

# Alsager Highfields Primary School Mighty oaks from small acorns grow

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Dear Parents & Carers,

And just like that the Spring term is complete! We have had a lovely run up to Easter and have really made the most of our community this term with visits to local churches, the library and Dennis Round Court. We are very fortunate to have all of these resources on our doorstep and have got great pleasure from strengthening links with these organisations. Our pupils thoroughly enjoyed visiting the library as part of our 'World Book Day' celebrations and the vast majority now have a library card. Please do take or encourage your child to visit over the Easter break, as there are so many great books for children there and we are desperate to keep our library open.

Our year five class also went to Dennis Round Court this week to do Easter craft activities with some of the residents. Our children were so respectful and lovely with the residents that we have been asked to visit again. This partnership is something I would really like to develop as both the residents and the children got a lot from the visit.

We have also had a Victorian Day this term for year 5 and year 2 pupils and both classes came away with a much better understanding of this period in history as well as a new-found appreciation of school rules and regulations today!



Wishing you all a happy and healthy Easter.

Rachel Woollam

### **Book Donations**

As you can see, our year 4 librarians couldn't wait to read and organise over 45 second hand books, sourced and donated by our wonderful



PFA. Not only is it great to encourage recycle and reuse as part of our school eco-friendly initiatives, but it means more titles have been added the LoveReading4Kids wishlist! If you have any of these books on your shelves at home and would consider donating them, or buying them through LoveReading4Kids, the children would be extremely grateful.

# Nut free school

A polite reminder that we are a nut-free school. This is to ensure we can keep those pupils with a nut allergy safe. Please do check snacks for nuts. Snacks that 'may contain nuts' or 'traces of nuts' should also be avoided.

# **Easter Homework**

Accelerated Reader

doodlelearning

Please ensure that your child continues to read and quiz over the Easter break. Children can guiz on Accelerated Reader between 8.30am-8.30pm every day of the week. A reminder that Doodle maths can also be utilised over the holidays so that fluency skills can be practised!

# Swearing on school grounds

We have had a number of incidents of our younger pupils swearing and using inappropriate language of late. When questioned, it is clear that pupils have heard some of this language when in the line waiting to come into school. I have worked really hard to eradicate inappropriate language and behaviour over my three years at Highfields and ask that you help continue to promote the image of the school positively by ensuring that when on school grounds and in the immediate vicinity, that you refrain from swearing, smoking and vaping.

Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

#### Speech and Language

Cheshire East is currently running a campaign on speech and language for parents in order for them to support with a

Find out more about how to support your child's speech and language development www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/ cheshireeastchatters Cheshire East Chatters

child's speech and language development. They are also running a 'Chatters Dummy Campaign' - details below.

If your child is due to start school in September and still has a dummy, please look up the CE Chatters Dummy campaign. We have noticed a decline in children's communication skills when they do still have a dummy and ask that you encourage your child to;

'Give your Dummy to the Easter Bunny.'

#### Cheshire East Chatters Dummy Campaign

Take my dummy away so you can hear what I have to say!

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Have a look at the following website for more information, including posters and factsheets:

Communication and Language (cheshireeast.gov.uk)



Alsager Community Support have asked me to remind parents and carers that they are still in the town, just at a different location. They offer free confidential advice, pre-owned school uniforms and cost of living support. Their new address is: 19-21 Crewe Road, Alsager. ST7 2EW (Above The Vault, next door to Sainsbury's). Please do look them up if you need support

# https://www.facebook.com/alsagercommunitysupport/?



Huge congratulations to all our pupils whose achievements have been celebrated in assembly over the past two weeks.



YR—Zoey T-V

Y1—Gregory M



#### Silver Awards

R—Amelia B, Rowan F-H, Ivy B, Zackery H

Y1— Emma S, William D, Shalom A

Y2—Mikolaj W, Tilly P, Benjamin B, Elizabeth T, Martha R, William B, Thea B,

Y3—Olivia T, Jessica M, Frankie G

Y4—Ben M, Fleur Y, Evie R, Jago J,

Y5—Owen M, Thomas B, George F, Heidi F, Ben M

Y6—Theo G, Henry C

# Gold Awards (30 stars)

Y2—Briana C, Freya B, Nicole V, Nora O, Amelia H

Y4—Charlie P, Amber W, Nancy P, Holly R

Y6—Sienna H, Erin Y

# **Diamond Award**

Y3—Lola H-H, Emily B

# **Swimmers**

Huge congratulations to all our swimmers who took part in the gala last week. Mr Hocknell was beyond proud of the performance of individuals as well as the school team. Wee done.



If your child is interested in cricket, then ASM sports are running a cricket master class over the Easter holidays. Details are on the flyer to the left or alternatively go to www.asmsports.co.uk or email: info@asmsports.co.uk