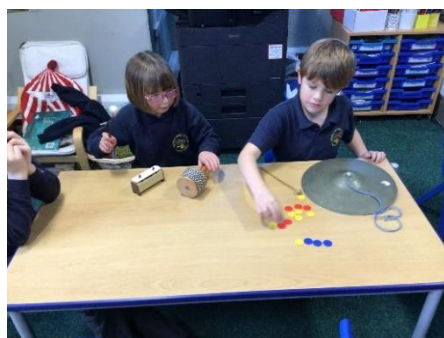
Pizza Treat

Last Friday, the children in Chestnut Class were proud to have finally filled their marble reward Jar. Children are awarded a marble for; kindness, respect, manners, presentation, super work, being ready and being safe.

This time, the reward for filling the jar was baking and so on Monday we decided to bake pizzas not only for ourselves but for the whole school.

Next time we fill the jar, we will be watching a movie with popcorn.

Well done, Chestnuts!



Willow Class

This week, Willow class has been full of excitement and creativity as we began our learning journey with the story *Naughty Bus*. The children have been thoroughly engaged, exploring different aspects of the story while developing their literacy and imagination.

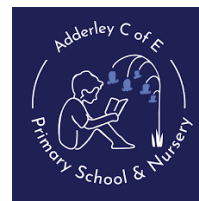
One of the highlights of the week was designing our very own bus routes. The children thoughtfully captioned what they might see outside the bus windows, from playgrounds to ponds, churches to flowers. We then took our learning outdoors, using our large construction equipment to build a fantastic bus, where we practised lining up at the bus stop and boarding with our tickets—ready for our next adventure!

Speaking of adventures, Willow class embarked on a journey through the jungle, desert, and under the sea. Using our imagination, we explored these exciting places, with the children sharing what they saw along the way and engaging in lots of creative play.

We also had fun with some playdough this week! The children enjoyed making their own playdough and using it to create all sorts of shapes and figures, developing their fine motor skills while having a great time.

In addition to our creative learning, we explored the story of Noah's Ark. We discussed the importance of the story and talked about why churches are special to Christians. The children were fascinated by the beauty of stained-glass windows, and we spent time examining them and appreciating the colours and patterns.





Finally, we have been focusing on how to be helpful to each other. The children participated in roleplay scenarios where they practiced helping one another in different situations. It has been wonderful to see the kindness and thoughtfulness developing in the class.

What a fantastic week of learning and growing in Willow class! We can't wait to continue our adventures next week.

Bikeability

Despite the wind, our cycle training session still went ahead! The children had a fantastic time practising a variety of cycling skills on the playground. They learnt how to maintain and check their bikes, dress appropriately for biking, and master essential controls such as riding fast and slow, braking, signalling, and general bike control.

Due to the blustery weather, the Bikeability team were unable to complete Level 2, which involves riding on the road. So we have arranged for the team to come back on Friday 28th February. Children will have a refresher on level 1 and then complete level 2.

Happy cycling, everyone!



Effective communication between home and school

As a school we recognise the vital role your engagement plays in supporting the education and well-being of our pupils.

Should you have any queries or messages for our staff, we highly encourage you to reach out in person whenever possible. Face-to-face communication allows for a more comprehensive exchange of information and fosters a strong partnership between parents and educators.

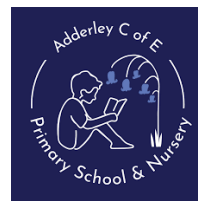
In instances where meeting in person is not feasible, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. Our office staff are well-equipped to direct your queries to the relevant member of staff, ensuring that your queries are addressed as promptly as possible. This system not only streamlines communication but also allows us to respond more effectively to your needs. In response, our staff will always endeavour to make contact or issue a response in person or, where this is not possible, via telephone.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

Healthy Snacks

Nutrition plays a fundamental role in a child's development and overall well-being. A balanced diet not only supports physical growth but also enhances cognitive function and promotes better concentration during lessons. As our pupils engage in various learning activities





throughout the day, it is essential that they have access to nutritious snacks that will sustain their energy levels and support their learning.

We recognise that busy lifestyles can sometimes make it challenging to ensure that children have healthy food choices readily available. Therefore, we encourage you to consider options such as fresh fruits, vegetable sticks with hummus, wholegrain crackers, or low-fat yoghurts. These snacks can provide essential vitamins and minerals while being enjoyable for children. It is advisable to limit sugary snacks and processed foods, as these can lead to fluctuations in energy levels and may impact their ability to focus.

To further promote healthy eating within our school, we will be organising activities that focus on nutrition awareness and healthy snack preparation. We look forward to sharing!



Children's Mental Health Week

This year's Children's Mental Health Week theme is **Know Yourself, Grow Yourself**. The more we can understand about ourselves, the more prepared we are to express our emotions and take on life's ups and downs. Being self-aware means getting to know and understand what we are good at, what we find difficult, our likes and dislikes, what makes us feel JOY and what may cause us SADNESS. It is also about understanding what makes us unique and our fears, hopes and dreams. As we build a sense of self, we grow in our ability to connect with others, as well as develop our skills and talents. It is with this basis we can form strong and healthy relationships, from early childhood right through to adulthood and are equipped to cope with the challenges that life brings our way. With that in mind we are going to complete a range of activities and lessons throughout the week building on our theme of know yourself, grow yourself, starting with a non-uniform day.

Non-uniform day – Monday 3rd February

We would like our children to wear an outfit that expresses themselves, whether it's their favourite outfit, a splash of colour, a traditional attire that celebrates their culture, or an ensemble that showcases their beloved hobby, we want everyone's creativity to shine.

Reading

Reading at home is the best way that you can help your child. Reading for just five minutes a day will make a huge difference!

Please send your reading books and reading record into school every day. A new reading book will be sent home once a week in reception and year 1 or once completed in years 2 and above.

We will only be able to issue a new book when the old one has been returned. Please look after the books - any damaged or lost books will need to be replaced, at your expense, before receiving a new book





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FEBRUARY **FRENZY** half-term holiday clubs

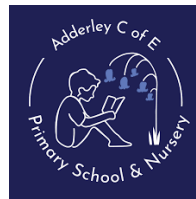
- ▶ **10% OFF** Book before January 31 on multi-sports clubs
- ▶ **WHEN?** February 17-21
- ▶ **WHERE?** Brine Leas School, Nantwich
- ▶ **TIME:** 8.45am-3.15pm (late and early pick-ups available)
- ▶ **WOW!** Sports specific camps!
- ▶ **amazing** multi-sports clubs

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