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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,

Another half term draws to an end - I cannot quite believe how quickly this half term has flown by. The chickens have been collected and are off on their holidays and I know the children are all ready for theirs now too!!

As we approach the end of this half term, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the busy few weeks we have spent together here at school. The children have engaged in a variety of learning experiences, demonstrating hard work and enthusiasm in all their learning and as ever I am enormously proud of them and of their achievements. It has been a pleasure to observe their progress and to see their confidence grow in various subjects.

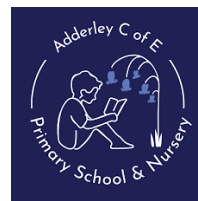
Throughout this term, our focus has been on fostering a love for learning and encouraging collaboration amongst pupils both within school and further afield. This has included a range of visits and visitors as well as participation in large scale events such as Young Voices, Sporting competitions alongside neighbouring schools and in trying out new hobbies and pursuits through our school clubs offer. I am proud of the exemplary behaviour shown by our students, and I believe that they have gained valuable skills that will serve them well in the future.

As we approach the half term break, I would like to wish you all a restful and enjoyable half term break. Thank you for your continued support and engagement. We look forward to welcoming everyone back after the break, refreshed and ready for the exciting challenges that lie ahead!

With all best wishes,

Mrs S. Henney





Important Dates and INFORMATION

FEBRUARY

Monday 24th	Children return to school F1 in schools club – 3.15pm – 4.45pm
Tuesday 25 th	Forest School for Oak Class Guitar lessons with Mr Tomkins, for those signed up
Wednesday 26 th	Gardening Club with Miss Archer, 3.15pm – 4.15pm (limited places - 8)
Thursday 27 th	PE for Oak and Chestnut Class SATs Club with Mr Turner, 3.15pm – 4.15pm
Friday 28 th	PTA meeting, 3.15pm Forest school for Chestnut and Willow Class Bikeability for years 5 and 6

MARCH

Monday 3 rd	F1 Finals in Telford – details to follow Forest School for Oak Class
Tuesday 4 th	Forest School for Oak Class Guitar lessons with Mr Tomkins, for those signed up
Wednesday 5 th	Gardening Club with Miss Archer, 3.15pm – 4.15pm
Thursday 6 th	World Book Day PE for Oak and Chestnut Class SATs Club with Mr Turner, 3.15pm – 4.15pm
Friday 7 th	Forest school for Chestnut and Willow Class

FUTURE DATES

March 21 st	Red Nose Day
March 31 st – April 2 nd	Residential trip for years 5 and 6
April 12 th	Half Marathon in Shrewsbury for those that have signed up
April 28 th	Swimming begins for KS2

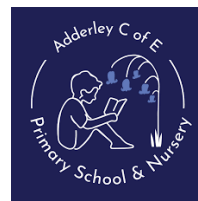
This week's Star Pupils!

Chestnut Class: Jayden - For settling into school brilliantly. Well done!

Oak Class: Sebastian - for his amazing enthusiasm for reading. Keep it up Sebastian!

Willow Class: Theodora and Jupiter - for working so hard on their phonics this half term and making such amazing progress!





Class News:

Oak Class

This week in Oak class we have had some been taking part in big writes in English, applying all of the skills we have learnt across the half term, some fantastic pieces of writing have been produced where are many pages long! In forest school we have been developing a concept called 'accept and build', which focuses on developing skills to work in a team. In PE we have continued to develop tennis skills and have taken part in a game of tennis rounders, which was enjoyed by all.

Please remember waterproof jackets and trousers, plus wellies or walking boots for Forest School. It is still winter, meaning its cold and wet. Without the proper clothing children will not be allowed to attend.

Chestnut Class

We have had a wonderful last week and the children are ready for a well-deserved rest.

In PE, the children took part in their final basketball session, applying all their newly learnt skills into a friendly basketball game. There was some amazing passing and dribbling!

In Literacy, the children have written wonderful diary entries in the role of Hiccup from the film 'How to Train your Dragon'. We also watched the movie as the chosen reward for filling our marble jar and of course we enjoyed some popcorn.

In Maths, we have now moved onto exploring multiplication and division. This week we have focused on counting in groups of 2,3,5 and 10 and recognising equal and unequal groups of objects.

Below is a link to a useful game that the children may want to access at home.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

In DT, the children have completed the structure of their windmill and have now cut out the sails. All that is left to do is test them in the wind!

In Computing, the children have used Chrome Music Lab to create their own pieces of music including a rhythm and a melody. Again, if the children would like to access this at home, please see the link below.

<https://musiclab.chromeexperiments.com/>

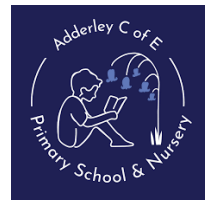
Have a wonderful half term everyone!

Willow Class

What a fantastic week we've had in Nursery and Reception! Our learning journey has been filled with songs, stories, and special activities that have sparked creativity, curiosity, and lots of fun.

This week, we've been singing the nursery rhyme "Down at the Station", which has been a big hit! The children have loved joining in with the song, using actions and practicing their listening skills. Alongside this, we've continued our adventures with *Naughty Bus*. The children have been discussing how Naughty Bus feels throughout the story and sharing their thoughts about emotions. To help the children express how they're feeling each day, we've set up a special area in the classroom where they can share their moods.





In our maths sessions, we've been busy with shapes! The children took part in a *shape hunt* around the outdoor area, searched for different shapes, and even sorted them by size and colour. One of the highlights was creating a *Naughty Bus* out of shapes, where the children used their knowledge of different shapes to design their very own bus. It was amazing to see their creativity in action!

The children have been getting creative by making beautiful *Valentine's Day cards* for their loved ones. We baked healthy apple and carrot cookies for the children to give to the rest of the school for a Valentine's Day present.

As always, the children have enjoyed their regular sessions in *Music, French, and Forest School*, where they have had the opportunity to explore, learn, and have fun in different ways.

Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday 11th February the school took part in activities and workshops for Safer Internet Day. This year's theme was- Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online.

In KS2, the children learnt how to spot and recognise fraudulent messages and communication. They learnt an acronym for the word Scam and also learnt a recipe for secure passwords. The children made posters to demonstrate what they had learnt. They also took part in a live lesson presented by BBCs Blue Peter and took part in scam smashing games and activities.



In KS1, the children talked about important information that we should not share online, including passwords, names, addresses and photos. The children played a card game, matching the private information cards. The children also completed a cut and stick activity, further exploring things we can and cannot share online.



In worship time, the children discussed their learning from the day and we had some really meaningful discussions about age ratings and what we can do if something is worrying us online.

Science week



Science Week 2025 is fast approaching, and excitement is building amongst children and staff once again.

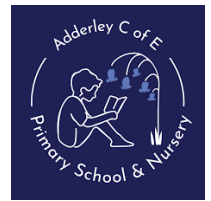
As a federation, we will be celebrating British Science week from Monday 10th March to Friday 14th March.

On Monday 10th March, to kick start the week, we are inviting children to dress up as a Scientist. This could be a decorated t-shirt with scientific vocabulary or diagrams, making a scientific badge to wear for the day or even dressing as a famous Scientist from history. Maybe





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you could represent a modern career in science such as; a vet, an astronaut, an engineer or how about a Palaeontologist? The list is endless.

On Tuesday 11th March, we would like to invite pupils and their families to take part in a Science Faire.

Last year's Science Fair was a huge success, and we were amazed by the everyone's enthusiasm and dedication- the children still talk about it to this day!

Children are invited to work on a science project of their choice with their families at home and present this at our science fair. Maybe you could create something that focuses on animals, growth, the body, electricity, light, mechanisms, sound, forces or even rocks. This is a great opportunity to get creative and share a love for science with our families.

Class teachers will ask for details of presentations prior to the event to ensure projects are school safe.

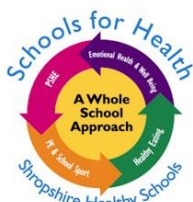
We are also excited to invite Sammy from **Edu Fun Children's workshops** into both of our schools to deliver workshops that explore the human heart, the 5 senses, the respiratory system and finally bogies.

Throughout the rest of the week, we will explore the different areas of science, learning about real life scientists and the impact of their work on our world. The children will also become scientists themselves and carry out a variety of investigations and experiments to enhance their learning.

We would love to build on our links with parents and the wider community to further enhance our learning and give children a real context for learning. Do you have a science background? Do you work in a field of science? Do you know someone who does? If you have a background in any field of Science or STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) and would be willing to talk with our children about what a job in science entails, we would love to hear from you. Please contact the school office or your child's class teacher.

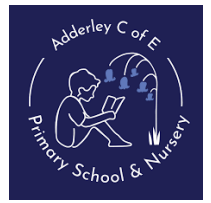
What a week this will be and definitely one that will inspire our scientists of the future.

Miss Archer





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