



# Alsager Highfields Primary School

*Mighty oaks from small acorns grow*

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Dear Parents & Carers,

It always surprises me how quickly the children settle back into the school routine and adapt to their new year groups. The school has a lovely 'buzz' about it at the moment and it has been lovely to see our older pupils looking after our newest 'recruits' at lunchtime.

Our older pupils are relishing the extra roles and responsibilities offered and our new librarians are already stamping, levelling and covering new books as well as ensuring that our library is tidy and orderly. We hope to have our school council and safeguarding team members by the end of next week and look forward to hearing their suggestions of how we can improve our school further.

Our reception pupils have already started our phonic scheme 'Read, Write Inc' and there will be a meeting for reception parents **at 3.10pm on Tuesday the 31st of October in the main school hall.** (Childcare will be provided on site by staff ). During this meeting, you will learn exactly how we teach our youngest pupils to read. Please do your best to attend this meeting as it will give you all the necessary information of how you can best support your child whilst they are learning to read. 81% of reception pupils met the Early Learning Goal in reading last year and 97% passed the phonics screening check in Year One . These figures are well above the national average and could not have been achieved without parental support.

As children get older and read more fluently, they are able to take far more responsibility for their own learning, particularly in reading. As reading for a minimum of four times a week is part of our homework policy, we do ask that you ensure that your child is fulfilling this part of their homework as currently we do have a number of children who are struggling to get back into this vital habit. Thank you for your anticipated support with this matter.

Finally, as the weather has clearly turned from summer to autumn overnight, please ensure your child has a coat with them every day. There have been a few pupils caught out with the recent showers when walking to swimming or across from the annexe building.

Rachel Woollam

## Lost Property



We already have a large number of un-named school items such as hoodies and jumpers. If your child is missing an item of school uniform, please do get in touch so we can try to match items to pupils. In order to make reuniting clothing with owners a quick and easy task, we ask that you label all school items, in particular cardigans, jumpers and hoodies. Name tags can be ordered on [www.mynametags.com](http://www.mynametags.com) and if you quote the school ID 22504, school will get a percentage of funds raised.

## Blue Peter Book Badge

Blue Peter have recently introduced a new Book Badge, which we would love as many of our children as possible to achieve. Having a Blue Peter badge does allow children free entry to many attractions such as Beeston Castle, Knowsley Safari Park and Chill Factor. For the full list of attractions please follow the link: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/attractions#filter>

To find out more about the terms and conditions for the badge please click the link: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/blue-peter-apply-for-a-book-badge>



Our wonderful PFA are holding their AGM in the **school hall at 6.30pm on the 2nd of October.** Please support us by attending if you can.

Everyone is welcome.

Many children prefer to read newspapers and magazines to books and there are currently many great magazines out there. As a school, we currently subscribe to The Happy News, First News and Britannica's What on Earth magazine. All of these magazines offer family subscriptions and any family interested in subscribing to Britannica's magazines should visit: [www.whatonearth.co.uk](http://www.whatonearth.co.uk).

We now have quite a collection of past editions of these magazines and newspapers, so if any parents or carers wish to take a look at these magazines please do get in touch and we can arrange for past editions to be sent home.

## Reading Superstars

Unbelievably, term has only just started yet we have a word millionaire as of this morning!

Huge well done to **Thomas W** in year 5, who has once again earned millionaire status. Last year we had 25 word millionaires and this year we are aiming for 30 along with 60 half millionaires and 60 quarter millionaires.

Here is a list of the pupils who have read the most words in their class to date:

Y2—Quinn H (4,095 words)

Y3—Jenson C (190,918 words)

Y4—Grace B (361,543 words)

Y5—Thomas W (1,000,455 words)

Y6—Charles K-A (400,848 words)



**You're invited to**

**Aisager Highfields Young Carers Group**

Join Cheshire Young Carers every other week for a fun afternoon full of activities. Remember to keep an eye on the post for our school holiday programmes as well.

**Where?**  
Aisager Highfields Primary School  
Fairview Ave  
Aisager  
Stake-on-Trent  
ST7 2NW

**When?**

**2023**  
Monday 2nd October  
Monday 8th October  
Monday 15th November  
Monday 27th November  
Monday 8th December

**2024**  
Monday 15th January  
Monday 29th January  
Monday 12th February  
Monday 4th March  
Monday 18th March  
Monday 29th April  
Monday 15th May  
Monday 17th June  
Monday 1st July

3.15pm - 4.30pm

I have been asked to promote the courses and workshops on offer by Visyon. Visyon is a charity that continues to support many young people emotionally and mentally and it offers many families support when they feel they have no where else to go for help. Please do read the following:



Dear Parent and Carers

I hope that you have a good summer, although admittedly quite wet and that you are refreshed and energised to support your family during this academic school term.

I have asked your child/children's school to kindly share with you details of our upcoming Mental Health and Wellbeing Parent Carer Workshops and our delivery schedule, for the period October to December 2023. These workshops are free to attend, and we welcome families in Cheshire East or families of children who attend a school in Cheshire East. Please have a read through the information and see if there are any workshops which may be of interest to you. Details of how to book onto the workshops can be found in the information attached. Should you be unable to attend a workshop of interest due to the date or timings, please do get in touch with us via the [FamiliesandCommunitiesTeam@Visyon.org.uk](mailto:FamiliesandCommunitiesTeam@Visyon.org.uk).

Within our Service offer we do also provide Family Wellbeing support for parents and carers, which is tailored support and guidance for families, at an early stage, when they need it most. This support can be accessed via a Visyon Parent Open Access Appointment, details attached, which can be booked directly by yourselves by contacting Visyon's Initial Contact Team on 01260 290 000.

I thank you for taking the time to read my letter and information for I know as parents, we are always time short, and I wish you and your family a smooth half-term. If you require any further information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via email.

## Workshops held at Visyon (Fellowship House, Congleton, CW12 1DP)

For further information/and or to book a place, please email the [FamiliesandCommunitiesTeam@Visyon.org.uk](mailto:FamiliesandCommunitiesTeam@Visyon.org.uk)

(Please detail the Workshop name in the subject box of your email and provide a contact number).

Helping support a child's worries and anxieties, 7-week programme. <i>All 7 weeks to be attended consecutively.</i>  <b>10:30 – 12:00 each week</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 27/09/2023 – week 1</li> <li>• 04/10/2023 – week 2</li> <li>• 11/10/2023 – week 3</li> <li>• 18/10/2023 – week 4</li> <li>• Break 25/10/2023 for half-term week</li> <li>• 01/11/2023 – week 5</li> <li>• 08/11/2023 – week 6</li> <li>• 15/11/2023 – week 7</li> </ul>
Supporting a child with their sleep workshop	• 10.10.2023 - 10:00 – 12:00
Connecting with and supporting a teenager workshop	• 16.10.2023 - 13:00 – 14:30
Supporting a child with their emotions workshop	• 30.10.2023 - 13:00 – 14:30
Supporting a child with additional needs	• 25.10.2023 - 10:30 – 12:00
Supporting a child with the world of social media workshop	• 07.11.2023 - 10:00 – 11:30
Understanding self-harm workshop	• 22.11.2023 - 10:30 – 12:00
Supporting a child with bullying workshop	• 27.11.2023 - 13:00 – 14:30
Supporting a child's development workshop	• 29.11.2023 - 10:30 – 12:00
Supporting a child with anxiety workshop	• 05.12.2023 - 10:00 – 11:30
Supporting a child with parental separation workshop	• 11.12.2023 - 13:00 – 14:30
Supporting a child with loss and bereavement workshop	• 13.12.2023 - 10:30 – 12:00

If you believe you would benefit from one of our Workshops, but the dates/timings are not convenient, please get in touch as above. **These workshops are free of charge.**

## Young Carer's Group

Monday 2nd October will be the first meeting for the Young Carers. Miss Baggaley as SENCO will be attending the Young Carer sessions and we would encourage all who qualify to attend do so as they offer some amazing activities and sessions.

